

Weather
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Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 72
Lowest this morning 53
Precipitation past 24 hours .32

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RUSSIANS RETREAT BEFORE PANZERS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 27.—The navy has slipped some of the fleet around into the Atlantic. The slight decrease in the western defense strength has been made up by substantial air reinforcements. The bombers can cover more scouting territory anyway.

Further details might furnish military information and, therefore, cannot be published, but round percentage figures of the shift have leaked far outside government circles and inspired much speculation.

Likeliest of the surmise-reports is that Mr. Roosevelt contemplates stronger Atlantic protection for American ships as a result of the Robin Moor incident.

WELL founded or not, an impression also has gained lofty credence here that Japan has fallen off the axis. Far eastern authorities noted several inconclusive signs even before the invasion of Russia, and have been impressed by frequent Nazi impatience with Tokyo. The impression does not amount to a full fledged conviction yet, but all are watching.

ARMY air bases in Alaska have been established much faster than planned. Army is well pleased in view of the Russian involvement and its possible backwash in the far east. Contract time limits were advanced several times. Over-time was paid out liberally. Both the national guard unit and officers in charge are justifiably patting themselves on the back for establishing this one needed defense base just in time.

THE weak OPM reorganization represented just about all Mr. Knudsen could do alone without orders from the president—but there will be more. New dealers report F.D.R. is concerned, and will take up the

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A. H. MILLER DIES AFTER SHORT ILL

A. H. Miller of 346 South Holly street, long a prominent citizen here, died at 7:30 this morning in a local hospital. He had been ill only a short time. Funeral arrangements were to be made by Perl's tomorrow after the arrival of out-of-town relatives. It was expected that the services would probably be held Monday.

TRUCK CRUSHES DRIVER'S SKULL

Grants Pass, Ore., June 27.—(P)—Elmer Hubbell, 24, Cottage Grove Pacific highway construction truck driver, was instantly killed Thursday night at Mt. Sexton when the bed of his dump truck crushed his head. Coroner Virgil Hull said the dump bed had been raised in a garage for inspection. Hubbell apparently released the oil pressure, he said, and the steel box fell on him.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Marjorie Bates reminiscing with friends over the "good old days" in Ashland high school.

A Valley Fuel company ice truck plowing through town with a load of wood, the weather being what it is.

Bill Coy hotfooting it out of wifey Babe's restaurant when she reminded him she had left a chicken dinner at home for him.

'MAIN DECISION' ALREADY GAINED IS GERMAN BOAST

Reds' Western Buffer Zone Penetrated to Depth of 120 Miles in One Sector

Reds Found Ready

Berlin, June 27.—(P)—The German high command declared today that the first five days of the struggle proved "that Soviet Russian armies had been ready to attack central Europe."

This, it said, was apparent from the disposition of red army forces on frontier lines "unsuitable for defensive purposes" at the outset of the eastern battle.

The communique asserted that the Germans encountered "masses of Russian troops ready for attack" when the drive into Russia began.

By the Associated Press

Loss of panzer-battered positions on the roads to Riga and Minsk, permitting in one sector a 120-mile German penetration of Russia's western frontier buffer zone, was indicated in tonight's Kremlin communique.

The retreat in the Siauliai and Vilna sectors of Lithuania and the Baranowicz sector of Poland was carried out last night under the few precious hours of darkness and then the Red forces "reformed for new military operations."

Three Sectors Abandoned

It appeared that the three sectors had been abandoned—Siauliai on the Baltic route to Riga, capital of Sovietized Latvia; and Vilna and Baranowicz, barriers to a pincer movement aimed at Minsk, capital of White Russia about 400 miles southwest of Moscow.

Baranowicz, deepest of the three within the occupied buffer zone, is 120 miles from the nearest German frontier. It is about 30 miles from the border of old Russia where the Red army has older and stronger fortifications from which to fight.

Informed German quarters, displaying optimism not borne out by any officially published details from the high command, declared that the main decision over Soviet Russia already had been won in victories all along the 1,000-mile active front.

DNB, German official news agency, in the closest approach thus far to a factual report on the German position, said two major battles were raging in the regions of Lwow and Bialystok, Poland, where the high command said massed Red forces were encountered at the outset of the campaign.

Fierce Air Battle

The German radio said that 28 Russian planes were shot down yesterday in a fierce air battle when the Red airmen attacked a dive-bomber squadron over the Ruthenian sector of the front.

The Russian air force struck heavily at Finland from which German forces threatened her northern flank. Finnish observers said the devastation was as bad as that which marked the Russian invasion of 1939-40. Thousands were believed to have again been made homeless.

Britain, worried over the role cast for Finland and her neighbor, Sweden, in the European anti-communist crusade shaping up under the swastika banner, protested today against a Swedish decision to permit a division of German troops to cross from Norway to Finland, according to informed sources at London.

The German high command broadcast a communique reporting further "great successes" and "development of strategic plans" but the German public, with a growing eagerness for details on a campaign presented to them as an ideological war, and the rest of the world were left without specific official data from Adolf Hitler's headquarters.

Long Siege Hinted

It looked more and more as if the Red army had stolen some

Flames of War on Russo-Nazi Front



German troops reported capturing the Russian prisoners (top) in an unnamed Soviet town somewhere along the new German-Russian warfront. Smoke and flames rise from burning buildings (below) in an unidentified Russian town in the path of German troops. (Pictures by radio from Berlin to New York.)

Early Edition July 4

Because of intense interest in fast-moving world war events the Mail Tribune will depart from usual custom of not publishing a paper on Independence day and will issue an early edition Friday, July 4th. The edition will be ready for delivery to Medford and Rogue River valley homes at 1 p. m.

of the thunder of Hitler's lightning war technique and that the Nazi master of most of Europe was preparing for long siege of the world citadel of communism.

In Spain it was reported that Adolf Hitler had demanded a token anti-communist force from each nation of the Nazi-planned new Europe. Spain leaped quickly into the van-guard of the crusade with recruiting of a Spanish legion.

Italy already had stepped in line with announcement of a motorized division to help Germany against Russia.

Volunteer forces were reported in formation in Norway, Denmark, Sweden and occupied France. Croatia was ready to march, Slovakia had marched, Denmark broke relations with the U.S.S.R., and German spokesmen looked benevolently on signs of the anti-red spirit in The Netherlands, Belgium and even Portugal.

Another salient development of the war was an authoritative report from a high Ankara source that Turkey had granted transit to Vichy forces from Syria provided they traveled as unarmed civilians.

Only a fraction of the French forces, however, were likely to get out because of transport limitations.

Visits Sister—Mrs. Otto Merly and son of Palo Alto, Cal., arrived by train today for a visit with Mrs. Merly's sister, Mrs. Martin Heikamp, Barnett Road.

Flying Boats and Corvettes Gaining Edge Over U-Boats

By Drew Middleton

London, June 27.—(P)—With the aid of increasing numbers of mass-produced Corvette patrol boats and American-made Catalina flying boats, Britain slowly is winning "one of the war's most decisive battles—in the Atlantic ocean," it was declared here today.

Extended American naval patrols have aided the British, but a source here said the real credit for reducing British tonnage losses goes to the Catalina planes and sturdy Corvettes because they now are scouting sea areas the Germans formerly considered safe for submarine operations.

One result of what were called "unspectacular but emphatic triumphs" has been to force the Germans to forego their tactics of submarine rendezvous in mid-Atlantic with supply ships, it was asserted.

"Scouting flights have driven the U-boats below the surface," this source said. "They no longer are able to hunt in packs and lie in wait on the surface for convoys."

Another function of the Catalinas has been to keep German long-range Focke-Wulf bombers away from convoys because these Catalina boats give them a fierce fight and are said to be death on German Dornier "flying pencils."

The ugly and menacing Corvettes have borne the main blows in the Atlantic battle. These craft look like a whaler but carry guns enough to down a destroyer and depth charges sufficient to destroy a flotilla of submarines. They have been turned out steadily since July, 1940.

Portland, June 27.—(P)—Manuel W. Freitas, 37, Portland mill worker, was killed today by a timber which was hurled into the air when a saw at the Kingsley lumber mill buckled.

Record Army Supply Bill Receives Senate Approval

AMMUNITION LACK CONFRONTS NATION ROOSEVELT AVERS

Executive Says Rifles May Be Sent Irish But No Ammunition Can Be Spared

Hyde Park, N. Y., June 27.—(P)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that a shortage in ammunition confronted the nation in its defense efforts.

Mr. Roosevelt said at a press conference he was looking into the question of sending some rifles to the Irish but that no ammunition could be sent because the country is way behind on ammunition even for itself.

Although he once had said arms could not be spared for Ireland, Mr. Roosevelt mentioned the possibility of sending over rifles because, he said, the actual processing of them is getting along pretty well.

He made it plain, moreover, that armament aid for Ireland would have to follow assurances that the Irish would defend themselves against German attack. He said no such assurance had been received.

As for helping Russia in the battle against the Nazis, the chief executive said he expected to confer on that topic by telephone today with Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles. He expects to receive a report on what Russian Ambassador Uomansky had to say to Welles yesterday.

Informing that the communist press in New York was saying that aid to Russia was halfhearted, Mr. Roosevelt preferred not to comment.

To a question how long it would take before America was turning out defense material in tremendous volume, the president replied that a question so general could not be answered categorically. It depends on the article, he said, and for some things a peak already has been reached. For other things production may not come for six or eight months or a year.

NAVY'S REQUEST TO HOLD VOLUNTEERS IS LOST IN COMMITTEE

Washington, June 27.—(P)—The senate naval affairs committee rejected today a navy request for authority to hold volunteers now with the fleet in service after their enlistment period ends.

The navy proposed that it be given the right to exercise such authority if congress declared the national interests were imperiled but Chairman Walsh (D-Mass.) said committee members felt this would involve a breach of contracts.

The committee reported, however, a revised bill which would make future volunteers subject to such a provision.

There had been speculation that the army might follow the navy's lead in seeking the powers to retain in service men whose enlistments had expired.

Thanks to the selective service reservoir of manpower, the army has not been affected by the recent recruiting slump which has hit the navy.

Under the selective service law, selectees may be kept in service longer than the usual year's training without congressional action, since they automatically become members of the army reserve when their training period ends and can be called into service as reserves on the same day, if necessary.

BASEBALL

American			
New York	5	10	1
Philadelphia	7	13	2
Breuer, Stanceau, Branch and Rosar, Dickey, Dean, Ferrick and Hayes.			
R. H. E.			
St. Louis	9	13	1
Detroit	0	4	1
Harris and Ferrell; Trout, Thomas and Tebbets.			

QUARTERMASTER REPORTS DETAILS ON CANTONMENT

San Francisco, June 27.—(P)—Surveys for a possible \$22,800,000 army camp in the Rogue River valley near Medford, Ore., are underway, the 9th zone constructing quartermaster announced today.

The contemplated camp would house 30,000 men and would be the general camp of new streamlined triangular divisions. This would mean another big army post in the west coast defenses midway between Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Ord, Calif., the two largest army developments on the Pacific slope.

A cost-plus contract for investigation and surveys of the general camp was awarded May 21, and \$153,000 earmarked to finance this preliminary work. Investigators will design a general camp layout, investigate problems of engineer, water supply, transportation, utilities, sewage disposal, roads and other basic necessities. The survey must be completed by August 21.

Whether and when the camp will actually be built awaits completion of this survey and preliminary plans and the war department's decision.

San Francisco, June 27.—(P)—The 9th corps area army headquarters said today it knew nothing of any recommendation to locate a proposed army cantonment near Corvallis, Ore., instead of Eugene.

Officers said the proposed Eugene site was in precisely the same situation as that at Medford where a preliminary survey has been started at a location in the Rogue River valley. They pointed out that no definite selections at either locality had been made yet and that selections were contingent upon expansion of the army and appropriation of money by congress.

Eugene, June 27.—(P)—Although the army has indicated preference for a site near Corvallis rather than near Eugene, if a cantonment expansion plan is adopted, farmers in the Lane-Linn district around Coburg, Harrisburg, Halsey and Brownsville have voiced their objection to a camp in their district. About 350 attended a protest meeting this week.

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Oldest Senator Taken By Death

Washington, June 27.—(P)—Senator Andrew Jackson Houston, 87-year-old Texas Democrat, died last night, just 36 hours before a special election to name his successor. Death followed an operation in Baltimore.

The Texan, son of the famous General Sam Houston, hero of San Jacinto, was the oldest man ever to enter the United States senate.

TOTAL INCREASED \$500,000,000 FOR MUNITIONS PLANTS

Measure Is Largest Single Appropriation in History; Waits House Approval

Washington, June 27.—(P)—The senate approved on a voice vote today the record-breaking \$10,384,821,824 army supply bill and sent it back to the house for consideration of increases totaling \$558,312,132.

The senate increase was accounted for largely in an amendment providing \$500,000,000 for the construction of new munitions plants.

The army measure, which clerks said was the largest single appropriation in history, was approved after an hour and 30 minutes of dilatory debate. Only a score of senators were on the floor.

12,958 Planes Provided
The bill includes \$2,790,890,000 for the procurement of 12,958 planes and accessory equipment for the air corps.

The senate also completed congressional action on legislation extending the life of the federal housing administration and increasing its limit on mortgage insurance from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

In accepting a compromise on the measure, the senate agreed to drop a proposal for government insurance of \$350,000,000 of farm purchase mortgages.

In other action, the senate approved and sent to the White House legislation authorizing a \$150,000,000 program for community facilities in defense areas.

Supplementing a \$300,000,000 defense housing program, the measure is known as the Latham bill.

Working at a fast clip in order to pass vital appropriations measures the fiscal year ends June 30, the senate took up last minute legislation after the family of the late Senator Andrew Jackson Houston (D-Tex.) had requested that no recess be taken out of respect to his memory.

The army measure and several other vital appropriations measures must be enacted by the end of the fiscal year if various government departments are not to be left without funds.

Also pending on the senate calendar was argument-provoking legislation to continue President Roosevelt's emergency monetary powers, now scheduled to expire at midnight Monday.

LUMBER PRICE CEILING BEING FORMULATED ON UPPER GRADE PRODUCT

Washington, June 27.—(P)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson said today that a price ceiling was being formulated for "the upper grades and specialties of west coast lumber" because rates had reached "unreasonable levels."

Henderson said that the movement of upper grade lumber prices on the coast had been under scrutiny for some time and "while it is recognized that heavy buying of specialties may have been stimulated by unusual conditions, such conditions do not warrant the price advances that have occurred."

He said that there had been price increases of from 35 to 115 per cent on specialty items such as ship-decking, flooring and box car materials.

"There is no justification for any increases in the price of any other grades of west coast lumber," Henderson added.