

4-H Livestock Show Opens Three-Day Run at Fairgrounds

Weather
Full U. S. Weather Bureau report inside
Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday. Temperature above normal.
Temperature
Highest Yesterday 85
Lowest this Morning 43
Precipitation past 24 hours .00

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REDS ROUT LENINGRAD ATTACKERS

Kelly's Comment
From Washington
Cantonment May Hinge On Japan
High Officials Deny Rumors
Another Columbia Dam Talked
By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—There is a whisper circulating that if the Japanese situation simmers down and the mikado gives assurance that his military men will be restrained in the future, a very decided change will take place in the defense preparations of the Pacific northwest; that these preparations will be frozen. As is common knowledge, the defense which the army and navy have been, and are, installing from Alaska, through Washington, Oregon and California has been primarily undertaken in anticipation of a warlike move by Japan. Some there are who assert that the entire program on the west coast has been a bluff; something to impress Japan and show that the United States can "go to town" if necessary.

It is hinted that, provided Japan ceases its belligerent attitude, there will be no occasion to spend additional millions in the construction of cantonments, air bases, etc., as the incentive to build such defense will have vanished, but that similar defenses on the Atlantic coast will be strengthened, as will those bases in the Caribbean.

DESPITE this persistent rumor, high government officials, in discussing the situation of the record, declare there is no foundation for such conclusions; that the army and navy will proceed with their plans and that there will be no relinquishment of the determination to build up a strong defense from one end of the Pacific coast to the other. Regardless, say these sources, of a peaceful attitude

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44 LEAVE GRANTS PASS FOR LABOR ON MIDWAY

Grants Pass, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Forty-four men were to leave here today and tomorrow for Midway Island, bringing to 600 the number of men signed up in southern Oregon for naval base construction work there.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight, the war—4:35 p. m., CBS; 5:15 MBS; 5:30 NBC-Blue; 6 MBS; 6:45 CBS; 8 NBC, CBS, CBS, 6:15 talk, Pierce Butler, Jr.
NBC-Blue, 6:30, Mayor La Guardia on "Police and Civilian Defense."
Thursday, the war—8 MBS; 9:45 NBC; 10 MBS; 11:55 CBS, MBS; 12:35 p. m., NBC-Blue; 2 CBS, MBS; 2:35 NBC-Red; 2:45 CBS, NBC-Blue.
Army maneuvers: CBS 12:30, NBC-Blue 12:45, MBS 2:30.
CBS, 2:30, David Cushman Coyle on "Battle of Atlantic."
Short waves: VLQT, Sydney, 1:55 music; GSC, GSD, London, 4:30 Britain Speaks; RV96 Moscow, 6:30 English period; DJD, DZD, Berlin, 7:30 news.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Bob Kyle looking at some of the later numbers in gents' clothing.
Lloyd Williamson promising a story a month ago and then disappearing.
Frank Ovelman catching up with his orders by making early morning delivery.

NAZIS FALL BACK OVER BATTLEFIELD STREWN WITH DEAD

Fierce Counter Blows By Russians On Center Front Eases Ukraine Pressure.

By the Associated Press
Red armies defending Leningrad were reported hurling the Germans back over a battlefield littered with Nazi corpses today, while on the central front, fierce Russian counter-blows were pictured as easing the pressure on Marshal Semeon Budenny's battered armies in the Ukraine.

German front-line dispatches, by contrast, asserted that Nazi troops had stormed two villages just outside Leningrad and advanced within sight of part of the port city's docks.

Infantry Routed
The Germans said Red troops were launching counter-attacks in swift succession but that they seemed to be losing force.

Red Star, Soviet army newspaper, said Russian troops in an all-day assault routed the 136th German infantry division and recaptured a point on the approaches to Leningrad. Tank-supported German counter-attacks were repulsed, Red Star said, and large-scale Nazi onslaughts southeast of the old czarist capital also failed.

The Germans, admitting bitter Soviet resistance around Leningrad, emphasized what they called a mighty battle of annihilation 125 miles east of Kiev, where the count of Russian prisoners enmeshed in a trap was reported nearing 500,000.

The Russians reported defeating Rumanian troops in the siege of Odessa, Black Sea port, and declared that a second German attempt to capture Murmansk, Russia's ice-free Arctic port, had ended in complete failure.

Bulgarian Denial
Reports that Bulgaria might enter the European conflict met a belated disclaimer by Bulgarian Minister of the Interior Peter Grabrovsky, who told foreign correspondents in Sofia that his country did not intend to go to war against Russia.

"Bulgaria has no aggressive intentions against anyone," he said. "No pressure of any kind has been exerted on the Bulgarian government from any quarter."

British warplanes have now gone into action for the first time on the three-month-old eastern battlefield, the air ministry announced in London.

"A number of patrols have been flown in bad weather and there have been successful encounters with enemy fighters," the ministry said, adding that seven German planes had been destroyed in the initial engagements with the loss of only one RAF fighter.

Russia officially denied the German assertion that four Red armies had been trapped east of Kiev.

BASEBALL

National
Pittsburgh, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals kept alive their slim hopes of winning the National league pennant today by defeating the Pirates 4 to 0 as Harry Dumbert hurled six-hit ball for his sixth straight victory.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4	12	0
Pittsburgh	0	6	1
Gumbert and Mancuso; Lanning, Klinger, Sewell and Lopez.			
Brooklyn	4	10	2
Boston	2	5	1
Higbe, Casey and Owen, Franks; Tobin and Berres, Massi.			
Chicago	0	6	2
Cincinnati	2	4	0
Lanfranconi, Kush, V. Olson and Scheffing; Walters and Lombardi.			

(1st game). R. H. E.
New York 4 10 1
Philadelphia 1 7 0
Schumacher and O'Dea; Johnson, Grissom, F. Melton and Warren.

Second game: R. H. E.
New York 2 10 0
Philadelphia 0 2 1
Sunkel and Hartnett; Lambert, Beck and Livingston, Warren.

American
Philadelphia 2 6 1
New York 7 11 3
Marchildon, Shirley and Wagner; Donald and Silvestri.

(1st game). R. H. E.
Boston 7 9 1
Washington 2 4 3
Wagner and Peacock; Leonard, Anderson and Early, Evans.

British Propaganda Rapped for Failure To Impress America

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Major William D. Whitney, assistant to the coordinator of American aid to Britain, criticized British propaganda today as having failed to impress the American public with the seriousness of the battle of the Atlantic.

"It's better to run the risk of informing the enemy than run the risk of not telling your partner," he declared in a luncheon address before the English-speaking union.

Whitney declared that during the critical months of the battle of the Atlantic, American correspondents walked the corridors of Whitehall "in supplication and despair" because of their fruitless efforts to tell the story to the United States.

Avid for war pictures, American papers were constrained to use "the Nazi product," he said, with the result that Americans absorbed the picture that the German army and air force were irresistible.

MOTT TO ATTEND

Portland, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Congressman James W. Mott of Salem, advised Ernest M. Jachetta, state president, today that he would attend the state convention of Oregon Republican clubs in Roseburg Sept. 26-27.

Medford Women Not Poor Drivers

Say Officers; Evidence Is Offered
The traffic division of the city police department today took exception to Dan Rolands, who in a letter to the Mail Tribune yesterday condemned women automobile drivers and blamed them for accidents.

BOARD TO ORDER ONE CENT BOOST IN MILK PRICES

Medford Association Gets 'Proposed Order' From State—Effective Oct. 1.

In a "proposed" order, the Oregon milk control board establishes new minimum prices for milk and cream in the Jackson county marketing area effective October 1, raising the price of milk one cent a quart. The increases are in accordance with a request filed with the board by the Medford Milk Producer-Distributor association recently and come after the board's recent hearing in the Jackson county courthouse.

The board's order itself has all the appearance of being final and is labeled "official order No. 181." Though it has not been made public by the board, it has been sent to milk producers and distributors. An accompanying letter, however, refers to the order as "a proposed order" and states that the "proposed order is submitted to you for such criticism as you may have and if such criticism is filed in writing and in the hands of the board by September 25 the board will give it such consideration as it may warrant." The letter continues: "Upon consideration of any suggestions made the board will promulgate an order to become effective October 1, 1941."

Long Document

The board's "proposed" order is a lengthy document of 12 pages. Besides increasing the minimum milk and cream prices, it provides that effective October 1 distributors must pay producers a minimum 67 cents per pound butterfat f.o.b. distributor plant. The present price paid producers is 58 cents a pound, a short time ago the Snider Dairy & Produce company announced it had voluntarily raised the price paid producers to 65 cents.

The order also provides that "a minimum charge of one cent per bottle shall be charged whenever a dealer uses any special bottle cap or cover not required by the sanitary authority having jurisdiction."

This provision of the "proposed" order bears directly on the lip-seal cap introduced a short time ago by Snider's and removed when the board at that time ruled an extra cent a quart would have to be charged. Subsequently a public hearing was held on the matter by the board here. Snider's contending the lip-seal cap cost the firm less than one-tenth of a cent and was in fact cheaper than the ordinary paper cap.

Caps Up To Council
The board's ruling would appear to throw the matter of caps back into the lap of the Medford city council. After the bottle cap matter came up, the council adopted a new milk control ordinance to conform with the latest U. S. public health service model law but all reference to bottle caps was purposely left out, to avoid taking sides in the controversy, it was explained.

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CAPRICIOUS GALE BUFFETS HOUSTON; THREE LEFT DEAD

Many Injured, Millions In Damage—Storm Races Toward N.W. Louisiana.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 24.—(AP)—A capricious hurricane raced toward northwestern Louisiana today after striking a full and unexpected blow at Houston, Texas' largest city.

Three persons were dead, many injured, damage ranged into millions of dollars.

After a surprise visitation to this metropolitan area of 500,000 persons, the storm moved toward a sector between Natchitoches, La., and Shreveport, but its velocity was diminishing from that of 60 to 77-miles-an-hour which buffeted Houston.

The city, caught unaware after the weather bureau yesterday afternoon predicted it was safe, was without electric power in some sections and had a low water pressure.

One Pump Functions

Only one steam-operated pumping plant was able to function. Others, electrically operated, shut down when the current went off. They expected to resume service soon.

Houses and buildings were unroofed; flimsy structures were blown down; streets were flooded.

Plate glass windows in downtown stores were shattered along broad Main street, which was eight inches under water in some spots.

Eight hundred Texas defense guardsmen assisted the police in preventing looting.

F. Marx, a home defense trooper on patrol duty, was showered with diamonds from a shattered window in a jewelry store.

"I'm a single man and I sure could have used one of those engagement rings," he said.

PEAR DIVERSION PROGRAM TAKES 400,000 BOXES

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The agriculture department announced today a domestic pear diversion program for the 1941-42 season in Oregon, Washington and California.

The department said payments of 30 cents a box would be made for pears diverted from normal trade channels and sold in designated states. Payments will be limited to pears grading U. S. No. 2 or better for varieties except the Hardy which is limited to U. S. No. 1 or better.

The department said the diversion program, intended to encourage domestic consumption of fall and winter pears grown in the Pacific coast states, would be limited to 400,000 boxes. Payments last season were 40 cents a box.

The Oregon-Washington-California Pear league will administer the program.

The total last year allowed by the agriculture department was 600,000 boxes of which 400,000 were actually diverted, records show. Last year, however, both export and domestic markets were available for the diversion program whereas this year there are no export markets.

Headquarters of the Oregon-Washington-California Pear league, which administers the program, said that the program would be helpful even with the reduced allotment and lower payment allowance. The league, of which Ralph G. Bardwell is manager, has headquarters in the Liberty building here.

La Grande, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—The state employment office here has appealed for additional workers to help in the hay harvest.

Germans At Kiev Citadel



German troops, among the first to enter the city of Kiev, Ukrainian capital, according to the German caption, stand before the city's citadel. Picture radioed from Berlin to New York.

Seafarers Call Off Strike; Wait Negotiation Outcome

New York, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Sea Farers' International union (AFL) late today called off its 11-day strike affecting 25 vessels in American ports pending the outcome of negotiations between ship owners and the national defense mediation board.

The strike, over war bonus rates, was referred yesterday by Secretary of Labor Perkins to the defense mediation board, after efforts of the maritime commission to compose differences between the union and the ship-owning companies failed.

The mediation board asked strikers to return to work, advising both union and ship owners that the vessels were "vital" and immediately needed for the transportation of defense materials.

A new strike threat was directed against the Consolidated Aircraft corporation at San Diego, Calif., holding \$750,000,000 worth of orders for bombers, placed by the United States, Britain and her allies.

The International Association of Machinists (AFL) announced last night that 98.8 per cent of the membership at the plant had authorized a strike to enforce demands for increased wages.

A CIO strike yesterday halted operations at the Springfield, O., plant of the International Harvester company, where 3,500 employees have been building trucks, some of them for the army.

COMPROMISE ON SEIZURE AGREED

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—A joint senate-house conference committee agreed today upon a compromise version of legislation authorizing the government to seize certain property needed for national defense.

Property seizure bills were approved by both chambers several months ago, and today's compromise cleared the way for final congressional action.

HAZING NIPPED

Salem, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Hazing at Salem high school was nipped in the bud by the suspension of seven students. School Superintendent Frank Bennett reported last night to the school board.

SHOWMANSHIP IS INITIAL FEATURE FOR YOUNGSTERS

Norman Smith and Twila Ferns Star in Forenoon Session—Show Best Yet.

By Maude Pool
Norman Smith of Willow Springs and Twila Ferns of Fern Valley starred in the forenoon session of the fourth annual Jackson county 4-H livestock show opening today at the fair grounds, when they were selected as champion showmen of the hog and sheep divisions respectively.

Owing to more entries than were expected, the showmanship contests moved slowly this morning, and the dairy and beef divisions were being judged yet this afternoon.

Rotarians Charles Adair and John Perl were on hand with congratulatory handshakes to present premiums to the winners. Charles Austin, Medford dairy and milk inspector, and also a Rotarian, was introduced this morning by L. E. Francis, county club agent.

Best Show Yet

The show was said by County Agent Robert G. Fowler to be seventy-five percent better than in previous years, and there is a noticeable increase of purebred stock. Clifford Jenkins, Klamath county club agent, judged the showmanship this morning. First place winners in the forenoon showmanship contests, which include appearance of the owners and their animals, are as follows:

Hogs—Chesterwhites: Ernest Hamilton, Table Rock; Duroc Jersey, Norman Smith, Willow Springs; other breeds, Marjory Housley, Table Rock; all breeds, Joyce Russell, Table Rock.

Sheep—First class of beginners, Robert Carr, Fern valley; second class of beginners, Wayne Smith, Table Rock; advanced showmen, with black-faced sheep, Twila Ferns; advanced showmen with white-faced sheep, Dorris Hunsley, Table Rock.

The show will be open to spectators until 10 p. m. each of the three days, it was announced by J. W. Bigham of Antelope, general chairman. Judging begins at 9:00 a. m., and lasts until 5:00 p. m. Judging of beef and dairy classes will highlight the forenoon program tomorrow, with judging of sheep and hogs in the afternoon.

The poultry show, formerly held in connection with the livestock show, will be held October 31 this year.

War Bulletins

Folkstone, Eng., Sept. 24.—(AP)—German long-range guns fired several salvos across the channel this afternoon, shaking towns on the Kent coast. The channel itself was veiled in a haze.

Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 24.—(AP)—British naval authorities claimed tonight that British planes and submarines were sinking one of every five axis vessels crossing to North Africa with reinforcements.

Helsinki, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Finnish airmen, in combat directly over besieged Leningrad, have shot down seven Russian fighter planes and one bomber and scored many direct bomb hits on the Leningrad railway station. The Finnish officially announced tonight.

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The ministry of economic warfare announced today that Britain no longer could continue the limited facilities which heretofore have accorded passage of material for Switzerland's industry through the sea blockade and across enemy territory.