

Weather Full U. S. Weather Bureau report inside. Forecast: Fair but considerable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Highest Yesterday 76. Lowest this Morning 52. Past 24 hours at 4:30 a. m. 10.

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## 50 DESTROYERS SWAPPED FOR BASES

### THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, Sept. 3.—A great many people think of the United States as a self-sufficient nation, independent of the world markets. Of course this is not true. In fact the national defense commission places as great emphasis on storing up strategic materials as on aircraft and munition plant expansion. Under the guidance of Edward Stettinius and William B. E. Wood, the commission is making good progress. Unfortunately its purchase program is expensive and complicated by domestic politics. Some conception of the complications can be gained from a review of two strategic materials, manganese and tin.

**ESSENTIAL** to steel manufacture, manganese is one of the most important metals to defense. Manganese deposits are found in 34 states, but unluckily the ore is generally of low grade; consequently this country imports over 90 per cent of the 1,000,000 tons used annually. For many years, mining experts begged the war department to store up stocks against an emergency such as that today, but time after time the potent lobby of the domestic manganese producers blocked an importation program.

Anyone who knows politics at all knows that the congressional representatives of the mid-western and western states are a potent bloc, and the largest domestic deposits are in states like Montana, Arkansas and South Dakota. Naturally there is great pressure on the defense commission to subsidize domestic production. But notwithstanding the anguished cries of the American manganese producers, the commission is buying large quantities of the metal outside the country. But shops of one sort or another are also being given the home market.

### DEALERS DIZZIED BY AUTO DEMAND

Portland, Sept. 3.—(P)—Automobile dealers in Portland scanned July and August business reports today and admitted the trade volume made them dizzy.

July retail sales jumped 52.3 per cent over July of 1939. August totals, not yet available, are known to show tremendous gains. One dealer who computed at the start of the month that he had a sufficient stock of new cars to last until Oct. 1, said he was "cleaned up" by mid-August.

The July gain for the state as a whole was 23.3 per cent.

### SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Justin Smith having all the thrills of a champion golfer when he made a beautiful shot and received applause from an impromptu gallery.

Alexander Hamilton thinking life a bit of a hulk since he lost his pet sand shovel and blackboard.

Cliff Lord roaring back into the former old home town just the same as ever except for his newly-acquired and terrifically dignified moniker, C. Wellington Lord.

Babe Lewis causing a furore among feminine friends over her cute new shoes constructed of suede and glass.

### Congress Notified of Executive Agreement; Ratification Unneeded

Washington, Sept. 3.—(P)—Great Britain has given the United States definite assurance of its intentions "never to surrender or sink the British fleet in the event of the waters surrounding the British isles becoming untenable for his majesty's ships."

The state department made this known today by making public an exchange of correspondence between Secretary Hull and Lord Lothian, British ambassador.

Washington, Sept. 3.—(P)—President Roosevelt notified congress today of an agreement between the United States and Great Britain under which this country will lease naval and air bases in British possessions in the north and south Atlantic and transfer 50 over-age destroyers to Great Britain.

The United States will acquire naval and air bases in Newfoundland and in the islands of Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad, and Antigua, and in British Guiana.

"The right to bases in Newfoundland and Bermuda are gifts — generously given and gladly received," the president said in a special message.

The other bases mentioned have been acquired in exchange for 50 of our over-age destroyers.

The president enclosed an opinion by Attorney General Jackson dated Aug. 27, 1940, "regarding my authority to consummate this arrangement."

Mr. Roosevelt said that the arrangement with Britain was effected in an exchange of notes between Lord Lothian, the British ambassador, and Secretary of State Hull on September 2.

It "is not inconsistent in any sense with our status of peace," he declared.

"The text of the president's message to congress:

"To the Congress of the United States:

"I transmit herewith for the information of the congress notes exchanged between the British ambassador at Washington and the Secretary of State on September 2, 1940, under which this government has acquired the right to lease naval and air bases in Newfoundland, and in the islands of Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad, and Antigua, and in British Guiana; also a copy of an opinion of the attorney general dated August 27, 1940, regarding my authority to consummate this arrangement.

"The right to bases in Newfoundland and Bermuda are gifts — generously given and gladly received. The other bases mentioned have been acquired in exchange for fifty of our over-age destroyers.

"This is not inconsistent in any sense with our status of peace. Still less is it a threat against any nation. It is an epochal and far-reaching act of preparation for continental defense in the face of grave danger.

**Important Action**

"Preparation for defense is an inalienable prerogative of a sovereign state. Under present circumstances this exercise of sovereign right is essential to the maintenance of our peace and safety. This is the most important action in the reinforcement of our national defense that has been taken since the Louisiana purchase. Then as now, considerations of safety from overseas attack were fundamental.

"The value to the western hemisphere of these outposts of security is beyond calculation. Their need has long been recognized by our country, and especially by those primarily charged with the duty of charting and organizing our own naval and military defense. They are essential to the protection of the Panama Canal, Central America, the northern portion of South America, the Antilles, Canada, Mexico, and our own eastern and gulf seaboard. Their consequent importance in hemispheric defense is obvious. For these reasons I have taken advantage of the present opportunity to acquire them."

## Assassins Fail in Attack Upon Carol

### New V. F. W. Head Takes Gavel



Dr. Joseph C. Menendez of New Orleans accepts the gavel as commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after being elected to the office in the final session of the 41st encampment in Los Angeles. Shown left to right are: Dr. Menendez, Robert T. Merrill, of Havre, Mont., who was elected junior vice commander-in-chief, and Otis N. Brown, the retiring commander-in-chief.

### Britishers Pleased by Deal; Germans Say Its Too Late

Berlin, Sept. 3.—(P)—German authorized sources displayed extreme caution today in reaction to the United States' transfer of 50 over-age destroyers to Great Britain. They declared it involves "a question of conceivable vast import in relation to which the German attitude cannot be defined before a thorough going study of effects of international law concerned."

But completely unofficially and without in any way reflecting the German government's view, some nazis said they believe the warships were "too late to help Britain" and that, at this stage, 50 destroyers were not sufficient to swing the balance of power to the British.

London, Sept. 3.—(P)—British officials, declaring that news of the exchange of British bases for United States destroyers was received by the nation "with the greatest possible satisfaction," said tonight that Prime Minister Churchill would make a statement on the agreement in the house of commons Thursday.

Britain, they said, will send crews to the United States to take over the warships, whose names will be changed.

The prime minister saw King George VI tonight and it was presumed they discussed the agreement, among other war developments.

American naval sources said transfer of the 51 United States destroyers gave Britain around 200 of these craft.

### BASEBALL

National League	
	R. H. E.
St. Louis	3 12 0
Cincinnati	4 7 0
McGee, Schoun and Padgett, Owen; Hutchings, Beggs and Wilson.	

  

American League	
	R. H. E.
Detroit	2 6 2
Chicago	10 11 0
Hutchinson, Newhouse, Clay Smith, Seats and Tebbetts; Knott and Tresh.	

### COURT HALL SERVICES WEDNESDAY AT 2 P. M. IN TEMPLE OF B. P. O. E.

### CON DEVORE BUYS MEAT FIRM SHARE

Announcement was made today that Lou J. Wilson has sold his partnership interest in the Crater Meat company to Con Devore.

The company will continue under the same name with Mr. Devore and Martin Heitkamp as partners. The plant is situated in the neighborhood of the municipal airport.

Mr. Devore's meat storage and processing plant on the Barneburg road was totally destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. Mr. Devore owns and operates the City Meat Market, retail store in town.

### SCHOOLS OF CITY TO OPEN MONDAY FOR FALL TERM

New High School Pupils to Register Friday and Saturday—Teachers Listed

All city schools, elementary, junior high and senior high, will open Monday, September 9.

Senior High School: Friday, September 6, from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. and Saturday, September 7, from 11 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. are registration days for pupils new to the Medford school system. Counselors will be on hand at that time to assist pupils who wish to register or change subject schedules for any reason.

Pupils from the Medford Senior high and Medford Junior high schools who registered for senior high school last spring are not to report until 9:00 a. m. Monday, September 9, at which time they report to the home room which will be indicated on the bulletin board. An individual class schedule will be given each pupil.

Pupils who are not registered, or whose names do not appear on the bulletin boards, will report to the office. Complete home room lists for directing new pupils will be posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance of the high school building. Full time regular class work begins September 9.

### CONGRESSMEN PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO J. BOURNE

Washington, Sept. 3.—(P)—Members of the house and senate paid last tribute today to Jonathan Bourne, Jr., former United States senator from Oregon who died here yesterday.

Representative Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon and Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) were honorary pallbearers. Senators McNary and Holman were in their home state and unable to be present.

### McNARY UNABLE ATTEND LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Salem, Sept. 3.—(P)—Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican vice-presidential nominee, advised his running mate, Wendell L. Willkie, today he would be unable to attend a conference of midwestern, eastern and New England party leaders at Rushville, Ind., Thursday.

### Britain's Chances Of Death By Bomb One In 3,000,000

London, Sept. 3.—(P)—A Briton's chances of being killed by German air bombs in the period from June 20 to Aug. 20 were around one in 3,000,000, in any 24 hours. Lord Croft, undersecretary of state for war, said in a statement today.

On this basis the average of fatalities among the island's 44,937,444 inhabitants was less than 15 a day.

### AUGUST BUILDING SHOWS INCREASE OVER 1939 TOTAL

August building permits valued at \$28,280 were issued from the city inspector's office, six of the 34 permits calling for the construction of new residences at a total cost of \$17,100, it was revealed by figures released today.

The August total represented a large increase over the corresponding month of 1939, when permits valued at \$9,350 were issued, and over the \$12,365 figure of July of this year.

Besides the permits for six new residences, one was for the construction of a new business at a stated cost of \$2,500, and 27 called for repairs and remodeling to residences and businesses.

Just before the month ended, Ralph B. Green applied for a permit to erect a new residence at 138 Kenwood avenue at a stated cost of \$2,400.

September was started off nicely today as Grover Medley applied for a permit to build a residence and private garage at 642 South Holly street at a stated cost of \$3,000. Another application was made by George Marine to reshingle his residence at 702 West Fourth street at a stated cost of \$50.

### AUGUST WEDDINGS ESTABLISH RECORD

Marriage licenses issued by the county clerk's office during August numbered 35, the largest number for any single month since the Oregon Medical Examination-Marriage law went into effect in December, 1938. No reason is given for the Cupid boom.

During July 26 licenses were issued, which was a record up to then. In February 1939, a low of only three for the entire month was recorded.

### PALACE GUARDS OVERCOME TRIO IN GUN BATTLE

One Attacker Reported Dead—Attempt Is Staged As Crowd Mills About Palace

Bucharest, Rumania, Sept. 3.—(P)—An attempt by three men to assassinate King Carol was frustrated today by palace guards in a gun fight in the palace gardens.

One of the assassins was reported killed. The attack took the guards by surprise and the three reached a driveway near the palace proper before they were surrounded and overcome.

The incident occurred at 8:55 o'clock tonight as a crowd milled idly about in front of the palace.

An automobile with three men drew up in front of a palace gate. One of the occupants leaped from the machine, ran inside the driveway shouting "long live the Iron Guards!" they fired, then, at the brightly-lit palace windows as they ran.

### MEDFORD GUARD GOING TO CAMP SEPTEMBER 23

Medford's national guard units will be mobilized here September 16 and will depart for camp for a year's active duty September 23, Capt. Carl Y. Tengwald, Company A commander, said today he had been notified.

Coincidentally it was indicated that an intensive campaign would be conducted to enlist recruits to bring the national guard units here up to the strength authorized upon mobilization. Recruiting headquarters will be opened at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in charge of 1st Lieut. Weldon H. McBea, Capt. Tengwald said. Recruiting will also be done at the armory by 1st Sgt. Frank Lindley.

Upon mobilization Company A is to be increased from 86 men and three officers to 114 men and four officers, Capt. Tengwald said. At first it was announced that the company would be increased to 129 men but revised figures have been received, it was indicated.

Headquarters detachment will be increased from 11 to 26 men, said 1st Lieut. James W. Grigsby, commanding.

More than 40 recruits are needed to take care of the increase and replacement of men who will be discharged for inability to measure up to physical standards or because of dependents, it was explained.

Company A and headquarters detachment will hold their regular weekly drills in the armory at 8:00 tonight. All men are expected to be present as information regarding mobilization is to be given out.

It is expected that the Medford units will be stationed at Camp Murray, Fort Lewis, Wash.

### RECORD CROWD AT FAIR DESPITE HEAVY SHOWERS

Salem, Sept. 3.—(P)—Despite heavy showers during the afternoon and evening, a record first day crowd of more than 29,000 persons attended the opening of the state fair yesterday.

About 10,000 persons saw the horse races, but they wagered only \$21,000, compared with last year's first day handle of \$25,566.

A small man-caused fire on the lower end of Cherry creek in the Rogue River national forest was reported controlled this afternoon.

### National Presidential Poll

#### Reader's Free Ballot

CHECK YOUR CHOICE! CLIP! SEND IN!

Mail or Bring in PROMPTLY to Mail Tribune Office, Fir St., Medford. May Be Pasted on a Postcard, Clip Neatly. Part of Nationwide Poll of Public Opinion.—To STRAW BALLOT EDITOR, Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Ore.

My choice for President is:

( ) WILKIE ( ) 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.

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