

Weather Full U. S. Weather Bureau report inside. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature. Temperature Highest yesterday 53 Lowest this morning 54

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GERMANS SHOWER INCENDIARY BOMBS

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Aug. 27.—As the details are slowly filled in by men in a position to speak with authority, the picture of the tragic last days of France grows increasingly unpleasant. Episode after episode points the cruel contrast between the courage—the essential guts—of the French people, and the rottenness and vacillation of their political leaders. Since these are tales for our times, it may be well to record here two of the most noteworthy.

Both concern the dreadful time when the government had already fled from Paris, when the front of the armies was broken, and the final disintegration was in progress. The protagonist of both is former Premier Paul Reynaud, the brilliant man who had been right from the start, but who could not muster the force, moral or intellectual, to retrieve an almost irretrievable situation when the reins of power were at least transferred to him.

The first episode took place while Reynaud was driving into Bordeaux from his headquarters in the country. Police precautions had been taken to ensure the roads would be clear and the word had gone through the countryside that Reynaud would pass. Here and there along the road were little knots of simple people, waiting for a glimpse of the man in whose hands the destiny of their country was placed. At one cross-road, where the car was halted by an obstruction, there was a crowd of perhaps four hundred. The old men, and women, and children swarmed up to the motor to speak to Reynaud.

Half of them were refugees from Paris—little people, who had huddled their poor belongings onto carts and made their way, somehow, out of the stricken city. Most of the others, were refugees from Alsace, who had not seen their homes for many long months. Pushing and jostling to get near the premier, all of them shouted to him to resist to the end. Suddenly the voice of one of the Alsatian women rose above the others, crying:

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BASEBALL

American League Chicago 3 5 1 Boston 2 5 0 Dietrich and Tresh; Fleming, Heving and Foxx.

National League (First game) Philadelphia 0 3 1 Pittsburgh 5 9 1 Mulcahy and Warren; Sewell and Davis.

(Second game) Philadelphia 2 8 0 Pittsburgh 5 6 2 Higbe and Atwood; Bowman and Fernandes.

Boston 8 15 1 Chicago 3 9 2 Erickson and Berres; French, Root, Bryant and Collins, Todd.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Orpha Beer consenting graciously and then reneging just as graciously regarding the release of a bit of travel news she knew about.

Bessie Thompson going out to serve some legal documents, she not knowing Constable Nick Young had returned to duty to take care of such things.

Frank Bash working ever so industriously sprucing up his lawn, shrubs and flowers, he even getting up at the crack of dawn to wield the mower.

Harry Watson walking right up to Jan Garber and really telling him off about this and that.

BRITISH DESTROY 24 ENEMY PLANES IN AIR BATTLES

Germany and Italy Raided—Kent Coast Scene of Fierce Combat.

(By the Associated Press) London, Aug. 28.—Berlin's methodical bombers set London's air raid sirens screaming again this evening for the fifth consecutive night after hammering all day at the city's outer defenses and taking losses officially placed at 2 to 1 for the Royal Air Force's defending fighters.

Tonight the Germans were ahead of their self-set evening schedule. All the city's sirens howled a little before 9 o'clock, about a half hour earlier than Tuesday night, and they were preceded by a 20-minute alarm in one outlying London area.

Just before the alarm the air ministry, in a communique, stated that 24 German planes had been shot down up to 8 p. m., compared with British losses of 12 fighters.

The same communique said the raiders had tried to penetrate the central defenses all afternoon, but that their only important damage had been to a Thames estuary town. The morning, also, had witnessed constant attacks in this pathway to London.

Italy Visited Rome, Aug. 28.—(AP)—British air raids over a wide range from northern Italy to Ethiopia were acknowledged today by the high command, which also reported that Italian fliers had carried out a violent daylight attack on the British oil base at Haifa, Palestine.

Sharp opposition by Italian fighter planes and anti-aircraft batteries limited the effectiveness of the British raids on industrial centers in the upper Italian provinces of Piedmont and Lombardy, a communique declared.

London, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The British air force "attacked military objectives in Germany, Italy and enemy-occupied France last night," the air ministry announced tonight. One British plane failed to return.

New War Tactic

By the Associated Press

High-flying German bombers, thundering across the channel in V-shaped waves, subjected the British Isles to a new type of "ordal by fire" throughout the night and early today—dumping great quantities of incendiary bombs and drums of time-fused gasoline.

London dispatches said the widespread use of aerial flame weapons indicated a new Nazi tactic of terror and destruction. Two big waves of Swastika-marked bombers swarmed over the coast of Kent, in the Dover region, and headed toward London.

Swift to meet the threat of another daylight bombing attack on the empire's capital, RAF fighting planes roared up to halt the invaders and engaged them in a terrific 30-minute running battle from middle Kent to the Thames estuary—about 30 miles. London reported the Nazi formations were split up and driven back.

Raiders Repulsed

London, Aug. 28.—German bombers smashed heavily at the Kent coast and the Thames estuary leading to London today, and British defenders were declared to have shot down at least 15 of the raiders.

An official British announcement acknowledged "heavy attacks." (In Berlin, the Germans claimed to have bombed an undesignated British airport at the mouth of the Thames, leaving "a scene of devastation." They declared that eight British and three German planes were shot down in that single engagement.)

Two wedge formations—one of 18 and the other of 21 planes—sought to break London's outer ring of defenses.

McNary, Family Hear Notification



Senator Charles L. McNary (right) nervously bites his lip and Mrs. McNary strains to hear Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota notify the senator of his nomination as the Republican vice-presidential candidate. Charlotte McNary, 5, seems NOT a bit impressed by it all. In his acceptance speech McNary charged the Roosevelt administration with fundamental errors of government, but credited it with "certain social gains" in the last seven years.

HITLER ASSUMING PEACEMAKER ROLE TO CALM BALKANS

Hungary Claims Critical—Fuhrer Fears Spread of War in Europe.

By the Associated Press

High in his Obersalzberg mountain chalet, Adolf Hitler enacted the role of behind-the-scenes peacemaker in the Balkan crisis today.

The Nazi Fuhrer received Italy's foreign minister Count Galeazzo Ciano and presumably dictated his desires for maintenance of the status quo in southeast Europe, newly threatened with war between Rumania and Hungary.

Count Ciano then left by plane for Vienna, accompanied by Germany's foreign minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop, for a 4-power party tomorrow for Balkan representatives aimed at settling Hungary's claim on the rich Rumanian province of Transylvania.

Hitler has previously expressed a stern wish to keep the flames of the main European conflict from spreading to the so-called "Balkan powderkeg", for two reasons:

1.—To insure the uninterrupted flow of vital oil and food supplies from Rumania and Hungary to Germany for the battle against Britain.

2.—To permit Germany to concentrate on Britain alone without having to divert troops by taking sides in a back-door conflict in southeast Europe.

Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Hungary accused the Rumanian air force tonight of sending army planes on reconnaissance flights over this country's territory and denied that one of its own bombers had attacked a Rumanian airport.

SHIPSTEAD WILL BACK GOP. TICKET

Minneapolis, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Henrik Shipstead, Minnesota's senior senator in congress, who surprised the state a few weeks ago by abandoning an 18-year affiliation with the Farmer-Laborites to seek re-election as a Republican threw another upset into political circles today by announcing his support for Wendell Willkie.

Never in his long senatorial career—he first went to Washington in 1922—has Shipstead declared unequivocally for a presidential candidate of either party.

WILLKIE DEMANDS F.R. APPOINT AIR DEFENSE CHIEFS

Rushville, Ind., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie opened his presidential campaign headquarters on Main street today with a demand that President Roosevelt appoint immediately assistant secretaries for aviation in the war and navy departments.

The Republican nominee drove here last night from Indianapolis, stopping at an outlying restaurant in that city to listen by radio to the acceptance speech of his running mate, Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon. Willkie had flown to Indianapolis from New York.

Following up previous criticism of the administration defense program, Willkie issued a statement saying: "In connection with my suggestion that there should be created a position in the cabinet for aeronautics, I want to make another suggestion immediately. The president should appoint at once an assistant secretary for air in both the war and navy departments."

"These positions have been vacant ever since the president came into office in 1933. The failure to fill them is in part the cause of the present lamentable situation with reference to our aeronautical development.

"At the time he (Roosevelt) declared, he was not making these appointments in the interest of economy. I doubt if in view of the subsequent expenditure of sixty billion dollars by his administration that that is a valid excuse for continuing the vacancies which would cost \$24,000 a year to fill."

KILLS SELF FOR LOVE KIN'S WIFE

Los Angeles, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Police listed as "suicide by shooting" today the death of Walter Williamson, 22, who came here two months ago from Spokane, Wash., and, said officers, fell in love with his brother's wife.

The brother's wife, 22-year-old Mrs. Edward Williamson, told Detective Lieut. P. K. Parry Walter threatened to kill himself unless she eloped with him. When she refused and he locked himself in the bathroom, she telephoned police. As Parry and the other officers hammered on the locked bathroom door they heard the shot and, breaking in found the young man bleeding to death.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS MEASURE CALLING GUARDS TO DUTY

Mobilization Order Due Sept. 15—Year's Training at \$21 a Month.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed legislation authorizing him to call out 398,000 members of the national guard and army reserves for 12 months of active duty.

The White House announced Mr. Roosevelt's action, saying the measure was signed last night.

Congressional action on the guard legislation finally was completed last week. It was represented to congress by military experts as an essential preliminary to draft legislation, since the guardsmen and reserve officers would be used in training and organizing a conscript army.

Now that the legislation is signed, Mr. Roosevelt may summon the guard to duty at any time. The army high command, it is reported, has set September 15, tentatively, as the date for mobilization of the first contingent.

That contingent probably will number 55,000 officers and men, but there has been no announcement as to the units from which the men will be drawn. There have been indications, however, that those units probably would be the thirtieth, forty-first, forty-fourth and forty-fifth.

The September 15 date was agreed upon, some authorities reported, because the army desired to give guardsmen two weeks at home between the end of summer maneuvers and the beginning of the 12-months service period. The last maneuvers end August 31.

The guardsmen and reserves called, including all those summoned to duty in later contingents, may be assigned by the president to serve anywhere in the western hemisphere and on the Philippine islands. Those on active duty will draw pay at the same rates as are prescribed for the regular army—based on \$21 a month for enlisted men.

Fire Disrupts Phones Corvallis, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Fire seriously damaged the Down Ford garage today and disrupted telephone communications into Corvallis for several hours.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The war department announced today award of contracts for 870 airplanes to cost \$14,410,237.

CORN BELT WILL HEAR M'NARY TALK ON FARM ISSUES

Senator to Return to Capitol Next Week—Confers With Party Heads.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Charles L. McNary followed up his formal acceptance of the Republican vice-presidential nomination with a round of conferences with national and state party leaders today.

The veteran Oregon senator—"Charlie Mac" to 12,000 persons who gathered for his notification ceremony yesterday—said he hoped to complete campaign plans early and retire to the seclusion of his farm home, Fir Cone, for a few days.

He expects to return to Washington, D. C., and his post as senate minority leader shortly after Labor Day.

Representative Joseph Martin, Republican national chairman, announced that Wendell Willkie's far western running mate would make six or seven major campaign addresses, the first to be "somewhere in the midwest" after September 20.

Martin said the topic of the first address would be agriculture—a subject McNary described as "close to my heart" in his 30-minute acceptance address at the state fairgrounds.

The vice-presidential nominee criticized the Roosevelt administration's farm program, particularly its reciprocal trade treaty system, which, he said, had failed to "dissipate, alleviate or liquidate the uneconomic conditions" facing agriculture.

He said that in spite of subsidy payments, farm income during the seven years of the new deal averaged two billion dollars less annually than during the previous seven years of Republican administrations.

He added that "any secretary of agriculture would be hampered by the reciprocal trade system."

Boss Flynn Jibes

New York, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Senator McNary's address formally accepting the Republican vice-presidential nomination was termed "one of the best Democratic speeches of the campaign thus far" by Democratic National chairman Edward J. Flynn in a statement issued today through the party's national headquarters.

"Of course, as the Republican vice-presidential nominee he found it necessary to poke a little criticism at the administration," Flynn's statement said, "but he left no doubt that he approves of the Roosevelt social aims and that he is proud of the votes he cast for new deal measures."

War Bulletins

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Alexandria, British naval base, and Port Said, at the northern entrance to the Suez canal, were raided by enemy airplanes early today, but no damage was caused and there were no casualties, a British naval communique announced.

It was the first raid of the war upon Port Said, which is guarded by the British fleet in its control of the canal and by British land forces in military agreement between Britain and Egypt.

Alexandria frequently has been attacked by Italian planes.

ALIENISTS HOLD FEHL IS INSANE, STILL DANGEROUS

Report to Court Says He Suffers From Paranoia and Delusions.

Salem, Aug. 28.—(AP)—A report by two Portland psychiatrists that former Jackson county Judge Earl Fehl is "suffering from paranoia and is insane" was admitted into evidence this afternoon in proceedings in which Fehl seeks release from the state hospital.

The psychiatrists, Drs. James H. Hudelson and Wendell H. Hutchins, were appointed by Circuit Judge Calvin L. Sweek of Pendleton to assist him in determining whether Fehl was sane to be at large.

"The danger to society," the doctors reported, "is evidenced by his (Fehl's) relative lack of freedom in thought and by his acting from a central delusion."

The doctors continued that Fehl has a belief in his personal importance and that he believes he is being persecuted.

The hearing will end either late today or early tomorrow.

TOUGH SEAGULL BESTS AIRLINER

New York, Aug. 28.—(AP)—A seagull smacked into an airliner as it was about to take off from La Guardia field today and flew away under its power, which was more than the airliner did.

The bird, flying blind through a heavy rainstorm, struck the airliner's left windshield and chipped the glass. Stunned, the seagull fell to the plane's wing, flopped around a minute, got its wind back, and flew away.

The airliner, transferring its 12 Boston-bound passengers to another ship, retired to a hangar for repairs.

National Presidential Poll

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My choice for President is: () WILLKIE () ROOSEVELT () BROWDER () THOMAS () UNDECIDED () I FAVOR a move on America's part for a British-German peace. () I OPPOSE such a move on America's part. IN 1936 I voted () Democratic; () Republican () Socialist; () Communist; () Lemke Union () Didn't Vote. My age: Occupation: Sex: Are you, or have you been, on relief? Ballots to be counted must be delivered to the Mail Tribune Office on or before September 3.

SENATE APPROVES FEDERAL CONTROL FOR WAR PLANTS

Business "Sit-Down" Prohibited—Wheeler Bitter, Holt Makes Sensational Charge.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The senate rejected today by a 43 to 41 vote a proposal to delay actual conscription of men for military training under the Burke-Wadsworth bill for two 60-day trials of voluntary enlistments.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The senate wrote into the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill today provision for the government to take over manufacturing plants when necessary for defense purposes.

Described by its authors, Senators Russell (D., Ga.) and Overton (D., La.) as a prohibition against any possible business "sit-down" against limited profits provided on some items of the defense construction program, the amendment would confer broad powers on the secretaries of war and navy.

Under its terms the president would be authorized to direct institution of plant condemnation proceedings whenever either secretary "determines that any existing manufacturing plant or facility is necessary for the national defense and is unable to arrive at an agreement with the owner of such plant or facility for its use or operation" by the war or navy departments.

The departments would be empowered to take over the plant and operate it pending court action.

Near Final Vote

The senate was pushing the conscription bill toward final passage late in the day when the Russell-Overton amendment was reached. It was prepared recently after defense officials told the appropriations committee that some contracts had been delayed because of "profit" considerations by manufacturers.

With passage of the measure apparently assured, Wheeler asked why the senate did not "go the whole way" and "attach a declaration of war to the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill."

Senator Holt (D., W. Va.) told reporters, meanwhile, that he had received information he considered reliable that two pro-administration members were canvassing the senate to determine whether there was sufficient support to obtain passage of a resolution declaring that a state of war existed with Germany.

The contention might be made, Holt said he was informed, that a state of war existed because of statements antagonistic to this country made by Hitler and Mussolini. The West Virginia senator refused to disclose the source of his information or to name the senators he said were involved.

SEA RAIDER BUSY IN INDIAN OCEAN

Berlin, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The sinking of the second British merchantship within a week by surface raiders operating in distant waters was announced today by the German high command, which said the 6,901-ton "armed" tanker, British Commander, had gone down in the Indian ocean.

(Radio reports received in New York Monday from the British Commander said she had been stopped and shelled north of Madagascar off the east coast of Africa by an unidentified ship.) The high command announced last Saturday that a raider had sunk the 8,706-ton steamer Turakina in the Tasman sea, between Australia and New Zealand.

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