

KNOX CHEERFUL OVER ENGLAND'S VICTORY CHANGE

Navy Secretary Back From Hawaii Survey Says Nazi Air Advantage Is Ebbing

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 17.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox gave England a better than even chance to defeat Germany—feels indeed, he says, "quite cheerful about it."

The secretary, who arrived here by navy plane yesterday from Honolulu where he inspected naval facilities and spent five days at sea with the fleet, told newsmen he believed the chance for a successful invasion of Britain was growing weaker every day.

"To invade Great Britain," he said, "Germany must destroy British air power, and it has by no means done that. Germany's 3 to 1 air advantage has dwindled because, as the offensive nation, it has lost more planes."

German Losses Total. "Germany's losses usually are total—plane and pilot. Many English pilots, when their ship is disabled, can land on English soil and return to fight again. "I believe England now has better than a '50-50' chance to win out, and I feel quite cheerful about it."

Col. Knox said about 100 units of the fleet will return to the Pacific coast from Hawaii, crossing in three contingents.

The secretary said the recent fleet maneuvers off Hawaii demonstrated that the fleet "is the best fleet in the world." He described the vessels as in excellent condition "and the navy's air arm as "very capable."

ELECTION CONTEST HEARING ORDERED

Salem, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The state supreme court today ordered Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of McMinnville to hear the case in which State Representative W. R. Osborne contested the Republican nomination of Peter Zimmerman for state representative from Yamhill county.

Osborne, who lost the nomination by 13 votes, sued Zimmerman on grounds there was an error in tabulating the returns. Judge Walker dismissed the case on grounds that Osborne did not file his notice contesting the election until six days after the election, whereas the legal limit is five days.

The high court, in a decision by Justice Kelly, reversed Judge Walker.

The court permanently disbarred Elbert Herrmann, Salem attorney, for unethical practice and personal misconduct.

CASABLANCA FACTIONS STAGE DAILY DISORDER

Tangier, Internationalized Zone, Morocco, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Daily rioting in Casablanca, French Morocco, between supporters of the Vichy government and of General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the "Free French" faction still fighting with Britain, was reported today in usually reliable quarters.

French Moroccan authorities were to view the situation anxiously and Spanish troops were reported concentrating this week end at all frontier zones.

Fruit Pickers Needed

Portland, Sept. 17.—(AP)—L. C. Stoll of the state employment service issued another call today for pear and apple pickers to work in the Hood River district. Speedy increase in number of pickers is essential to salvation of the crop, he declared.

Klamath Police Devour Wormy Candy Evidence

Klamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 17.—(AP)—A policeman, suspecting two youngsters of shoplifting, confiscated a box of candy they were carrying and took it to headquarters. Officers, unaware it was evidence, consumed the contents. The store owner reported the candy was discarded because it was wormy.

WILLKIE AT K. F. 9:20 A. M. SEPT. 22

Portland, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie, Republican presidential candidate, will make his first appearance in Oregon at 9:20 a. m., Sept. 22, at Klamath Falls.

Willkie's special train is scheduled to reach the southern Oregon city at that time and depart 10 minutes later. It will arrive at Eugene at 2:30 p. m., and leave 10 minutes later, arriving at Salem at 4:15 p. m., and again departing 10 minutes later. It will reach Portland at 6:25 p. m. and depart at 10:45 a. m. Sept. 23.

Willkie is scheduled to talk only in Portland but state Republican leaders said the candidate might make train platform speeches at Klamath Falls, Eugene and Salem.

PRESIDENT JOINS IN BANKHEAD RITES

Jasper, Ala., Sept. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and other notables joined the townspeople of this little Alabama community today in last rites for House Speaker William B. Bankhead. The president, six cabinet members, and nearly 100 members of congress sat with the speaker's family and home town friends in the First Methodist church.

Dr. T. L. McDonald, pastor, conducted the services.

Jasper was in mourning, its municipal offices and many business houses closed for the day.

From the church, the route of the funeral procession wound away to Oak Hill cemetery, where Bankhead's father and mother were buried.

GOVERNOR PROMOTES CLERK TO SECRETARY

Salem, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague announced today the promotion of Mrs. Helen W. Beclar, his chief clerk, to be his secretary, succeeding Cecil L. Edwards.

NEUTRAL IRISH SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Dublin, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The Irish government information bureau announced today that the 1,074-ton Irish vessel Ruimnech had been reported sunk in the Atlantic by a submarine. The government of Neutral Ireland, whose shipping has been promised exemption from the German-declared blockade of Britain, was said to be awaiting more detailed information before deciding on taking action.

Power System Defeated. West Salem, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Voters rejected, 281 to 110, last night an \$80,000 bond issue to buy facilities of the Portland General Electric company and set up a municipal power system.

PILOT TRAINING COURSE FINISHED BY 28 STUDENTS

Third Class of 20 Students Now Being Formed at S.O.C.E.; Start Sept. 23

Completion of the second primary civilian pilot training course here was announced today. 28 of the original class of 30 having completed its work. Two students were dropped out.

The 28 students all passed their written examinations, it report has been made yet on their written examinations, it was stated by Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., flight instructor. The course, government sponsored and supervised, was conducted at the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland and at the Medford municipal airport. The ground studies being conducted at the college. Two classes have now been completed, the first having comprised ten students.

Form Third Class. A third class of 20 students and 20 alternates is now being formed at the college in Ashland and those interested are asked to register without delay. The class is scheduled to begin its ground studies at the college September 23 and its flight work October 1.

Meantime negotiations are being conducted for the formation of an advanced class of ten students selected by a board from the two primary classes that have been completed.

The 28 students who have just completed their primary course were: Dean B. Ashcraft, Elmer V. Ayres, Kathryn J. Bergstrom, Edward L. Cate, Marilyn O. Christlieb, David L. Chrysler, LeRoy Clarke, Bruce DeMers, Norman R. Hawk, Joseph F. King, James Hal McNair, Lee E.

O'Harra, Leonard A. Warren, William B. Westfall and Jack W. Whitsett of Ashland. Also Arthur E. Carpenter, Ray L. Ettlinger, Rupert James Henry, Russell W. Jordan, Sam R. Kroschel, Robert J. Prentice, Ray K. Wolfe, Robert E. Young of Medford.

Also Stewart W. Groesbeck of Klamath Falls, Martin Luther III, and John W. Childers of Talent; and Chester P. Toler and James L. Toler of Grants Pass.

Pear Markets Today

Chicago, Sept. 17.—(AP)—(USDA)—Pears: 22 cars on track; arrived 6 California, 3 New York, 4 Oregon, 1 Virginia. No Oregon quotations.

New York, Sept. 17.—(AP)—(USDA)—Pears: 33 cars arrived. 15 California, 11 Oregon, 1 Washington unloaded, 41 on track. Oregon Bosc, 285 boxes No. 1s, \$1.65-1.95 average \$1.77. Bartlett, 370 boxes extra fancy, \$1.90-2.05, average \$1.99.

600,000 NOW IN ARMED SERVICES

Washington, Sept. 17.—(AP)—The first increment of national guardsmen to be mobilized for a year's training increased to more than 600,000 the number of men in army, navy and marine corps uniforms today. Some 60,000 guardsmen reported for duty yesterday. Already in active service, by the latest available official figures, were 340,144 officers and men in the regular army, 170,942 in of men in army, navy and marine corps.

Weather. Northern California: Partly cloudy and mild tonight and Wednesday, unsettled at times with scattered light showers; thunderstorms in higher mountains; gentle variable wind off coast.

GUARDS, OFFICERS BARE CHESTS TO MEDICAL BOARD

Checkup Supervised by Lt. Col. Williams — Board to Eye Discharge Pleas

Officers and men of Company A and headquarters detachment, third battalion, 186th infantry of the 41st division were undergoing medical examinations in the Army today. The national guard units, now part of the regular army, were mobilized yesterday for a year of active duty.

The medical board began its work at the Medford armory this morning after examining the officers and men of the Grants Pass unit yesterday. It was expected that a number of men would be unable to pass the physical examination and would therefore have to be discharged. The board was to complete its work by tonight. More than 125 men had to be examined.

Williams in Charge. The examinations were being supervised by Lieut.-Col. Robert

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P. Williams of Fort Ord, Cal. The medical board, in addition, comprised Dr. H. T. Gentle, surgeon of the Medford CCC district, and 1st Lieut. Robert W. Sleeter, Medford; Samuel B. Osgood, Grants Pass, and George H. Merryman, Klamath Falls. Capt. Gentle is board president. It was revealed today that Dr. Sleeter, young Medford physician and surgeon and a reserve officer, had been called for a year of active duty with the 186th

regiment. With Mrs. Sleeter, Dr. Sleeter plans to leave here Saturday for Fort Lewis, Wash., where he will be stationed. He is closing his offices in the Fluhrer building this week. It was announced today that only 15 vacancies remain to be filled in the medical detachment of the 186th regiment. Those interested in rendering this service were asked to contact Dr. Sleeter at the armory. Another board is to be authorized here to investigate any requests that might be received for discharge on the ground the applicant has dependents.

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