

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy with
light showers today and Mon-
day. Slightly cooler today.
Temperature
Highest yesterday—70
Lowest yesterday—46
Precipitation past 24 hours—0

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Northwest Power
Pool OPM Aim
Defense Needs
Every Kilowatt
Army May Drill
In Central Ore.

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 14.—(P)—Into one vast pool, mingling private with government-owned and municipally-owned power, the Office of Production Management would like to see all available kilowatts in Oregon and Washington. OPM is more than seriously considering this step for the Pacific northwest; will probably soon have all stations hooked up in the Atlantic states and, furthermore, the private utilities in the east have been holding conferences on it. In the east, which has been suffering from drought, hydro-electric plants have had loss of production and this situation is causing the private companies to lend a willing ear to the proposed power pool.

While steps are rapidly advancing in the east, the idea has scarcely passed the wishful thinking stage for the Pacific northwest. A few months, or weeks, however, should reveal the entire picture.

IN the first place, with war and national defense demands, there is need for every kilowatt that can be generated, both by dams and by steam plants, in the Oregon-Washington zone. Recently a survey was made to determine where generators and water wheels could be produced, in the hope of rushing completion of the Bonneville and the Grand Coulee dams. But OPM does not wish to wait, and the quickest action is the formation of a pool of all the power resources.

Roughly, in 1942, Bonneville will be producing 512,000 kilowatts; Grand Coulee will have 324,000 kilowatts, or 836,000 kilowatts of government-owned energy. This is far short of re-

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JAPAN APPROVES MUSSOLINI TALK

Rome, June 14.—(P)—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka today endorsed the speech Premier Mussolini made Tuesday before the chamber of fates and guilds in which he said Japan "would not remain indifferent in the face of American aggression against the axis."

In a message through the Italian ambassador in Tokyo, Matsuoka stated that "I share completely the viewpoint insofar as Italian-Japanese relations are concerned," and he then remarked that "it is superfluous to add that the whole Japanese people, without any doubt, share my feeling."

Matsuoka declared that collaboration with Germany "cannot be disturbed by any country or man."

CHURCHILL WILL SPEAK TOMORROW

Rochester, N. Y., June 14.—(P)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain will speak to America Monday morning by radio in accepting the honorary degree of doctor of laws from the University of Rochester.

Conferring of the degree by President Alan Valentine and acceptance by the prime minister, son of a Rochester-born mother, will be broadcast from 7:45 to 8 a. m. (PST) through facilities of the National Broadcasting company's blue network and the British Broadcasting corporation.

NAVY DISCLOSES MINES PLAN FOR NEW YORK WATER

Answer To Nazi Threats—
Robin Moor Sinking Held
Flagrant—Plan Protest.

Washington, June 14.—(P)—Arming of American merchant vessels was predicted in well-informed congressional circles today after Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, declared the United States would maintain its insistence on freedom of the seas despite German "bluster and threats."

One legislator, unwilling to be quoted by name but high in administration confidence, said that in view of the circumstances of the sinking of the freighter Robin Moor "the president is going to have to arm our merchant ships and tell them to protect themselves."

The navy has been getting ready quietly for some months to meet the heavy demand for guns and gun-mounts which would follow immediately upon a decision to furnish merchant ships with armament.

At the same time, the gravity of the current world situation was emphasized by a navy disclosure that waters off New York harbor are to be mined immediately.

The army, which has charge of harbor defenses, described it as primarily a practice operation but the navy noted in formal advice to shipping that "when loaded mines are planted the area will be patrolled constantly." The mine planting, it was said, would take place between June 15 and Sept. 30.

Another development was the formal "freezing" of all German and Italian assets in this country. President Roosevelt, by executive order, also placed government controls over financial transactions here by all European countries, but noted that Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Portugal, Spain and Russia would be permitted to usual transactions under close scrutiny.

Welles commented at a press conference on a German spokesman's assertion that every ship carrying contraband to England would be sunk.

"Throughout the history of the United States," Welles asserted, "the American people have never been impressed by what they regarded as bluster and threats."

Welles also repeated this country's contention that the torpedoing of the Robin Moor was in flagrant violation of every law of humanity and international morality as well as of German treaty obligations.

The undersecretary made his observations with the reservation that he would not make a final statement on the sinking of the Robin Moor until the depositions of the 11 survivors—due here by Clipper Monday—have been carefully studied.

It was believed that any such step as the arming of American merchant men would be deferred until Germany replies to a stern diplomatic protest against the sinking of the Robin Moor.

This protest, it has been learned authoritatively, will be dispatched as quickly as the full facts are established. At the same time, it was predicted in informed quarters that Secretary Hull would demand restitution for the American lives and property loss and guarantees by Germany of the safety in the future of American ships on the high seas.

Holdredge, Neb., June 14.—(P)—Raymond Peace Krebsbach, who was born on Nov. 11, 1918, the day the first world war ended, has left for induction into the army as a volunteer.

Vale, June 14.—(P)—The U. S. postal service has taken a lease on a plot of ground here, assuring Vale of a modern post office.

Syrian War Developments



British and "Free French" columns were reported encountering stiff resistance in their drive toward Beirut, capital of Lebanon, and Damascus, capital of Syria. Heavy fighting was reported in the vicinity of Kessouh, 10 miles south of Damascus, while Australian troops were reported near the outskirts of Sidon. In the north dispatches said an allied column captured the base of Deir ez-Zor and another reached Ras El Ain. Aleppo was their apparent objective. Another force was said to be pushing into central Syria along a pipeline from Iraq to Palmyra.

ROOSEVELT ASKS SOLONS TO WRITE OWN SEIZURE ACT

Washington, June 14.—(P)—President Roosevelt will ask congress, informed legislators said today, to write its own version of legislation permitting the government to requisition private property for defense purposes.

These legislators said the president was expected soon to address letters to the chairman of the senate and house military affairs committees setting forth the objectives the government wished to accomplish and suggesting that congress phrase a bill as it sees fit.

A property seizure bill submitted to congress last week by the war department aroused a storm of controversy because of its sweeping nature. It proposed to authorize the president to requisition "temporarily or permanently" any property, tangible or intangible, which he decided was needed for defense.

The president would decide the value of the property and, if the owners thought his figure was too low, they would be paid 75 per cent of his price and could sue for any additional sum they thought was due.

Some legislators charged that the powers sought were so comprehensive that the president could take over private property where its use would be only remotely connected with the defense program.

Senators Byrnes (D-N.C.) acting majority leader, told reporters that revisions would have to be made in the bill to define more clearly the powers to be exercised.

SOLDIERS ROILED BY UNION PICKET

San Jose, Calif., June 14.—(P)—Private Ralph Sanchez, 24, and Ivan Liston, 21, of Moffett field, were strolling the streets on Saturday leave, with too little money in their pockets, when they caught sight of a union picket in front of a bakery.

They regarded him with disfavor. A few minutes later the soldiers were in jail for disturbing the peace, while the picket, A. Brown, was rubbing his head and explaining the men had attacked him without warning, stripped him ribbon insignia from him and belabored him for trying to industry while we are defending our country for \$21 a month.

PELICANS DEFEAT CRATERS 13 TO 7, ROUT 2 PITCHERS

The heavy-hitting Klamath Falls Pelicans slammed out 15 hits off two Medford pitchers last night to take a 13 to 7 slugfest from the Craters in an exhibition game at the fairgrounds park. The two clubs clash at 2:30 this afternoon in a regular Oregon State league contest.

The Pelicans clinched the game in the first four innings by scoring 10 runs, nine of them off young Bill Smith, who started for the Craters. Jack Brown, 17-year-old Portland high school hurler, took over with one in the third and went the remainder of the distance. He yielded eight blows and four runs, three of them coming in the ninth inning.

Clyde "Curveball" Carlstrom pitched the full game for the Pelicans and gave up 10 hits. The Craters tallied five runs in the sixth and one each in the second and eighth. Spike Johnson, with a triple, double and single, and Manager Lou Sauer with a double and two singles paced the Crater attack. Paul Crapo, Klamath first baseman, led his team with a triple, double and two singles.

Fielding feature of the game was Joe Gray's running catch of a high fly down the right field line, and Manager Sauer also came up with a circus catch in center field.

Score: R. H. E.
Klamath Falls 13 15 2
Medford 7 10 4
Carlstrom and Gross, Wainer; Smith, Brown and Calvert.

SQUIRREL RUNS UP HIS TROUSERS LEG

Portland, Ore., June 14.—(P)—Adolph Schrickel, 65, required hospitalization today after a squirrel ran up his leg.

He was strolling through a city park when the squirrel came at him. He knocked it to the ground, but it bounded right up his leg again. Five times Schrickel beat it back, finally throwing the squirrel into nearby bushes.

Both his hands were lacerated, one gash necessitating two stitches.

Reject Ford's Son
Detroit, June 14.—(P)—Army medical examiners today rejected Benson Ford, 21-year-old son of Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor company, from military service under the selective service act.

VICHY TROOPS AT BEIRUT, DAMASCUS RESIST BRITISH

Allied Forces Drive Deep In
Battle of Syria—Cavalry
Sees Action.

With the Allied Forces in Syria, June 14.—(P)—The first week of the battle of Syria ended tonight with the allied forces driving ever deeper into the country and with pro-Vichy French elements resisting with strong determination in front of Beirut and Damascus.

How long the resistance will continue is problematical. It shows no signs of immediate collapse. It is valiant but perfunctory, with the French soldiers performing what they regard as their duty. But they lack the fire of an army imbued with an impassioned determination to win.

So far the Vichy elements have attempted nothing approaching a counteroffensive. The French officers running the show, however, have used the forces at their disposal to good effect. These number not more than 40,000. It is estimated on this side of the line, and consist mainly of Algerians, Tunisians, Senegalese and foreign legionnaires.

The French air force is small, but has been especially well handled in the estimation of British officers.

Subsidiary columns have gone much farther in flanking moves than the main column cracking at Kessouh, 10 miles south of Damascus, and control all the territory south of Damascus to the Trans-Jordan frontier.

In this occupation cavalry columns have played an active role. They have been generally greeted by a friendly-disposed sheikhs and mayors who have made obeisance to the British. The union Jack and free French standard have been hoisted over many towns.

On the walls are posted proclamations by Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson explaining that the occupation is solely to prevent the Germans from coming in, warning against disturbances and promising full payment for property requisitioned.

The French have left many guns, trucks and much ammunition behind them in their withdrawal.

CHANGE SEEN IN OSC PRESIDENCY

Portland, June 14.—(P)—The Oregon Journal said in its early Sunday editions appearing today that the state board of higher education will consider a change in the presidency of Oregon State college in July.

The newspaper said it had learned that President Frank L. Ballard had suffered impairment in health since becoming president a year ago and his duties had been assumed by an administrative council.

The board, the Journal said, will decide whether: 1-To replace Ballard before the start of the next scholastic year. 2-Extend his present leave on half-pay for a year and maintain the present arrangement. 3-Act on Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter's recommendation that Ballard, if replaced, be elected to a full professorship.

Ames, Iowa, June 14.—(P)—Meet Mrs. Flavia Larson, you who scorn women drivers.

The 34-year-old graduate psychology student at Iowa State college entered a driving contest here in connection with a safety education conference. Other contestants were 25 men. Including representatives of several highway safety organizations.

Mrs. Larson won first prize, a loving cup.

YEAR SINCE FALL OF FRANCE FINDS BRITISH GAINING

Dramatic Wins Of Nazis
Offset By England—
Holds Edge At Sea, Home

By Kirke L. Simpson
A year ago Tuesday France collapsed under the rending attack of a German blitzkrieg and left Britain fighting alone against her axis foes.

On that June 17, the French hero of the World war, old Marshal Petain, took control of French destiny as chief of state—and sued for peace. A week later the Franco-German armistice was signed. In the same meeting place where the World war ended in a German surrender at Compiègne.

Yet it is clear now beyond challenge that the prime expectation in the minds of Petain and the group which created the defeatist regime of the "men of Vichy" has not been realized. France is not at peace. England has endured for a full year despite the added perils arising from the utter collapse of her ally.

Britain still holds every foot of the vast empire she held a year ago. She has taken an empire from Italy in East Africa, restored Haile Selassie to his throne in Ethiopia, beaten off German attacks on England, balked Italian and axis assaults on Egypt and begun, with Free French allies, the occupation of French-mandated Syria.

Bracket all that against English reverses on the continent from Norway, Flanders and France to Greece and the score with the axis shows less one-sided than stunningly swift Nazi land victories on many fronts would imply. The men of Vichy miscalculated British powers of resistance a year ago as badly as they misjudged American will to aid Britain. They surrendered too soon.

There are other factors now looming also to bolster Prime Minister Churchill's recent prediction that if Britain can hold on for another six months, until winter comes, her chances of ultimate victory will be bright indeed. Not even new menaces for her in the Mediterranean, in North Africa, in Syria with the fall of Greece and Nazi capture of Crete change the ultimate fact, ringingly proclaimed by President Roosevelt, that "capture" the British Isles, their final defeat is certain.

That is the dominant element of British war policy and of American aid-for-Britain efforts and as the first fateful year of Vichy subservience to German will ends, signs are not lacking that the battle of Britain, the battle of the Atlantic upon which the fate of Britain hangs, has turned a corner in British favor.

JUSTICE DOUGLAS TO VISIT COAST

Astoria, Ore., June 14.—(P)—Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court will vacation again this summer in Oregon and Washington.

In letters received by friends, Douglas said he planned to fish here in late August.

For the past two years the justice has vacationed at his mother-in-law's home in La Grande, Ore., concluding the two-month visit with a tour of the north-west.

Portland, June 14.—(P)—Wilbur Hixon, 20, Klamath Indian, accused of the fatal shooting of Abner McNair on the Klamath reservation March 26, was convicted of manslaughter by a federal jury here late yesterday.

Portland, Ore., June 14.—(P)—Charles E. Eatchell, AFL Auto Mechanics union business agent, notified the Truck Operators' league of Oregon today that 60 repairmen employed by 40 members had voted to strike Monday noon.

War Bulletins

New York, Sunday, June 15.—(P)—The British radio said today RAF raids on Germany's important Ruhr industrial regions were continued last night and that the French port of Brest, which harbors the German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, was included in the cross-channel attacks.

The attack, the British radio said, presumably caused considerable damage. The broadcast was heard here by NBC.

New York, June 14.—(P)—A Budapest broadcast said tonight that an unexplained explosion of "astonishing catastrophic results in damage" has occurred in Bulgaria. No further details were given in the broadcast which was heard by NBC.

New York, June 14.—(P)—The Germans cut telephone communications tonight between Berlin and Bern, main relay point in neutral Switzerland for European news. There was no indication whether there was any major significance connected with the action or whether it was another of the periodic communications blackouts imposed by the Nazis since their Balkan invasion.

London, Sunday, June 15.—(P)—One German plane was reported authoritatively today to have been shot down over Britain during the night. Raids apparently was on a slight scale and up to 8 p. m. there had been no report of any bombings.

CANADA PREMIER HOLDS INTERIOR BEST FOR PLANTS

Ogdensburg, N. Y., June 14.—(P)—Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario declared today development of the St. Lawrence seaway "may prove one of the greatest factors that ever influenced the history of the world."

Addressing a reception for cruising members of the Detroit board of commerce, Hepburn said "there are those who scoff at the idea New York, Boston and Halifax may be shelled."

"They may be right," he said, "but for my part I should feel far happier if the great part of the productive capacity of North America were cradled thousands of miles from the coast, deep within our borders and around the shores of the Great Lakes."

Declaring "ships are the key-stone in the contest now raging," and "vital to national security," the Ontario executive said United States and Canadian shipyards on the Great Lakes are "now largely idle because we cannot get ships through from Ogdensburg to the sea because of inadequate canals and channels."

His talk was broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

ENGLISH DESTROY 7 AXIS VESSELS

London, June 14.—(P)—British submarines were officially reported today to have sunk seven axis vessels and damaged three others in the Mediterranean and fresh blows were recorded against German efforts to get Nazi surface raiders loose in the Atlantic.

By gunfire or torpedoes, the admiralty reported, British undersea craft raiding axis communication lines between the Italian island of Lampedusa and the Aegean sank an armed Italian trawler, four schooners, a large supply lighter and a fully-laden supply ship of about 1,000 tons.

Elsewhere the British announced, berths of Nazi warships at Brest again were bombarded heavily overnight and the seventh ship from the sunken Bismarck's flotilla was destroyed.

STALIN'S BENDING TO HITLER'S WILL SPLITS RED ARMY

High Officers Oppose Policy—
Soviet-Nazi Nerve War
Nears Break.

(By the Associated Press)
London, June 14.—(P)—A rift has developed in Soviet Russia with Premier Joseph Stalin decided upon bending to the will of Adolf Hitler in the matter of unstated demands while officers of the Red army are opposed, diplomatic quarters in Finland reported tonight.

Helsinki dispatches said diplomats there had heard that Defense Commissar S. K. Timoshenko was leading the internal opposition to Stalin's "policy of German appeasement."

This information was received as reports from Ankara, Turkey, said well-informed quarters there were in agreement that important developments in the Soviet-German nerve war are due now at any time.

Diplomats in the Turkish capital were repeating a remark attributed to Reichsmarshal Hermann Goerring that "Germany needs the Ukraine for a long war against the Anglo-Saxons."

All roads leading from Rumania to her former province, Russian-occupied Bessarabia, were reported closed and mined.

Travelers arriving in Turkey from Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, said Rumanian army officers were openly boasting that they soon would regain possession of the territory former King Carol surrendered after a Russian ultimatum last June.

German divisions massed on the Russian frontier were reported by these travelers to be cavalry—particularly useful in the marshy terrain they would encounter on the opposite side of the soviet frontier.

Dispatches from Turkey said Turkish circles were deeply interested in reports that most of the German troops had left Bulgaria, although they did not overlook that the Germans may simply be using their troops as a trade bargaining power.

TULARE FAMILIES EVACUATE HOMES AS DIKE BREAKS

Corcoran, Calif., June 14.—(P)—A 200-foot break in the Tulare lake levee flooded more sections of farm land today, while farm families waded from their homes through shallow water and mud carrying on their backs what belongings they could.

Observers estimate around 15,000 acres of cotton, grain and other land are now under water, and hundreds of farmers strained at the task of bolstering the levees. About 230 families have evacuated their homes.

After one of the wettest California winters in years, deep snows of the Sierra, 50 miles away, are melting too fast in summer sunshine to be cared for by normal channels, and the outlook is for continued runoff until mid-July.

LOGGERS TO VOTE ON WORK RETURN

Olympia, Wash., June 14.—(P)—Delegates to a convention of the CIO International Woodworkers of America voted unanimously tonight to recommend to their locals that they return to work immediately in 53 northwest lumber mills and camps.

Aberdeen, June 14.—(P)—Grays Harbor loggers covered by the Clemons agreement voted today to return to work under a compromise agreement while negotiations for a final settlement will be started July 18.