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Forecast: Fair tonight and increasing cloudiness Wednesday. Mild temperature.
Temperature
Highest Yesterday 83
Lowest this Morning 42
Precipitation past 24 hours .00

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

New Age Limit Ousts Officers

Trade Rumored For Waterway

Farm Inflation Meeting Called

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—(AP)—War department is swinging the ax on officers at Camp Murray and Fort Lewis, where the Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana national guard and regular units are located. The new age limit for ranks is expected to strike within a few weeks. This is part of the administration's program to place younger men in command, to boost to important positions the middle-aged before they become atrophied.

To determine who will be retired, regardless of their efficiency, all that is necessary is to know the rank and age of the officer. The rank is known to anyone curious; the age is what can be regarded as a "military secret," known in the files at the war department.

Major generals will be retired from active duty at the age of 62 (two years under the former limit). Brigadier generals are ousted at 60. A full colonel is to be retired at 55 and a lieutenant colonel at 52, while a major passes out at 47. Captains who hold that grade at 42 return to civil life; first lieutenants at 35, and second lieutenants at 30.

AFTER the first world war there was a "hump" in the army. Thousands of officers remained in the service and, as advancement was slow, it was a struggle for officers in the lower branches to win promotion, so they remained stagnant, accumulated years and not much experience qualifying

MORE ENTER U. OF O.

Eugene, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Pre-registration figures at the University of Oregon disclose that 1524 students intend to enter school this fall, an increase of 47 over figures of the same date last year.

Portland, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Herbert Green, an employee of the Portland automobile testing station, was arrested yesterday for failing to have his car tested.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press.
(Time is Pacific standard.)
Tonight, the war—3:30 NBC-Blue; 6 MBS; 6:45 CBS; 7 NBC CBS; 8:30 MBS; 8:55 NBC CBS. MBS—4 Pennant Contenders; 5 Sen. Gerald P. Nye on "Asking For Trouble."

Wednesday, the war—7 MBS; 8 MBS; 9:45 NBC; 10 MBS; 11:55 CBS MBS; 12:55 p. m. NBC-Blue; 2 MBS; 2:25 NBC-Red; 2:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

Army maneuvers—CBS 12:30. NBC-Blue 12:45. MBS 2:30. CBS—2:30 talk, Sen. H. H. Burton.

Short waves: RNE Moscow 3:45 news; HAT4 Budapest 4:30 news and concert; DJD DZD Berlin 6:45 cabaret; GSC GSD London 7:15 Britain Speaks.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Chief Roy Elliott keeping his promise to come back from eastern Oregon with at least a three-point buck, much to the consternation of certain friends who were rash enough to wager he wouldn't.

William Strahan sadly telling about the fellow who beat him to it and bagged the fine buck he had been keeping an eye on for two months.

Ed Thomas looking forward to seeing his first Rose Bowl football game, he having ordered his tickets last May, though having heard nothing from his order yet.

INVADERS COUNTER WITH CLAIMS OF GENERAL SUCCESS

Soviet Newspaper Says Up To 50,000 German Casualties Lake Ilmen Battle.

London, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Certain London quarters speculated tonight on the possibility that a British land expedition might fight alongside the Russians to defend the oil riches of the Caucasus.

Officials were silent.

By the Associated Press
Red army troops battling to save Leningrad were reported today to have stemmed the German onslaught in bitter fighting around Lake Ilmen, south of the old Czarist capital, and hurled the Nazi invaders back seven miles in fierce bayonet charges elsewhere on the Leningrad front.

Red Star, Soviet army newspaper, said that the Germans lost up to 50,000 killed, wounded and captured in the Lake Ilmen fighting, and that the Russians had launched successful counter-attacks.

By contrast, Nazi front-line dispatches indicated that the Red armies were in desperate straits along the entire front from Leningrad to the Black sea, and the German high command reported the destruction of 50 Soviet divisions—about 750,000 troops—including 380,000 prisoners captured in the bloody trap 125 miles east of Kiev.

Even the Russian counter-offensive on the central front was declared to have been halted. "Many Soviet units lost two-thirds or more of their strength in attempts to dash against the German lines," Nazi dispatches said of fighting on the central front.

"The Bolsheviks literally stormed over the corpses of the slain into German fire. They were thrown back everywhere."

Retreat Claimed
Italian reports pictured the Russians in chaotic retreat in the Ukraine, abandoning their heavy guns as they fled.

In London, Russian Ambassador Ivan M. Maisky declared that in three months of war Germany has lost 3,000,000 men in killed, wounded or missing—one-third of the entire Nazi army.

Maisky described the German high command's report last week on German losses as "utterly ridiculous." The high command, on September 19, placed Nazi losses in the first two months of the war at only 85,890 dead, 296,670 wounded and 20,299 missing.

CAMP PLANNERS STAFF TO SHRINK

Further reductions will be made in the coming week in the architect-engineer staff working on the proposed Medford army cantonment until only a skeleton force remains, Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster, said today.

A skeleton staff may be kept here for some time working on minor and last-minute changes made by the war department and affecting the drawings for the proposed cantonment here. Capt. Bean related. It was indicated changes in camp set-ups are being made as military circumstances change.

FOUR ASSESSED FINES FOR AUTO INFRACOES

Otis M. Garrett, Talent, was fined \$2.50 and costs for passing another auto with insufficient clearance, in justice court yesterday. Other fines were imposed as follows:

Jesse P. Todd, Route 2, \$2.50 and costs for having no clearance lights; Woodrow L. Reich, Route 2, \$1 and costs for having no muffler; Robert H. Corlies, Route 2, \$1 and costs for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Queen Nina Tuttle and Princesses



Ruling over the second annual Medford rodeo last week-end was Queen Nina Tuttle, beautiful, dark-haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby G. Tuttle of the Table Rock Orchards. Queen Nina (center) who is an excellent horsewoman, is flanked by her princesses, Susan Villas (left) and Dorothy Hayes (right). The queen was chosen by popular applause and riding ability at the football game here last Friday night. (Brainerd photo.)

Capital Wonders if Latest Sinking Is Open Challenge to United States

Washington, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The sea war added another American-owned merchantman to its toll today, and the capital wondered whether this latest sinking was meant to be an open challenge to President Roosevelt's shoot-on-sight order which barred the "defensive waters" of the United States to all axis raiders.

Smoke Bombs Guide Forest Rangers to Bomber Wreckage

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 22.—(AP) Guided by smoke bombs dropped by bombardment plane crews, five forest rangers toiled today through the rugged wilderness toward the top of 7,700-foot Mt. Constance, on the Olympic peninsula, blazing a trail to where the wreckage of a twin-engine bomber was sighted yesterday.

The rangers were choosing a trail that would permit a rescue party of soldiers to start tomorrow morning on an all-day climb to recover the bodies of the crew.

The trip will necessitate a 12-mile hike with pack mules.

RETURN M'ARTHUR ON THEFT CHARGE

Gordon Lee McArthur, 16, of North Bend was returned to the county jail from Grants Pass last night and will be arraigned in justice of the peace court tomorrow on a charge of auto theft involving the alleged theft of a 1937 Packard sedan from Skinner's used car lot early Monday morning.

McArthur was arrested by state police on the Pacific highway near Azalea about noon yesterday, after he had jumped out of the car when it was stopped by the state patrolmen.

A hitchhiker riding in the car with McArthur was released.

Restaurant Builder Has Labor Trouble

The Medford Building Trades Council has established a picket line at the drive-in restaurant being constructed by Henry Byers on North Riverside avenue just north of the Coffee Pot because, according to Charles W. Towers, secretary, union labor was not being employed and the union wage scale was not being paid carpenters and laborers.

One picket was in front of the building during working hours.

NEUTRALITY ACT REMOVAL URGED BY SECY. KNOX

Launching of New Battleship Occasion For Plea—U. S. Efforts Crippled, Claim.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox today watched the huge 35,000-ton battleship Massachusetts slide down the ways of the Fore river shipyards and then declared to a crowd of thousands attending the launching that the neutrality act was "crippling" the efforts of this country and should be immediately repealed.

"There should be no handicap on those who are trying to keep war away from these shores," the navy secretary said.

Must Hurry
"We must waste no time in repealing the neutrality act," the mighty Massachusetts was launched without a slip-up. The keel of a new cruiser, the U. S. S. Flint, was laid on the spot just vacated by the Massachusetts before the bow of the battleship had entered the water.

Knox asserted that recent events on the Russian front had made "the prospect of victory dim."

He did not elaborate on this, except to say that the casualties in Russia were greater than in any other conflict in history, and that the fighting in Russia had "a direct bearing on our own situation."

He said it was possible that the battleship just launched might have to "participate in another fight for human liberty."

The Massachusetts and other battleships recently launched or building would carry the heaviest guns afloat, he said, and would participate in the job handed to the navy of "seeing that the sea lanes between this country and Great Britain are kept free."

SALE OF BOOTLEG BRINGS \$100 FINE

R. S. Farra, charged with sale of intoxicating liquor, was given a suspended sentence of six months and fined \$100 and costs by Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman yesterday. The defendant was arrested on the same charge about a month ago.

In passing sentence, the court reprimanded him lengthily.

Farra was arrested at his home Sunday, after an asserted sale to a taxicab driver. The arrest was made by state dry law agents.

O. S. C. REGISTRY DIPS

Corvallis, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP) Opening day registration at Oregon State college was 1,328, compared with 1,356 on the same day last year. Despite predictions of a sharp drop in the number of freshmen, 1,218 signed up, only nine less than in 1940.

\$10 REWARD FOR CREAMERY SAFE

While state and city police continued to search for the 500-pound safe stolen from Grover's Dairy Products company sometime after 11 p. m. Saturday night, Howard G. Grover, owner of the dairy, today announced a \$10 reward for its discovery.

Police said they believed the safe would be found somewhere south of Medford, probably in the rural district, as the stolen car in which it was transported from the dairy was found abandoned in Belknap lane south of the fairgrounds.

The safe, besides containing about \$100 in cash, held books and papers valuable only to the dairy.

Anybody finding the safe is asked to contact state or city police, or the dairy.

BASEBALL

National
Pittsburgh, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals swept to a 9 to 0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the second game of their double-header today after dropping a 4 to 0 decision in the opener, and wound up still a game and a half behind the idle Brooklyn Dodgers.

First game: R. H. E.
St. Louis 9 6 5
Pittsburgh 4 5 0
M. Cooper, Shoun, Hutchinson and Mancuso, W. Cooper; Heinzelman and Lopez.

Second game: R. H. E.
St. Louis 9 8 0
Pittsburgh 0 8 4
Lanier and Mancuso; Sewell, Sullivan and Smith.

Score: R. H. E.
Chicago 5 9 0
Cincinnati 1 8 4
Lee and Scheffling; Vander Meer, Turner, Beggs, and Lombardi.

First game: R. H. E.
New York 2 7 1
Philadelphia 8 13 1
Melton, Bowman, Wittig and Hartnett, Blaemire; Masterson and Livingston.

Score: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 9 11 2
New York 8 13 4
Vaughan, Besse and Wagner; Ruffing, Branch and Dickey, Rosar.

Second game: R. H. E.
New York 8 11 1
Philadelphia 6 11 3
East, Adams and Odea; Jones, Harman and Livingston.

WHEELER HEARERS BOO AT MENTION OF LINDY'S NAME

Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, leader among senate isolationists, last night told 4300 Portlanders that he held Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini and Churchill in equal distrust.

He advised Americans to ask themselves when they pay their taxes next March whether "you want to give away money to China, Russia, England and South America."

Although the crowd booed the names of Charles A. Lindbergh and Wendell Willkie the meeting was orderly.

The Montanan predicted that participation in the current war would hoist America's national debt to "200 or 300 billion." He scoffed at invasion talk, asserting there weren't enough ships in the world to carry an adequate army to American shores.

Seattle, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Giving up his announced intention of seeking court aid, Otto A. Case, America first committee state chairman, announced today that isolationist Senator Burton K. Wheeler would speak at the Metropolitan theater tonight, after the Eagles lodge had cancelled permission to use its aerie auditorium here.

The lodge hall seats 3,500; the theater about 1,700.

Mae West Calm, Unruffled While Court Hears "Alimony" Seeker

San Bernardino, Calif., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Mae West made one of her rare court appearances today. Wearing a black picture hat with veil, a dark suit, white satin blouse and white coat, Mae remained calm and unruffled as attorneys for Frank Wallace questioned her in his suit for \$1,000 a month separate maintenance.

Once, however, when she was being quizzed about how much she paid for certain stocks and bonds, she snapped:

"Look, I haven't got a book-keeper's mind. I can't remember what I paid for those things five and six years ago."

Mae told the court she never had employed detectives to shadow Wallace. She denied she had ever done anything to cause him to lose jobs, as he charged yesterday.

Miss West was asked if she had told newspapermen: Frank Wallace is crazy if he says I am married to him." She admitted making the statement but claimed she had been shown a photograph of Wallace and identified it as another man named Wallace with whom she had appeared in a movie.

"I denied I was married to Wallace," Mae said, "but I never denied that I had been married. I thought Frank Wallace had married again, so I figured I wasn't married to him."

Wallace testified he remarried because he thought Miss West had remarried. His second wife was Rae Blakesly, whom he married in February, 1916.

BILLION NEEDED TO FEED BRITISH WICKARD CLAIMS

England Now On Short Rations Secretary Reveals In Lend-Lease Talk.

Washington, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Testifying that England now was on short rations, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today a minimum of \$1,000,000,000 was needed to supply England with food during the next five months.

Wickard was one of the first witnesses before the house appropriations committee as it started hearings on President Roosevelt's request for an additional \$5,985,000,000 for lend-lease aid.

Depends On Us
"Great Britain is dependent upon North America for huge quantities of food stuffs," Wickard testified. "The deficit has to be made up from this country and Canada unless the British are to lose to Nazi Germany."

Another witness, Lend-Lease Administrator E. R. Stettinius, was said by committee members to have urged them to reject any prohibitions which would bar aid to Russia.

At the same time, however, members said Stettinius explained that it was not the policy of the government now to aid Russia through the lend-lease program but emphasized that in view of the uncertainty of the future, any restrictive provisions would be especially undesirable.

HURRICANE NEARS SHORES OF TEXAS

Houston, Texas, Sept. 23.—(AP) The tropical hurricane that has kept a fearful Texas gulf coast on edge for two or three days was believed nearing the shore in the vicinity of Freeport and Matagorda at noon today.

Coastguard headquarters at Galveston reported winds of 70 to 75 miles an hour at Freeport and 65 to 70 at Matagorda.

C. P. Kendall, Sr., editor of the Freeport Fact, said "the wind is howling through the town, but there has been very little damage so far."

"A number of small fishing and pleasure boats in the channel and along the river have been sunk."

Fugitive Matricide In Quick Surrender

Goldendale, Sept. 23.—(AP)—After a day and night of wandering over the countryside, Eric Miller, 22-year-old convicted slayer of his mother who escaped from the county jail Sunday night, gave himself up at a farmer's home 15 miles from here early today.

The youth surrendered at the home of Joe Yeackel, a Centerville farmer, about 8 a. m. Yeackel's wife was alone. Her husband was digging a grave in a cemetery two miles away, and Miller accompanied Mrs. Yeackel to her husband. He brought Miller here to the sheriff's office.

Medfordites Crave To Watch Skywriter

Many southern Oregon residents stretched their necks skyward this morning to see what antics a gyrating pilot was up to. The pilot, Elwood Kemi, was a skywriter, and he was leaving a calling card five miles long and half a mile high. He wrote the name "Pepsi-Cola."

Keim, in his Pepsi-Cola plane, a Laird biplane, was en route to Florida for a vacation after a full season of skywriting. He figured he has written "Pepsi-Cola" in the sky 1400 times. Skywriting, he related, is done at a level of 10,000 feet.