

Weather Full U.S. Weather Bureau report inside.
Forecast: Fair tonight and Friday, little change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 90
Lowest this morning 55

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MASS AIR RAID ON LONDON REPULSED

House Committee Okays, Senate Passes Draft

'Most Glamorous Mother'



A trophy from the American League of Mothers, naming her "the most glamorous mother in Hollywood" and "the ideal American woman" is shown being presented to Joan Blondell, film actress, at Balboa, Calif., by Mrs. Jessie Armstrong, president of the League's California chapter. In private life Miss Blondell is Mrs. Dick Powell and the mother of two children.

ROOSEVELT USING DEFENSE NEED TO GAIN THIRD TERM

Chadwick, Ex-Legion Head Asserts President Fosters "Crisis Psychology."

Portland, Ore., Aug. 29.—(P)—Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle, former American Legion national commander, charged President Roosevelt last night with using defense as a springboard for a third term. "The necessities of the defense of America were used," he said, "as a political vehicle in the hope of nomination for a third term and in the hope of election."

He asserted that he called upon the president in 1938 and "found him completely engrossed with the horrible situation in Europe." The president felt then, Chadwick, Republican candidate for U. S. senator in Washington, said, "That France could not survive and that England was in danger."

Despite his knowledge of these things he "continued silent" on re-election to "build a crisis psychology for a third term."

Seattle, Aug. 29.—(P)—Walter Davenport, nationally noted political writer, told interviewers here President Roosevelt will be re-elected in November "unless something sensational happens." He came west to do an article on Willkie's running mate, Senator McNary.

Of Willkie, he said "when you see him, you can't help but like him. He'd probably make a good president, too."

"The east's all for him; New England; my home state of Connecticut; Pennsylvania; probably Ohio. And a Tammany leader told me that the Democrats would win New York city by 330,000 votes. They'll have to do better than that to win the state. Indiana will be close."

"In the west, the Republicans haven't had one electoral vote since 1928. They might win Idaho and Utah, California is Democratic. This state is Democratic, isn't it? McNary may carry Oregon for Willkie. In the middle west, don't discount Wallace."

"I noticed all the way across the country, dissatisfaction in Republican leadership," said Davenport.

JVILLE. 50 TOLL CHARGE REJECTED

Salem, Aug. 29.—(P)—Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean rejected today the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's application to levy a five-cent toll charge on calls between Jacksonville and Medford.

Jacksonville will remain a part of the Medford exchange. The commissioner did, however, permit the company to increase its rates by \$108 a year in Jacksonville, but this increase affects only persons on four-party lines.

The increased rates will bring the charges in line with four-party rates elsewhere, Bean said.

LAKEVIEW DOLLS UP FOR ROUND-UP

Lakeview, Aug. 29.—(P)—Anyone wearing ordinary dress looked pretty conspicuous on Lakeview streets today.

Most residents put on gay western colors, boots and tangle hats for the 21st annual Lakeview round-up opening Saturday for three days. Horses clattered along the streets next to automobiles.

HUGE FEES PAID DEMOCRAT PARTY AIDE UNDER FIRE

Resignation of Secy. Roberts Urged—His Firm Given War Contracts.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(P)—Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) demanded in the senate today that President Roosevelt remove Lawrence W. (Chip) Robert as secretary of the Democratic national committee because of disclosures that the Atlanta architectural firm of Robert and Co., had been granted fees of \$931,350 on defense contracts totaling \$26,859,081.

Information on the contracts and fees were placed in the congressional record yesterday by Chairman Vinson (D-Va.) of the house naval committee after the committee had called for data on the Robert contracts.

Bridges also demanded that the attorney general investigate award of the contracts. He made similar demands earlier in the day in a statement issued thru the Republican national committee.

Bridges said it would be "interesting to find out whether these contracts were put up for bidding or just passed out." He added the people "want to know whether these billions for defense are being passed out honestly."

The list showed that of 66 negotiated contracts awarded for engineering and architectural services, the Robert firm obtained eight. The estimated construction cost of the eight projects amounted to \$26,859,081. Six were in Florida, one in Texas, and one in Puerto Rico.

The navy department furnished the data at Vinson's request after Rep. Vincent (D-Ky.) had questioned Rear Admiral Ben Morrell, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, about contracts awarded the concern without competitive bidding.

ASHLAND SPEEDER NABBED AT PASS

Grants Pass, Aug. 29.—(P)—Melvin James Beagle of Ashland explained he was two hours late to an engagement as he pleaded guilty in justice court today to reckless driving between Central Point and Grants Pass at speeds up to 92 miles per hour. Justice Anderson assessed him \$35.

War Bulletins

London, Aug. 29.—(P)—General Charles De Gaulle announced tonight that the French Cameroons and Congo had followed the Chad territory in declaring for support of Britain in the war with Germany.

London, Aug. 29.—(P)—The air ministry announced tonight that nine enemy planes had been destroyed during attacks on Britain's coasts during the day.

SPRAGUE TO GIVE LEGION CONCLAVE VITAL STATEMENT

Grants Pass, Aug. 29.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague will "make an important statement dealing with Oregon's relation to the problem of defense" at the American Legion department convention in Seaside Thursday morning, Sept. 5.

He so informed Commander Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass in a letter received today, stating that he has considered his invitation due to conflict with the state fair in progress in Salem the same week.

"On further reflection," he wrote, "I have decided to alter my plans and attend the convention at its opening session. There is so much interest among veterans and among citizens generally on the subject of the national emergency which has developed due to events overseas, that I believe the legion convention would be a very appropriate place for me to make an important statement dealing with Oregon's relation to the problem of defense."

Another point of difference in the two bills is that while the senate provided a limit of 900,000 on the number of conscripts who might be serving at any one time, the house committee wrote in a 1,000,000 limit. Members said that figure was necessary to provide also for conscripts for the navy.

The bill, as passed by the senate, contained the following major provisions:

1. All male citizens or prospective citizens from 21 through 30 would be required to register, with few exceptions.

2. Registered men would be subject to call for a year's compulsory military service.

3. The men called for service would be selected in an "impartial manner," and in such numbers as the president specifies. The maximum number of trainees at any one time is limited to 900,000.

The bill also provided for an increase in the basic army pay, which conscripts would receive, from \$21 to \$30 a month.

Exemptions
Exemption from service would be granted registrants who are physically or mentally unfit, who have dependents, or who are employed in necessary agricultural or industrial jobs.

If the measure should be approved in substantially the same form by a house, a registration day probably would be set by the president about 15 days after the legislation became law. Then, by October 15, the army would expect to induct its first quota of conscripts, approximately 75,000 young men. If army plans materialized, 400,000 would be in training by January 1 and 400,000 more by April 1.

In its present state, however, the version of the Burke-Wadsworth bill now in the house committee, differs on one big point from the senate-approved measure. It would make all men between 21 and 45 subject to registration and possible service, thus widening the age bracket involved.

Some rumblings of house opposition were heard against a few of the amendments which the senate voted yesterday before it reached the end of its 13 day finish-line on the legislation which would give the nation the first peacetime conscription program in its history.

Portland Gets Meet
Reno, Nev., Aug. 29.—(P)—John P. Duggan, Butte, Mont., was elected president of the Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers and Portland, Ore., was chosen as the convention city for 1941.

INCREASE IN AGE RANGE PROPOSED BY LOWER HOUSE

Major Provisions of Act First Call by October 15—Boost Army Base Pay.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(P)—The house military committee approved today a Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill calling for drafting of men from 21 to 44 years of age, inclusive—a much wider age range than that provided in the bill which the senate passed last night.

The house committee acted quickly after senate passage on a 58 to 31 vote so that its version of the legislation might be brought to the floor Tuesday for possible final house passage late next week.

Vote Secret
Chairman May (D., N. Y.) said the house committee vote approving the bill was 17 to 4 with four committeemen absent. He declined to disclose either the names of those who voted "no" or the absentees.

Before the final vote was taken, May reported the committee "decisively defeated" a proposal to make the age brackets conform to the senate figures of 21 through 30.

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP, and ROBERT KINTNER

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Washington, Aug. 28.—Wendell L. Willkie now knows full well the lot of a presidential candidate. It is not merely shaking hands, getting photographed, kissing babies and accepting the good wishes of the faithful. Willkie has been beset by squabbles within the Republican organization, by petty jealousies and by the coolness of the old line Republican leaders. Many of his difficulties were composed some weeks ago, but the main purpose of Willkie's recent trip to New York was to complete the job.

Anyone old enough to vote could have guessed that Willkie would have his troubles. He was a former Democrat and Independent, unloved by the Republican leaders who fought his nomination. He had new ideas on politics and political campaigning, and he was his own boss. He was determined that two of his "fellow amateurs," Russell Davenport and Oren Root, Jr., should be rewarded with important positions in the campaign. Both Davenport and Root are able persons, but neither talks the language of the politician.

Willkie was equally determined that John Hamilton, and his good friend, Joseph Pew, the Pennsylvania organization leader, should no longer dominate the Republican national committee. He wanted Republicans with new ideas, such as Joseph Martin and Harold Stassen. And Willkie was heretical in his belief that he could follow his convictions, support some of the Roosevelt policies, and gamble his chance of election on the independent voters, many of them Democrats, who supported the president in 1932 and 1936.

A Republican presidential candidate with such thoughts could not help but have difficulties, even if, by strange chance, he could avoid the ordinary jealousies of a campaign. Willkie's harassment started with his nomination, and has

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And Take Consequences

Mexico City, Aug. 29.—(P)—Any Mexican citizen who has a complaint against the administration of President Cardenas can get it off his chest in a 20-word telegram without charge, the president's office announced today. Telegraph service in Mexico is a government monopoly.

BASEBALL

American League

First game—
St. Louis 3 10 1
New York 10 11 0
Kennedy, Mills, Bildlill, Coffman and Swift; Russo and Dick-ey.

First game.

Detroit 3 9 1
Washington 2 9 1
Rowe and Tebbetts; Chase and Early.

Chicago 3 9 0
Boston 4 11 0
Knott, Rigney and Fresh; Wilson and Fox.

Second game (13 innings)

St. Louis 5 9 1
New York 6 13 1
Auker and Swift; Sundra, Murphy, and Rosar.

National League

Philadelphia 0 9 0
Pittsburgh 4 8 1
Pearson, Frys and Warren, Millies, Brown, MacFayden and Davis.

Boston 3 9 0
Chicago 1 5 1
Posedel and Berres; Mooty and Collins.

New York 0 2 0
St. Louis 5 8 0
Schumacher, Dean, Lynn and Danning; McGee and Padgett.

BRITISH SHOWER BOMBS ON BERLIN; NAZI AIR BASES

RAF Drives Off Raid by 200 Planes Today—Britain Shelled All Last Night

New York, Aug. 29.—(P)—A French language broadcast by the British Broadcasting company, picked up by NBC, said tonight that last night's British raiders scored a direct hit on the important Goerlitzer railway station in Berlin. The station was reported fired and damaged severely.

By The Associated Press
London, Aug. 29.—Nearly 200 German planes were turned back from London late today by British fighter forces and fled to sea in the southeast without dropping any bombs.

This was the high spot in widespread daylight forays with which the Germans followed up their greatest night attack of the war—a night in which thousands of incendiary and high explosive bombs wrought destruction, death and injury in all parts of England and Wales.

RAF Retaliates
To match the wide-ranging German attacks through England and Wales, the air ministry announced "extensive raids on military objectives in Germany, Holland and enemy occupied France" last night.

The ministry said that "several important targets in the Berlin area were heavily bombed."

The renewal of German raids on England came in the southeast this afternoon, before the 200-plane attack was attempted and a little later raiders were reported over two Welsh towns.

The first report of daylight activity today came from an inland town and said merely that German planes had appeared.

The night had shelled countless bombers in their shuttling forays over England and Wales. Three southeast coast towns reported sighting Nazi planes this afternoon.

Berlin Area Strafed
Official British sources gave this account of last night's British raid on Berlin:

"Royal Air Force bombers successfully attacked selected military objectives in the Berlin area last night."

A large vessel lying in a canal near Rathenou, 25 miles west of Berlin, was directly hit and exploded, the ministry announced.

"Other aircraft attacked the airplane factory at Leipzig, the Junkers works at Bessau, oil plants at Reisholz, Dortmund and Nordenham, north of Bremen, and several enemy air-dromes," said the communique.

Meanwhile, Britain's own bomber force was at work during the night in enemy territory. (Berlin had its longest and worst air raid of the war as British bombers crossed and recrossed the German capital, and sprinkled explosive and incendiary bombs but two miles from the chancellery, starting many roof fires and craters.)

The admiralty announced its dive bombers destroyed the only two remaining oil tanks at a depot on the Norwegian coast previously attacked, set fire to a patrol vessel and scored two direct hits on a 2,600-ton supply ship.

Despite the great number of attacking planes, only one of them was reported shot down during the night's operations. This bomber was caught in a searchlight beam over a southern area and held there until a British fighter climbed to attack. The lights then were turned off and the bomber shot down.

In the London area, where the raiders seemed to mean business—this was no mere "nuisance raid"—bombs were dropped both by single planes and by small waves of planes.

Fires were started in several London suburbs as well as in towns of southeast, southwest and northeast England, and in the midlands and Wales. All were reported controlled before large damage resulted.

ANTI THIRD TERM MOVE BACKED BY TEXAS DEMOCRATS

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 29.—(P)—A no-third-term movement was afoot in normally-Democratic Texas today, bent on helping Wendell Willkie in his effort to make the state go Republican for the second time in its history.

The no-third-term Democratic party, under the leadership of Mike Hogg of Houston, was organized last night before a crowd that half-filled the lower floor of Fair Park auditorium, which has a capacity of 5,500. Hogg is the son of the late Texas governor, James Stephen Hogg.

Texas in 1928 swung its support to Herbert Hoover in preference to Al Smith.

A prime point in a "declaration of principles" adopted at the meeting said: "We pledge our support and appeal to all true Democrats to pledge their support to the election of Wendell L. Willkie for president in order that we may assure the preservation of this republic."

Hogg, the main speaker, said "we * * * thank our lucky stars for the emergence at this time of that great Democrat, Wendell L. Willkie, who will lead us out of chaos and back into the democratic way."

Milk Suits Dismissed
Salem, Aug. 29.—(P)—Suits by three Salem milk producer-distributors to enjoin the state milk control board from revoking their licenses were dismissed today by Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling.

Defense Funds Pass
Washington, Aug. 29.—(P)—The senate approved today a \$5,320,169,577 defense appropriation bill carrying funds to start construction of 200 warships and 15,394 airplanes for the army and navy.

Prankish Winds

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 29.—(P)—A southwest wind blew down B. J. Tarning's barn. He rebuilt it. Just as he was about to start shingling, a southwest wind blew it down again—a month later to the hour.