

Weather
Forecast: Fair today and Monday. Slightly cooler Tuesday.
Temperature
Highest yesterday: 94
Lowest yesterday morning: 50
Precipitation: 0

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Good Morning
It might pay you to turn to the Want Ads this morning. People who are not looking for anything in particular sometimes stumble on to the very thing they want. Take a few minutes, won't you?

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MOSCOW DENIES STALIN LINE BROKEN

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 12.—Eden and Losovsky have been hinting they have seen some evidence of a political break developing within Germany. Both the British foreign minister and the Soviet foreign commissar are talking publicly about a rupture "between the government and the army, and the army and the people."

Behind these expressed hopes apparently is the same information received here, no doubt on the same grapevine. Hitler and Goering wanted to go after Britain now instead of Russia. The army insisted on Russia first, and won the argument.

There is unfortunately no factual reason to hope that this "break" will hasten a Nazi political collapse any more than the break between Mr. Roosevelt and Senator Wheeler will seriously injure domestic political morale. The army is in control in Germany and will continue so until it has plainly lost the war. Then someone will provide Hitler and Goering with a pistol, or hold it for them, and a new regime will take over to sue for peace. That is the customary way.

The facts so far only indicate the army decided Russia was a sure conquest, while Britain was not. If an attack on Britain failed, all would be lost, but the easier attack on Russia could still be followed by invasion of Britain at any time. It was a question of military tactics, and the politicians gave way.

DOWN deeper among the German people there is plain evidence of dissatisfaction with the war, but no possibility of revolt. There could be no successful revolt anyway as long as army morale remains flushed to its highest point of victories.

But deterioration of civilian morale is plainly developing. The Nazis win battle after battle but the war goes on, and no tangible advantages have yet

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BULLETIN

Night Game

R. H. E.
Los Angeles 11 13 3
Hollywood 12 15 4
Totaro, Berry, Weiland, Flaughner, and Campbell, Holm; Dasso, Gay, Tost and Dapper.

Minneapolis, July 12.—(P)—The Minneapolis Sunday Tribune and Star Journal says that Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and his wife have become reconciled and that Louis left here today for Chicago to meet Mrs. Louis after an extended telephone conversation with her.

According to the newspaper, Mrs. Louis telephoned the champion after he had knocked out Jim Robinson, Philadelphia, in one round here last night, and later he talked with his mother in Detroit by telephone. As a result, the paper says, Louis departed for Chicago.

Mrs. Louis filed suit for divorce 10 days ago, charging cruelty and accusing the champion of striking her. Louis has denied the charge.

Silverton, Ore., July 12.—(P)—Silverton sluggers won the Oregon semi-pro baseball championship with ease tonight, pounding out a 12-to-2 decision over Bend. Earl Toolson held Bend to six hits. Silverton won four straight games in the tournament.

Score: R. H. E.
Bend 2 6 2
Silverton 12 15 1
Farmer, Hatch and Kremers; Toolson and Robertson.

Portland, July 12.—(P)—Keel plates were laid today for the first heavy naval ship construction in the history of Columbia river shipbuilding.

NAZIS CLAIM ALL DECISIVE POINTS YIELD IN BLITZ

No Important Dents In Front
Reds Say—Admit Heavy Battle In Three Areas.

(By the Associated Press)

Moscow, Sunday, July 13.—(P)—Soviet Russia officially claimed early today that German attacks in three great areas of fighting on the continent-wide battle line failed entirely to make any "important" dents in the front.

The Soviet communiqué acknowledged stubborn fighting between the Red army and "enemy" troops in the areas of Pskov, a railway center about 175 miles southwest of Leningrad, Vitebsk, in northern White Russia where the Germans are driving on Moscow, and Novograd Volynski, in the Ukraine.

These were the regions of the three main German drives—directed respectively at Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev, important industrial city and capital of the Ukraine.

(These same three areas were declared by the German high command in its special communiqué late Saturday night to have been points where the Germans successfully broke through the Stalin line).

Although acknowledging that the battle was renewed in these three areas, the communiqué stated bluntly that "these encounters caused no important change in the front."

The communiqué said the Red air forces struck at German mechanized units and airbases, and against Rumanian port and oil field objectives. A total of 102 German airplanes were declared to have been destroyed during Friday.

The two communiques Saturday and the one early Friday—preceding that issued this morning—all reported "no change" at the front, and that issued during the day Thursday had stated that there was "nothing of consequence" to report at the front.

All this was interpreted to mean that a lull had fallen upon the front.

Today's communiqué carried out a theme stressed by the official Tass news agency during Saturday that guerrilla warfare had broken out behind the German lines.

Berlin Breaks Silence

(By the Associated Press)
Berlin, July 12.—(P)—The German high command, after almost a full week of silence, tonight officially announced that the Stalin line, Russia's main defense barrier, had been broken at "all decisive points." The Germans reported that their blitzkrieg legions had smashed through in the direction of all three of their main drives—toward Moscow, the capital, Leningrad, Russia's big western port, and toward Kiev, capital of the grain-rich Ukraine.

The German army pushed through in the central Minsk area to a point 125 miles beyond Minsk, putting the Nazi legions less than 300 miles from Moscow, the high command said.

In the drive toward the Ukraine German troops were declared to be standing "close before Kiev" and elsewhere along this southern end of the front German and Rumanian troops were stated to be pursuing Russians fleeing in disorder.

To the north the Nazi troops are moving through the region of Lake Peipus, along the Estonian border, and "are advancing toward Leningrad," said the high command, after a break-through in this sector.

In the all-important central sector beyond Minsk and on the highway to Moscow the Russians are showing "signs of a break-up and dissolution," said the communiqué.

Fire Threat Fades

Portland, July 12.—(P)—Oregon's forest fire threat diminished today as temperatures declined and humidity rose.

War Action Shifts Northward



The German high command reported the capture of Salla (1) in a drive at Russia in the north, but in the north central sector (2) Russians, counter-attacking, claimed victories on the front guarding Moscow and Leningrad. Here Germans reported aiming a drive at Tallinn, Estonia. Russians were reported counter-attacking in the Polotsk-Lelel area. The Red army said its defense was unyielding on the Novograd Volynski front.

REDDING BEATEN BY CRATERS 12-3 BRITISH GAIN IN AIR, U-BOAT WARS

First-Baseman Al Fleishman's three-run homer over the left field fence in the second inning ignited a five-run explosion in that frame and started the Craters on a timely-hitting spree that gave them a 12 to 3 exhibition-game victory over the Redding Tigers of the Northern California league last night at the fairgrounds park. The Craters played Toledo in a State loop contest today at 2:30.

Bob Fox yielded 12 hits to the visitors but scattered them effectively in pitching the locals to their fifth straight win and their 10th in 12 exhibition-game starts. He fanned five and walked four.

The Craters made only eight hits off Vernon Davey and George South, but bunched them with 13 walks and four Redding errors to cop in a walk. Al Wray continued his sensational hitting with a triple and a double, Bob Churchill blasted a two-bagger and a single and Del Schroefer hit a double.

The Craters tallied four times in the fourth on Churchill's double, Roelandt's single, five walks and two wild pitches, got another in the sixth on Wray's triple and Fleishman's fly, and two more in the eighth on Wray's double, an error, a passed ball and three walks. In the second, after Fleishman belted his home run behind Gray's infield bloop and a walk to Wray, Davey walked Fox. Churchill then singled Schroefer across for the fifth run.

Redding tallied single runs in the first, fourth and ninth.

Score:
Redding 3 12 4
Medford 12 6 2
Davey, South and Marietto; Fox and Roelandt.

Critical Situation

Portland, July 12.—(P)—The United States' aluminum shortage is more critical than at first supposed, Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville-Grand Coulee power administrator, said today he was told by William S. Knudsen.

SPEEDY VICTORY HITLER'S HOPE TO CONQUER RUSSIA

Germans Behind Invasion
Schedule And Fuehrer Faces Napoleon's Fate.

By Kirke L. Simpson

Hitler's gas-engine drive to cut in half Napoleon's 1712 horse-drawn blitzkrieg to Moscow obviously has not been hitting on all cylinders up to date.

Half of his reputed 40-day time schedule for reaching the Russian capital—a march that took Napoleon 90-odd days—has gone by. His fire-eating tanks, ditch-leaping speed troop chariots, shrieking dive-bombers and terroristic war technique have not yet brought him half way to his goal.

Napoleon found getting to Moscow relatively easy. It was getting away again that wrecked his army. The Nazi "little corporal" of 1941 must sometimes think of that night at his field headquarters, presumably still somewhere in central-eastern Poland.

The 13 weeks it took Napoleon to arrive at Moscow proved to be his undoing. Like Hitler, he set out in June. A Russian winter, and an exceptionally bad one at that, caught him in a carefully set Russian trap.

Impossible distances separated his ragged and hungry veterans from supply bases to the westward. Around them lay a snow-mantled "scorched earth" Russia filled with phantom-like guerrillas harrying their flanks and outposts night and day.

Most of these French troops, as good fighting men as the world produces, died of hunger, cold or Russian attacks before they could back-track to their bloody crossings of the Berezina river, 300 miles from Moscow, at which Hitler's legions are now pounding.

Authoritative tales are beginning to reach this side of the Atlantic from Nazi-conquered France and the low countries, even from Norway and Denmark, indicating the utter reliance the Nazi high command placed on its motorized fighting equipment to conquer quickly both the Balkans and Russia.

This writer has talked with an eye-witness of the sudden disappearance of thousands of tanks and motor vehicles from German-occupied French cities.

Early in April they began to disappear. Travelers within the occupied regions of southern France who came to town reported passing endless columns puffing and clunking along the roads, trekking northward, not south toward the Spanish border. There was much speculation as to whether an attempted invasion of England was about to be launched.

Events proved it was not; but that Hitler had decided on wars in the east instead. To get eastward from that part of France his forces had to go north first.

The Nazi armies battling the Russians have been told that the fate of Hitler's Germany is in their hands. There can be no question about that. And if they cannot soon break the 2,000-mile virtual deadlock with the Red army conclusively, far more conclusively than Napoleon did a century and more ago, another western "Little Corporal" may see his valuing dreams of world empire shattered amid the swamps and streams and rolling plains of western Russia.

RURAL CARRIERS SELECT ASHLAND

Tillamook, Ore., July 12.—(P)—The Oregon Rural Letter Carriers' association nominated Lyman McDonald, Salem, today for the national executive committee.

Officers elected at the concluding session were Robert C. Taylor, Astoria, president; E. J. Holland, Seaside, first vice president; Earl S. Robbins, Ashland, second vice president; T. M. Schweizer, Monmouth, secretary-treasurer. Ashland was voted the 1942 convention.

ARMISTICE UPON BRITAIN'S TERMS IN SYRIA NEARS

Vichy Orders Ignored, Germany Roiled By Negotiations—Warfare Ceases.

Cairo, July 12.—(P)—British troops ceased firing in Syria today and began to negotiate an armistice on British terms with the Vichy forces of High Commissioner General Henri Dentz.

Tonight, between hushed battle-lines, the British-Free French and the Vichy military men were making satisfactory progress in their talks, a British middle-east communique said. Some details remained to be settled, it was stated. Meanwhile, hostilities continued suspended.

But within a few hours after Syrian hostilities ended, German bombers served explosive notice that Britain would have to fight to keep her middle east foothold. A German raid on the vital Suez canal route for American aid caused "some material damage," an Egyptian communique acknowledged.

Shooting in the war which started June 8 ended at midnight, a middle east communique announced, "after General Dentz agreed to negotiate on our own terms for suspension of hostilities." The French commander's hands had been freed by the Vichy government, although it previously rejected the British terms.

A French delegation crossed the British lines under a flag of truce this morning and met the British delegation at Acre (Biblical Galilee) in Palestine. A statement that discussions were of "military rather than political importance" indicated the Vichy forces would be required to submit to Free-French occupation rule in Syria, as British armistice terms had demanded.

REVISION DELAYS NEW WAR TAX ACT

Washington, July 12.—(P)—Mounting defense expenditures and smouldering controversies over tentatively-approved new levies led today to capitol talk of further revision of the \$3,500,000,000 tax bill.

Ten days ago the house ways and means committee gave preliminary approval to legislation to raise \$3,504,400,000, but there were reports that it might be revised materially and its presentation to the house delayed perhaps until August 1.

The tentatively-approved bill is designed to raise \$1,154,500,000 additional in individual income taxes, \$1,332,000,000 in corporation levies and almost another billion dollars in excise and miscellaneous taxes. It is now in the hands of bill-drafting experts who expect to complete work on it next week.

EK WALL DUE FOR NEW YORK BERTH

Portland, Ore., July 12.—(P)—William A. Ekwall, Portland, former U. S. representative and Oregon circuit judge, probably will be named to the U. S. customs court in New York, Sen. Charles L. McNary of Oregon advised friends today.

Ekwall would replace Judge Walter H. Evans, Portland, who retired recently. McNary said the senate expects President Roosevelt to make the nomination next week.

Grants Pass, July 12.—(P)—A short-lived strike at the Swede Basin lumber mill was over today with general increase in pay of 10 cents an hour or its equivalent.

War Bulletins

New York, July 12.—(P)—The shortwave broadcast of the German high command special communique reporting that the Stalin line in Russia had been broken was preceded by 25 minutes of fanfares and march music, CBS said tonight.

The communique was broadcast in German, Spanish, Portuguese and English.

London, Sunday, July 13.—(P)—British bombers were reported reliably today to have bombed Bremen, German shipping and shipbuilding center, in raids last night on northwestern Germany.

London, Sunday, July 13.—(P)—German long range guns opened up with a number of salvos shortly before dawn today. They apparently were firing at a British convoy which was passing through the strait.

London, Sunday, July 13.—(P)—Light raids by small forces of German planes along coastal sections of southern, eastern and southwestern England overnight were reported today. A communique said "no damage was caused and there were no casualties."

FARMER BURNS UP WHEAT FIELD AS 'BOSSING' PROTEST

Jackson, Mich., July 12.—(P)—Shock by shock, a Jackson county farmer, rebelling against what he terms is "too much government dictatorship on crops," is burning his 17-acre wheat field.

The irate farmer, 55-year old Marion Hatt, began destroying the wheat yesterday when Halbert Bernstein, a U. S. soil conservation service official, refused him a wheat marketing permit because he exceeded the AAA quota by two acres.

Told that he would have to store the grain or pay the government a penalty of 49 cents a bushel for the excess acreage before a permit would be issued, Hatt retorted:

"I'll burn the whole thing before I'll let the government tell me what I can do with it."

Rain intervened when Hatt had the job half-done but he said he would "finish it up" today.

"This is my farm and my wheat," he said. "I did not vote to come under the marketing quota and I'd rather burn the wheat than have to come under the quota to be able to sell it."

"He's burning up his own money," said Bernstein. "And it's not the government that set up the regulations. The marketing quota was voted by 80 per cent of the nation's wheat growers."

HARRISON GUILTY MINE MAIL FRAUD

Spokane, Wash., July 12.—(P)—George Harrison, 41-year-old self-taught chemist of Denver and Detroit, must spend three years in prison for using the mails to defraud western mining men of more than \$70,000.

Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach sentenced Harrison immediately after a jury, out since 9:30 p. m. Friday, returned a verdict of guilty Saturday.

Harrison stood quietly as the judge pronounced sentence—three years on each of eight counts, the terms to be served concurrently. Before hearing the court's orders he reiterated his innocence of intent to defraud and stated his faith in the chemical process which was the basis for the 14-day trial.

PLANNING PART OF NEW ARMY CAMPS MOVING RAPIDLY

Field Surveys Here 40 Per Cent Done, Plans 10 Per Cent, Is Latest Report.

San Francisco, July 12.—(P)—Plans for the construction of three new Far West army camps, housing 70,000 troops and costing a total of \$68,400,000, are being rapidly completed, the office of the ninth corps area zone constructing quartermaster announced today.

Sites in Oregon and California have been under investigation, and actual construction depends on suitability and availability of the land desired, congressional approval and other factors. The project when under way, will mean an expenditure far in excess of any yet made for new army construction in the ninth corps area zone comprising California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Utah.

Advance plans call for three camps of almost identical size, each to cost approximately \$22,800,000. Each camp will house one "triangular division," and other troops. The new triangular stream-lined division replaces the old square division, permitting employment of troops with greater mobility and striking force.

2 Camps For Oregon
According to the plans, each of two camps in Oregon will house a division of 15,245 troops plus other personnel. One of the camps will be built near Medford, where Architect-Engineer Myron B. Hunt has been supervising a survey of the site, particularly in relation to camp layout, water supply, power and fuel, roads, drainage, etc. Field surveys are 40 per cent complete and plans ten per cent. No steps as yet have been taken to acquire the acreage under consideration.

Studies have been made in the vicinity of Eugene and Corvallis for the second Oregon camp, under the supervision of John W. Cunningham and associates and Lawrence and Allen, architects-engineers, with headquarters at Eugene. The site has not been chosen as yet.

The third camp will be built in the Santa Maria-Lompoc area in southern California. Here it is planned to house one triangular division, plus an armored division of 18,800 men. The proposed reservation has been appraised by the government and plans for the camp are 81 per cent and field surveys 44 per cent complete.

Each camp has been designed as a self-contained unit, with hospital facilities, fire stations, chapels, post office, theater, service clubs, administration buildings, signal corps and ordnance facilities, bakery, laundry, ice-making plants and repair shops of various kinds.

The camps will dwarf in size any other camps in the ninth corps area save Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The "other personnel" referred to in the dispatch will comprise about 15,000 troops of a classification not yet designated, making in all about 30,000 troops at the proposed camp here. Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster in charge, stated last night.

ENDEAVORS SEEK DRY ERA RETURN

Atlantic City, N. J., July 12.—(P)—The International Christian Endeavor Society convention called today for a return of prohibition "if the people of this country are to live together in sobriety and happiness."

The society urged passage of pending congressional measures restricting sale of alcoholic beverages near military camps and proposed the utmost activity on the part of Christian Endeavors everywhere leading toward local option, immediate sharp restriction and eventual elimination of liquor advertisements and rigid control of liquor sales.