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Temperature
Highest Yesterday: 74
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Precipitation past 24 hours: .00

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"SUICIDE BOATS" RAID GIBRALTAR

Hugh Johnson Eyes Men and Issues of Day

(Editor's note: Hugh Johnson, noted commentator on men and issues of the day, will occupy this space for the time being due to the illness of Paul Mallon, whose column usually appears here.)

Washington, Sept. 22.—As this column has recently conjectured the probability of very bad news out of Russia is increasing. Both "before snow flies" and afterward. When I say conjectured, in military issues of these columns, I mean "Guess." The factual information is still so scanty and the conflicting lies from the warring capitals so big that about all an honest commentator can do is to keep sticking pins in the map, getting all the information possible on weather, geography and production in the various theatres of war, and drawing conclusions from whatever accumulated knowledge he may have about the history and strategy of previous wars and in the revolutionary changes of modern mechanized war, even the latter is dangerous.

It is impossible to believe that the losses of both men and material on both sides have not been staggering and that as yet the Nazis have not been fatally hurt. On the other hand, it is difficult to put much reliance on local Russian successes on the central front in checking the drive on Moscow. It cannot have much effect in stopping the terrific German assault on both flanks—at the south through the Ukraine and by-passing Odessa, cutting off Crimea and, at the north around Leningrad.

In old times successful pressure against an attack at any particular point—in the center, or on either flank—could delay or even shatter the offense. But in this case the length of the battle front is magnificent in distance. From the Leningrad front to Smolensk is upward of 400 miles and from there to the southern flank about 600 miles.

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Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Stars of sport and entertainment worlds will help out on the NBC-Blue program from 5 to 6 o'clock tonight in a "salute of the champions" to the men of the army and navy. Participants will include Rita Hayworth, Betty Grable, Pat O'Brien, Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Leo Durocher, Joe Di Maggio, "Bo" McMillin, Alice Marble and others.
The War, 4:35 CBS; 6 MBS; 6:45 CBS-East; 7:30 MBS; 8 NBC CBS.

Tuesday, the war—8 MBS; 9:45 NBC; 10 MBS; 11:55 CBS MBS; 12:55 p. m. NBC-Blue; 2 CBS MBS; 2:25 NBC-East; 2:45 CBS NBC-Blue.
Army Maneuvers—CBS 12:30, NBC-Blue 12:45, MBS 2:30.
MBS—8:15 a. m. Sec. Knox at launching of battleship Massachusetts; 12:15 Watertown, N. Y., Arsenal anniversary, under Sec. of War Patterson.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Gordon Green and Al Littrell settling down to some really competitive golfing with a costly prize in the balance.

Don Bagley saying the saw he was carrying in the back of his car was to slit a few throats, his passengers showing an eagerness to add to his list of victims.

Johnnie Wasson, Jr., carrying on an animated conversation with Lu Cella (Pat) O'Brien, whom he had never met, thinking she was twin-sister Arvela Carbiener, whom he had.

Friends wondering if Charley Clay the First would pass out double-deck ice cream sundaes in celebrating the arrival of his first grandson.

ITALIANS BRAVE ROCKS' BIG GUNS TO SINK 3 SHIPS

Fourth Craft Badly Damaged—No Word of Attacking Crews Revealed by Rome.

Rome, Sept. 22.—(P)—Tiny, secret "assault craft" of the Italian navy, slipping under the muzzles of Gibraltar's great guns Saturday night, sank three supply ships and damaged a fourth so badly it probably was last, the Italian high command reported today.

Authoritative sources indicated that these small craft, each virtually nothing but a human projectile were manned by men who knew there would be little chance of returning.

Crews Unreported
The special communique gave no word of the fate of the attacking crews.

It said the vessels sunk were a 6,000-ton merchant ship loaded with war materials and two tankers, one of 10,000 and the other of 800 tons.

A fourth vessel, a 12,000-ton merchantman loaded with war supplies, it added, "was carried against the rocks where it was stranded and therefore may be considered lost."

The tiny assault boats, each with a torpedo in its nose, are manned by only one or two men who know that death is the likely price they must pay to get close enough to their targets to fire with telling aim. About the best they dare hope for is to be captured.

According to authoritative sources, MAS-boats, the smallest classification in the Italian navy carry the tiny projectile-like craft to within a few miles of their targets, then set them loose to strike.

They are believed to have such quiet propulsion they can slip deep into harbors before being detected and such shallow draft they can cross over submerged barriers.

London, Sept. 22.—(P)—British submarines, attacking a Mediterranean convoy carrying Axis reinforcements to Libya, were reported by the admiralty today to have sunk two Italian liners and damaged a third—possibly all of the 24,469-ton Vulcania class.

The attack was said to have been made in mid-Mediterranean last Thursday as the submarines smashed at the convoy.

The communique gave no estimate of the number of lives lost.

Axis Ships Attacked

British bombers of the middle east command also were credited with successful attacks on axis shipping in the sea the Italians call their own.

One schooner was said to have blown up from a direct bomb hit with such a terrific explosion that the attacking plane was destroyed.

A second schooner was bombed, set afire and left sinking and an axis destroyer was attacked successfully off Tripoli, the British middle east headquarters declared.

ROLFE PROMOTED TO MANAGE BANK

V. E. Rolfe, assistant manager of the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland for the past four years, has been promoted to manager of the branch at The Dalles, and will leave here next Friday or Saturday to assume his new position next Monday, it was announced today.

Mr. Rolfe will be succeeded here by Charles Newlin, assistant manager of the Grants Pass branch, who has been employed there for the past 15 years. Mr. Newlin, according to Eugene Thorndike, manager of the Medford branch, will be here Monday to assume his new duties.

Stambaugh Heads Legion



Smiles radiated the happiness of Lynn Upshaw Stambaugh (left), 51, of Fargo, N. D., and Milo J. Werner (right), of Toledo, Ohio incoming and outgoing American Legion national commanders respectively, following the former's unanimous election by the Legion at Milwaukee, Wis.

MEDFORD COUPLE HURT IN SMASHUP NEAR TUCUMCARI

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Horner, 816 Taylor street, were injured in an automobile accident yesterday when they were caught in the violent storm east of Albuquerque, N. M. They were hospitalized in Tucumcari, N. M. Driving in the storm that brought cloudbursts to the Albuquerque region, Mrs. Horner lost control of the car, Mr. Horner telephoned Earl P. Shirley, chief telegrapher of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here, of which Mr. Horner is senior telegrapher. The car turned over. Mrs. Horner suffered back and internal injuries and Mr. Horner suffered a broken rib, a badly lacerated right hand and bruises. Mr. Horner said when he telephoned from the hospital in Tucumcari, Mr. and Mrs. Horner left here 10 days ago on a vacation trip which was to include visits with relatives and friends in Kansas, Missouri and New Mexico. They had planned to return to Medford a week from tomorrow.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 22 (P)—Torrential rains raging over entire eastern New Mexico left at least 15 persons missing today, threatened the city of Roswell with a major flood, shattered gas lines to Albuquerque and sent walls of water roaring into Carlsbad.

A dozen persons were still missing in Carlsbad after a 22-foot wall of water came down the canyons on the outskirts of the city Saturday night. Authorities expressed fear the fate of some might never be known.

At the northern end of the state, a father and his two children were missing when caught by a four-foot wall of water racing down the Vermejo river at Stag canyon above Dawson, on the Colorado line.

Two Fires Damage Portland Property

Portland, Sept. 22.—(P)—Two fires caused damages totaling \$35,000 here yesterday. Fire Investigator Norman R. Howard reported today.

One blaze, starting in the hopper of a grinder at the Sunset Feed Mills, caused \$13,000 damage there and \$20,000 damage to the adjoining Mercer Steel company, Howard said.

The second fire, started from an oil burner, caused \$20,000 damage to a business and apartment block at Southeast 25th avenue and Clinton Street.

BURGLARS TAKE 500-POUND SAFE FROM CREAMERY

A safe weighing 500 pounds and containing \$100 in cash was hauled out of the office at Grover's Dairy Products company sometime after 11 p. m. Saturday by burglars who used a stolen car to make their getaway with the two and a half foot strongbox.

The automobile a 1936 Ford V-8 sedan, was discovered abandoned this morning in an irrigation ditch near the home of the Rev. L. F. Belknap, at the end of the first lane south of the Jackson county fairgrounds. The car was undamaged, police said, and apparently had run into the ditch when it failed to negotiate a slight curve in the road.

The safe was not found in the vicinity, and police were of the opinion that it had been transported to another location, broken open and that the burglars had driven down Belknap lane on their return to Medford.

Entrance to the dairy was effected by removing a screen and window in the boiler room at the rear of the building, police reported. The safe was taken out a small front door, which was unlocked from the inside, on a rubber-tired hand truck. It was trucked onto the sidewalk on Sixth street and thence around to the alley at the west side of the building, and loaded into the car.

The automobile is owned by Charles E. Ford of 117 North Oakdale avenue, who told police the car, parked in back of his residence, was stolen sometime after 9:15 p. m. Saturday. Police said tire marks indicated the burglars had pushed the car south from its parking place down the alley to a position near the dairy, and that other marks in the alley showed here the safe had been lifted into the car.

Frank R. Pasmore, manager of the dairy, said that nothing else in the establishment was disturbed.

Young Wife Killed In Klamath Smashup

Klamath Falls, Sept. 22.—(P)—Mrs. Beten Ellen Berman, 20, San Francisco, was fatally injured early Sunday morning when the car she was driving rolled off The Dalles-California highway 67 miles north of here. Mrs. Berman died late yesterday in a Klamath Falls hospital. Her husband, Harold Berman, 23, Bethlehem shipyard employee, was asleep in the back seat at the time of the crash and was uninjured.

NAZIS MAY OCCUPY ALL OF FRANCE IF ATTACKS CONTINUE

Some in Vichy Fear Grave New Difficulties With Conquerors—Petain Appeals.

Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 22.—(P)—Authoritative sources declared here today that some elements in Vichy fear that all France may be occupied if shootings and sabotage attributed to communist elements persist in the German-occupied zone.

Marshal Petain's appeal yesterday against saboteurs in the occupied area, these sources said, was important primarily as an appeal for French unity against the danger of grave new difficulties with the German army.

Petain, it was believed, hoped to put himself forward as a symbol of unity in order to keep France in her present status until the war is decided.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Sept. 22.—(P)—A vow in the name of the German army delivered at the bier of a captain killed by terrorists in Paris to "employ every means that these attacks, which cause indignation in all honorable men, shall not go unpunished," was disclosed today in the Paris press.

The press accounts of the funeral, disclosing that the captain was shot last Tuesday, was the first disclosure that a commissioned officer had been killed in disorders about that time.

It had been known that a non-commissioned officer was fatally shot Monday night and it was previously presumed that it was for the death of the non-commissioned man that the Germans shot 12 hostages at Paris last Saturday.

CRASH CAR DRIVER SOUGHT BY POLICE

City police today were searching for the driver of an automobile that early Sunday morning crashed head-on into a machine operated by Walter J. Berkeheimer in front of the Utopia Auto court on South Riverside avenue, careened across the highway and landed against a group of mail boxes in front of the auto court.

Following the accident, police said, the driver jumped out of the car, dashed around the auto camp and disappeared. The automobile was owned by Donald Gail Swain of Strathmore, Cal., police said, and added that they would contact Swain today in an effort to learn the identity of the driver. Swain was not driving the machine when the accident occurred, police stated.

Both machines were damaged considerably, but nobody was injured.

Peace in Six Months or Long Drawn War Pends on Outcome of Struggle in Russia

Washington, Sept. 22.—(P)—Two senators in close touch with the international situation said today that the outcome of the present all-out drive for a decision in Russia would decide whether the Nazis would have to sue for peace within six months or whether they would be in a position to wage a long war.

Both legislators are high ranking members of the foreign relations committee, but neither one would authorize the publication of his name in connection with the forecast.

One said he had been advised that state department authorities believe the present German

CAPTURE OF KIEV EMPHASIZES NEED FOR SPEEDING AID

British Commentators Say No Help Too Great For Russians—Tanks Needed.

Moscow, Sept. 22.—(P)—The British and United States delegations to the Moscow conference on aid to Russia against Germany have arrived by air "in territory of the U. S. S. R.," an official announcement said tonight.

London, Sept. 22.—(P)—The German victory at Kiev was seen in British circles today as strongly underlining need for swift British and United States action to rush the greatest help to Soviet Russia in the shortest time.

Newspaper commentators declared that no help was too great for the Russians, and British tank-makers lent emphasis to that feeling by starting full force on a week during which the entire British tank output will go to Russia.

Tanks Main Need
A plea for "tanks and more tanks—and yet more tanks" was sounded last night by Ivan Maisky, soviet ambassador to Britain.

The Germans, having taken Kiev, probably are aiming their next major thrust at Rostov, at the mouth of the River Don, authoritative sources said.

Rostov, on the sea of Azov, is important to Russia not only as a port for water-borne reinforcement of Crimea but also as a gateway to the Caucasus and its oil fields.

In the 93-day-old Russian campaign, the Germans reported today that about 30 Soviet divisions—perhaps 450,000 troops—had been "annihilated" so far in a trap east of Kiev.

Four Red armies encircled there were reported struggling to blast their way out of the Nazi ring.

While the Germans asserted the beleaguered armies were tightly sealed, Moscow dispatches said they were seeking to fall back to Kharkov, in the heart of the Donets river industrial basin.

The Russians said defenders of Leningrad and Odessa, siege of the Black Sea port, were inflicting enormous casualties on the Germans as the struggle entered its fourth month.

Leningrad Blasted
Leningrad's position apparently was growing more critical by the hour. Soviet dispatches admitted that Nazi dive-bombers were smashing at the old Czarist capital and its 3,200,000 population with "such ferocity it seems the earth itself will split."

Moreover the Germans reported that Nazi shore batteries had frustrated an attempt by Russian warships to flee the beleaguered Kronstadt island naval base, 20 miles east of Leningrad.

Men in the army use an average of a pint of fresh milk a day, or a total of about 700,000 quarts.

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thrusts would mark the turning point of the war.
The other said his information was that the Germans were striving to cut the red army to pieces before winter sets in. If they failed, he added, they probably would have to abandon the Russian campaign and attempt to arrange a peace with the Soviet and Great Britain.

This senator declared that Germany was staking everything on her current drive and "is throwing away men like paper dolls" in order to achieve her objectives along the 1,800-mile fighting front.

From Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), another member of the foreign relations committee, came a statement that the outcome of

BASEBALL

National
Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—(P)—The battling Brooklyn Dodgers moved a game and a half in front of St. Louis in the tough National league pennant race today by blanking the Phillies 5 to 0 behind the airtight hurling of Curt Davis.

Brooklyn..... 5 8 0
Philadelphia..... 0 6 0
Davis and Owen; Melton, Hoerst and Warren.

(1st game)
Boston..... 3 9 1
New York..... 5 9 4
Salvo and Berres; Hubbell and Odea.

(2nd game)
Boston..... 2 6 2
New York..... 1 10 0
Errickson, Javery and Masi; Koslo and Danning.

American
Score: R. H. E.
Detroit..... 11 18 0
Chicago..... 0 6 1
Benton, Thomas and Tebbets; Dietrich, Humphries, Appleton and Turner.

Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 5 8 0
Cleveland..... 0 7 0
Niggeling and Ferrell; Feller, Kraskauskas and Desautels, Hegan.

ASHLAND HUNTER SPENDS NIGHT OUT IN BOW GAP AREA

Major N. W. Lisle of Ashland, a retired army officer, returned to his home Sunday morning none the worse for having spent Saturday night in the Bow Gap-Trail camp section on the Ashland loop road. He was reported lost late Saturday, and was the object of a search by the sheriff's office, state police, a government hunter and others.

Major Lisle was taken to Bow Gap Saturday by his wife for a deer hunt, with the understanding she would pick him up in the evening. In trying to reach Trail camp he took the wrong trail. Darkness overtook him and he then put up for the night, rather than travel in the dark.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 22.—(P)—Deer hunter's bullets killed Clarence E. Talbot, Shevlin, Ore., yesterday.

Talbot, slain in central Oregon by a stray bullet, was the state's second fatality in the hunting season that opened Saturday.

First fatality was that of Harry Lawrence, 21, Cove, Ore., in the Walla Walla foothills Saturday.

T. B. Gonnell, 69, Ashland, Ore., died in the southern part of the state a few moments after shooting a deer. A heart attack was blamed.

Ex-Mayor Sentenced
Seattle, Sept. 22.—(P)—Ernest Parker Wilson, 50, former mayor of Renton, Wash., was sentenced today to serve 10 years after pleading guilty in federal district court to embezzling \$23,616 from the First Federal Savings and Loan association, of which he was president.

MRS. M'BEE DIES OF CRASH INJURY

Mrs. Archie McBees, 62, of 206 Cottage street, died at Community hospital shortly after noon today from injuries received in an auto accident, August 31, on the Diamond Lake highway which also claimed the life of her daughter, Mrs. Albert R. Barrow.

Mrs. McBees has been in Community hospital since the accident.

Surviving are her husband, a son, Capt. Weldon H. McBees, Fort Lewis and a sister, Mrs. Edward Taylor of Monterey, Cal. A complete obituary will be published tomorrow.

SPANISH ENVOY CALLED HOME FROM HAVANA

Havana, Cuba, Sept. 22.—(P)—The Spanish charge d'affaires here, Miguel Spelius, left by plane for Miami this morning, en route to Spain, without making public the reason for his departure. Diplomatic circles said that he had been urgently recalled by his government but the legation here would not

BLUEPRINTS, DATA FOR CANTONMENT READY TOMORROW

Staff at Armory Reduced As Task of Army Camp Planning Nears Windup.

Members of the architect-engineer staff today were assembling the plans and specifications of the proposed Beagle-Antelope army cantonment so that they will be in form tomorrow for final review by higher army authorities, Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster, said today.

The plans and specifications will also be in form tomorrow so that bids could be let for prompt construction if authority and funds to establish the camp here should be provided, Capt. Bean said. He emphasized, however, that the status of the projected cantonment is still the same as it has been from the start, namely, on an "if, as and when" basis. Army officials have asserted from the beginning that erection of the camp here depended upon the granting of authority and the appropriation of funds.

Meantime the architect-engineering office has a little work left to do in making final reports on investigations and surveys, Capt. Bean said. The staff is being cut down as phases of the work are completed, about 40 having been paid off yesterday, leaving about 110 on the staff today.

TWO NABBED WITH CAR STOLEN HERE

A 1937 Packard sedan, stolen from the used car lot of Skinner's garage at 7:25 a. m. today, was recovered by state police about two hours later on the Pacific highway near Azalea between Wolf Creek and Canyonville and two male occupants of the machine were taken into custody and were being returned to Medford for questioning.

One of the men, believed to have been the driver of the car, jumped out when it was stopped by a state patrolman and ran into the brush alongside the road. He was captured about two hours later, although no details of the chase were learned immediately by local state police headquarters.

The other man, police said, remained in the car and claimed he was a hitchhiker who was picked up by the driver. Neither man's names were known here this afternoon.

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