

Weather
Full U.S. Weather Bureau report inside
Forecast: Fair tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy and cooler.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 101
Lowest this morning 67
Precipitation past 24 hours .00

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HOLDING OF DRAFTEES AS F.R.'S AIM

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 14.—The difficulty of making an efficient defensive fighting force out of the army is shown in all its saddest aspects by what has happened to General Marshall's new weapons division.

This bureau was instituted some weeks ago to put some modern vision into the selection of new weapons. It was a polite bow to the old ordnance division which has been under fire all around for delays and inefficiencies.

Before the cheering has died, it now develops that the new weapons division must get its funds for operation from—guess who—the old ordnance department. Its independent status has already been lost.

A heavier shakeup is now impending for ordnance and this time it may not be polite.

MR. Roosevelt's recommendation of 37 new brigadier generals reflected in some degree (not too much) the general staff policy to push vigorous, efficient young men into army leadership and weed out chair-sitters. Selections were made by a war department board and Chief of Staff Marshall, of course, and were only handed out to the senate by the president. The board and General Marshall went down 1000 names in the list of eligible lieutenant colonels to jump one West Point graduate of 1917 over the rank of colonel into the brigadier general class. War department is waiting passage of a pending bill in order to get rid of some of the incompetent higher officers.

THE crushing of all anti-trike legislation by the house re-

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Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)

New York, July 14.—An uncensored description of the Nazi blitzkrieg in the Balkans and an account of the African campaign are to be given by Robert St. John, AP war correspondent, on NBC-Red at 7:30 Wednesday night. St. John was injured by Nazi bullets in Greece.

Tonight, the War—3:15 NBC-Red, 3:55 CBS, 6:00 MBS, 6:45 CBS-East, 7:30 MBS, 8:00 NBC CBS, 8:30 MBS, 8:55 NBC CBS.

Talks—NBC-Blue 3:45 Wm. Green, Washington, and Geo. Gibson, London, on "Aid to British Labor Week"; NBC-Red 5:30 Paul V. McNutt on Defense; NBC-Blue 6:30 forum.

Tuesday, the War—4:00 NBC CBS, 4:55 NBC-Blue, 5:00 NBC-Red CBS, 6:00 NBC-Blue MBS, 7:00 MBS, 8:00 MBS, 9:45 NBC, 10:00 MBS, 11:55 CBS, 12:55 NBC-Blue, 2:25 NBC-Red, 2:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

Side Glances

By
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

The streamlined George Schmidt being slowed down by a cut foot, an injury inflicted by a piece of hidden tin while George was trying to dodge the heat by swimming.

Police Officers Ray Sloneker and Walter Sharkey Reinking coming to the rescue and whipping a bride and groom away in their siren-screaming proud car to escape pursuing friends.

Mary Ward and Lella Van Amburgh, modern forty-niners from California, searching industriously for a southern Oregon gold pocket, their only reward so far being a lot of fun and exercise.

TO ASK CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL OF LONGER TRAINING

Sen. Barkley Reveals Intention After White House Talk; Early Action Sought

Washington, July 14.—(AP)—Senator Barkley (D-Ky.), the Democratic leader, announced after a White House conference today that the administration would seek prompt congressional approval of measures to retain draftees and members of the national guard in service beyond their one-year training period.

Asked whether he thought congress would approve the legislation, Barkley told reporters that "when the need for the legislation becomes apparent I believe congress will in no way shrink its duty."

At the same time, there were indications that a measure lifting the prohibition against sending selectees outside the hemisphere would be dropped for the time being.

Separate Measure
Barkley said that the measure lifting the Western Hemisphere ban was a separate measure which had "no immediate connection" with the program to retain selectees in service.

Senator Hill (D-Ala.), a member of the military committee and one of those who attended the conference, added that the hemisphere proposal "probably will not be considered at any time in the near future."

Hill and others of the White House conferees said that all efforts would be made to win prompt congressional approval of the legislation continuing the selectees and members of the national guard in service.

In an effort to settle some of the problems involved in extending the length of service, Mr. Roosevelt met with seven democratic and two republican members of the senate and house. General Marshall, army chief of staff, also was present.

SIGN ARMISTICE IN SYRIAN WAR

Cairo, Egypt, July 14.—(AP)—The armistice ending the war in Syria was signed at Acre, in Palestine, at 2 p. m. today (4 a. m., PST). General Sir Claude Auchinleck, British commander in the middle east, announced tonight.

Terms of the truce were finalized at Acre Saturday, but final stages of the negotiations were continued today.

Alexandria, Turkey, July 14.—(AP)—Fourteen thousand Vichy French soldiers will cross the border from Syria into Turkey within 48 hours, thus surrendering one of France's richest World War prizes, informed sources said tonight.

PATIENT ROBBER WAITS TIME LOCK

Bothell, Wash., July 14.—(AP)—A patient robber, who waited for the Bothell State bank time lock to open at 7:30 a. m., held up Ross E. Worley, cashier, today and escaped with \$13,423.10.

Worley said he entered the bank at 7:30 and was confronted by the holdup man, wearing dark glasses and carrying a pistol.

He slugged Worley, waited a few minutes until the safe opened, then stuffed the money into a shopping bag and fled by a rear door, dropping \$300 in dimes as he ran.

Circulation Man Drowns

Salem, July 14.—(AP)—Herbert Miles McDowell, 36, a circulation department employe of the Salem Capital-Journal, slipped off a rock into the Santiam river and drowned while fishing yesterday.

Navy Chiefs Deny Combat With Nazis



Secretary of Navy Frank Knox (center, seated), and Admiral Harold R. Stark (behind Knox), chief of naval operations, were reported in Washington to have made "categorical denials" before the senate naval committee that the navy had engaged in combat with Nazi naval units. With them they were seated were Chairman David I. Walsh (left seated, D. Mass.) and Sen. Hiram W. Johnson (right seated, R. Cal.). Standing, Sen. Ralph W. Brewster (left, R. Me.), and Senator J. J. Davis (right, R. Pa.).

Churchill Reveals Growing RAF Power Now Giving Nazis Thorough Bombing

London, July 14.—(AP)—Britain, unshaken by ten months of German air blows, has begun hitting back with fearful might and still is only at the beginning of her growing air power. Prime Minister Churchill told thunderously cheering civil defense workers today.

The prime minister delivered virtually the same fighting message twice—first to 6,000 clamoring veterans of the defense of London in a great review in Hyde Park and later to a luncheon of the capital's organized civil defenders.

Time Germans Also Suffered
"It is time the Germans should be made to suffer in their own homeland and cities something of the torments they have twice in our lifetime let loose upon their neighbors and upon the world," the prime minister exclaimed.

"We have now intensified for the past month a systematic, scientific and methodical bombing on a large scale of German cities and industries and other military objectives.

"We believe it to be in our power to keep this process going on a steadily rising tide month after month, year after year until the Nazi regime is either extirpated by us or, better still, torn to pieces by the German people themselves . . ."

"We shall continue a remorseless discharge of high explosive upon Germany."
He declared there can be "no truce or parley with Hitler or the grisly gang who did Hitler's worst" and forecast that Italy, too, would get her share of the RAF's attention.

"As the nights grow longer," the prime minister said, "that unhappy province of Germany which used to be called Italy will have its fair share."
But he stressed London's need for unrelaxed vigilance against new terror from the skies and warned the workers to prepare "for renewal of your exertions."

"We shall not turn from our purpose however slobber the road, however greivous the cost, because we know that out of this time of trial and tribulation will be born a new freedom and glory for all mankind."

Hitler Decried to do Worst
"You do your worst and we will do our best," Churchill addressed a remark to Hitler. "Perhaps it may be our turn soon. Perhaps it may be our turn now."

The prime minister acknowledged that when the Nazi air might first fell in force on London he suffered anxiety for its effect on morale, health and necessary services but, he said, London responded with grit which has been the rock that has made Britain "unconquerable."

He forecast vehement German retaliation, but now, he said, London is ready and "London can take it."

Three Largest Red Cities Periled by Panzers, Claim

HEAT LIGHTNING SETS FOUR FIRES IN ROGUE FOREST

Mercury Reaches 101 Sunday—Today's Temperature Lower; State Sizzles

Mercury reached 101.1 degrees at 2:15 p. m. today and dropped to 100 degrees at 2:30 p. m. the weather bureau reported. Temperature at 12:30 p. m. was 97 degrees.

The first serious heat threat of the year was accompanied last night by lightning that caused four small fires in the Rogue River national forest. It was possible, headquarters said, that other lightning strikes would show up later.

The temperature reached a maximum of 101 yesterday while the humidity got down to 21 percent. Temperature today was 98 degrees at 1:35 p. m. as against 95 yesterday, but after 1:30 yesterday there was a sharp rise which the weather bureau did not expect today.

Firefighters Busy
The "lying squadron" of Rogue River national forest firefighters swung into action for the first time this afternoon with the report of a lightning fire near the confluence of the Big and Little Applegate rivers. The other three lightning fires also were in the Applegate district of the forest, one being within the Ashland watershed. None was considered serious, however.

The state forest patrol sent a crew and pumper yesterday morning to put out a fire in the grain field of the W. H. Gore ranch on the Jacksonville highway. The fire, which covered about two acres, burned about 25 bags of wheat, patrol headquarters reported.

The blaze was started by ashes a worker knocked out of his pipe, headquarters stated.

The state patrol was called this afternoon to put out a grass fire near Long Branch off the Crater Lake highway.

The city fire department got through the week-end with only a grass fire. The blaze occurred yesterday afternoon on a city-owned lot next to Frank DeSouza's residence, 30 Western avenue.

Because of the turn in the weather, permits will now be required for burning refuse or other material in the city, Chief Roy Elliott announced. Permits may be obtained by telephoning 3790.

Lightning Display
Medford residents were treated to a dose of hot weather yesterday when temperatures touched a maximum of 101. Thunderstorms associated with sultry weather over the Siskiyou mountains last evening brought on an exceptional display of lightning which was viewed with interest by many.

Little rain accompanied the thunderstorms, the weather bureau stating that the storms were more or less of a dry type. Highest temperature for July, 1940, was 94, the weather bureau said.

Portland, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—The temperature, shooting upward from a minimum of 72 degrees this morning, threatened to set a new high today in the second session of Oregon's heat wave.

Salem, July 14.—(AP) The state liquor commission distributed \$34,970 to counties and cities today, the apportionment being part of the state tax on manufacturers and distributors of liquor and malt beverages, and covering the quarter ended June 30.

The apportionment to counties included:
Douglas \$518, Jackson \$520, Josephine \$329, Klamath \$700, Lake \$112.

The apportionment to cities included:
Baker \$229, Corvallis \$269, Roseburg \$158, Medford \$362, Grants Pass \$193, Klamath Falls \$529, Eugene \$668, Salem \$991, Portland \$9,800, Pendleton \$283.

Lakeview, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—Work on Lakeview's \$4000 street oiling project was started today. City Engineer Walt Sanquist said. It will cover five miles of city streets.

BASEBALL

Chicago, July 14.—(AP)—Joe DiMaggio, slugging star of the New York Yankees, extended his record hitting streak to 54 consecutive games today by beating out an infield single in the sixth inning today against the Chicago White Sox.

DiMaggio got on base through an error his first time up and was walked by Pitcher John Rigney of the Sox his second time at the plate, but on his third appearance dumped a slow roller down the third base line and easily beat the throw.

National
Chicago 0 2 1
Brooklyn 1 8 0
Olson and McCullough; Higbe and Owen.

St. Louis 4 7 1
Philadelphia 5 12 1
Krist, Nahem and Padgett; Johnson and Warren, Livinston.

Pittsburgh 2 5 1
New York 3 6 1
Sewell and Lopez; Hubbell and Odeca.

(13 innings)
Cincinnati 7 17 0
Boston 4 14 3
Moore, Turner and West; Erickson, Johnson, Lamanna, Early and Masl.

American League
New York 1 8 1
Chicago 7 9 1
Breuer, Stanceau, Branch and Rosar; Rigney and Tresh.

Philadelphia 2 5 0
Detroit 4 9 2
Marchildon, Hadley and Hayes; Bridges and Sullivan.

Boston 1 5 1
Cleveland 4 8 0
Wilson, Potter and Peacock; Feller and Desautels.

LIGHTNING STARTS 81 SISKIYOU FIRES

Yreka, Calif., July 14.—(AP)—Eighty-one forest fires were burning in Siskiyou county today—all started by a lightning storm which raged over the area for an hour during the night.

The largest blaze was in the Mount Hebron district, about 50 miles northwest of Yreka. Ranger Roy Bengard said he believed it had been brought under control after it had swept over 4,000 acres.

Another big fire was burning over a couple of thousand acres of land east of here.

The most serious fire in the Klamath national forest, where 71 of the blazes started, was at Quartz valley, due west of Yreka.

LAW ENFORCERS OPEN CONCLAVE

Portland, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—The three-day Pacific Coast International Association of Law Enforcement Officers' convention opened here today with talks by Gov. Charles A. Sprague and FBI Inspector James S. Egan of Washington, D. C., the day's principal features.

Programs will be held nightly in the civic stadium for the public.

GERMANS SMASH STALIN LINE AT PSKOV, IS WORD

Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad in Jeopardy, Berlin Report; Climax Held Near

By the Associated Press
German forces today were reported to have smashed through the Stalin line at Apachka, south of Pskov near the Latvian frontier, and Berlin asserted that Russia's three biggest cities were now the targets of Nazi panzer thrusts.

DNB, the official German news agency, said the main Soviet defense line was broken yesterday after Nazi troops overwhelmed "strongly built field positions and breastworks."

This was the first time the Germans had specified the point of the asserted break-through.

Russians Deny
The Russians, however, declared they were holding their major front positions without important change.

German asserted in round, general terms that Kiev was tottering under combined air and land assault, that Moscow no longer was protected from German tanks blasting through the central front, and that Leningrad was imperiled by a Nazi frontal drive and a Finnish flank onslaught.

They declared that red armies were falling apart and that the campaign was rushing to a climax on this, the 23d day of the westward push.

Nazi forces were reported hammering at the gates of Kiev, and Berlin waited expectantly to hear that that gateway to the Ukraine's richest industrial and farming regions had been forced. German planes rained destruction on Kiev's warehouses, and hangars and even destroyed the city's waterworks, it was said.

DNB Claims
That was the picture to be pieced together from the words of authorized German spokesmen, DNB, the official news agency, and—in slight degree—from the daily communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters.

The Nazi high command reported tersely that "break-through operations on the eastern front continue on schedule."

Supplementing the brief communique, the Berlin radio declared that Nazi troops driving toward Leningrad had gained new ground after wrecking Soviet bunkers and scattering red army forces.

North of the Pinsk marshes, the radio asserted, German invasion columns moved forward on a broad front across the Dnepr river and the upper reaches of the Dvina river after breaking through the Stalin line.

A Soviet communique, reporting an overnight lull in the fighting said that "torturers of the medieval inquisition pale before the outrages perpetrated by the Hitlerian bandits."

The communique asserted that every fifth resident of a Soviet village, women and children included, was shot when they refused to inform the Germans on guerrilla activities.

The German Fuehrer's headquarters said Finnish troops had opened an attack in Karelia, on both sides of Lake Ladoga, in the sector closest to Leningrad.

SAW RIPS SKULL OF BROCKWAY MILLMAN

Roseburg, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—John Harry Weaver, 46, one of the owners of the Doumit-Weaver sawmill at Brockway, western Douglas county, died at the hospital here today, three hours after a huge saw ripped through his skull when he accidentally came into contact with the blade while repairing a conveyor.