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Temperature
Highest yesterday 40
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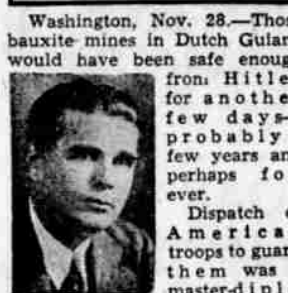
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U. S. REJECTS COMPROMISE ON CHINA

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 28.—Those bauxite mines in Dutch Guiana would have been safe enough from Hitler for another few days—probably a few years and perhaps for ever.

Dispatch of American troops to guard them was a master-diplomatic stroke by Mr. Roosevelt.

veit for the edification of wabbling Vichy and wayward Tokyo. The move was a smooth diplomatic announcement that this government will not be bound to continental United States in protecting its war interests.

To Vichy this meant adjoining French Guiana and its air base would fall at a nod from F.D.R. Pétain also knows that he may expect that nod if he sells out to the new German order.

To Japan a subtle reminder was conveyed that the same Dutch government in London is also running the Dutch East Indies. Tokyo was thus informed she could expect similar U. S.-Dutch cooperation out there in her path.

It is true, Mr. Roosevelt edged nearly half-way to Dakar in the same move. But that military phase of the matter is supposed to have been a minor consideration.

THE private session of Mr. Roosevelt and the motley collection of congressmen interested in labor legislation was as loud as a CIO convention. Mr. Roosevelt said little, except to change the subject adroitly whenever the argument between the Smith-Cox-Vincent faction and the laborites reached the point where he thought they might start tossing the expensive White House furniture around. The only one present

Radio Highlights

The football game between The Dalles and Medford, to be played in The Dalles tonight, will be broadcast by KMED starting at 7:45 with pre-game lineups. Russ Acheson will give the play-by-play description. The Oregon-Oregon State game in Eugene Saturday afternoon will be broadcast by KUIN (1340 kcys), Grants Pass, starting at 1:45. KMED will broadcast the Stanford-California game starting at 1:45.

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
The War—5:15 MBS; 5:55 MBS; 7:30 NBC-Blue; 7:45 MBS; 9 NBC, CBS.
Talks—MBS 6:15 Charles F. Palmer, federal housing co-ordinator, on "What Price Defense?"
CBS—8 Mel Allen on football.

Saturday, The War—8 MBS; 11:30 CBS; 1 p. m., MBS; 1:55 MBS; 2:25 CBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:30 CBS; 3:45 CBS.
NBC-Red—9:15 a. m. Advice to consumers; 1:02 Campus Capers. CBS—10 a. m. Football review.

Short waves: VLQ? Sydney 1:55 p. m., news and comment; GSC London 4:45 Democracy Marches; DJD Berlin 5:15 comment; TGWA Guatemala 7 classical music.

SIDE GLANCES

BY
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ed Nave and Tom Esslinger feeling slighted and neglected on account of being left out of a little news article.

Mary Phipps being among Medford residents who will attend the Oregon-Oregon State football fracas, she offering to yell for an Oregon enthusiast who will be listening to the game via radio.

Fate of Pacific Peace Dangles in Balance as Ship Arming Is Hinted

Washington, Nov. 28.—(P)—The American government, it was learned today from the best available sources in Washington, has ruled out any possibility of a compromise with Japan on the Chinese issue and has raised a possibility that American merchant ships in the Pacific may be armed.

While it was reported on the highest authority that negotiations looking toward peace in the Pacific and far east had not broken down, the United States viewed the present situation as extremely serious.

An official White House announcement concerning merchant shipping said that these vessels sailing on Pacific routes "will not be armed under existing circumstances."

Up To Tokyo

And when President Roosevelt was asked at a press conference how long he thought those circumstances would prevail, he said he thought the question might better be asked in Tokyo.

He was asked also whether there was anything he might say on negotiations with Japan's envoys in this country and replied that he thought he had better not.

Yet he conceded that news on the negotiations had been based largely on dispatches from Tokyo and he declared that the reason for this was an American policy of infinite patience.

It was learned on the best of authority that the current situation in the far east is regarded as serious because America desires that there be peace in the Pacific and is taking no steps that would alter prospects for peace.

Reports of unabated Japanese military activity near the border of Thailand brought new concern to the capital.

Diplomatic representatives of the other friendly powers involved—Britain, Australia, China and the Netherlands, took a similar serious view.

Shanghai, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The President Harrison sailed today with 700 American marines to an unannounced destination, leaving less than 200 of their comrades in all of China.

Ending the 14-year sojourn of the Fourth U. S. Marines in Shanghai, the Americans were given a tearful send-off.

The remaining detachments at Peiping and Tientsin were expected to sail soon from Chingwangtao, north China port.

Strange Slaying of Day's Cattle Eyed

State police are investigating the strange slaying of a young bull and a six-year-old cow on the John Day pasture near Gold Ray Dam, both being found shot squarely between the eyes several days ago.

Both animals, state police said, were mutilated in a fashion to suggest the slayings might have been the work of some sort of a pervers. The cow also had several slashes on her back and hip.

OSSNA Needed for Medford To Decide on Street Spelling

What Medford needs is an OSSNA—Official Spelling and Street Naming Agency.

Take Genessee (Genesee) street, for example. The city and telephone directories spell the name of the street with a double s, the street signs have only one s and an official map of the city spells it both ways.

In New York and Michigan, which have towns of that name, one s suffices and so it is Genesee.

Then consider Park and Dakota. Are they streets or avenues? The street signs differ. At the south end, Park is an avenue, according to the signs, while the rest of it is a street. Dakota is in the same predicament.

Jackson is a street on Copco maps, a boulevard on the official city map and in the city directory. There is a Washington street on the east side of town and, completely detached, there is also a Washington street on the west side.

FAR EAST SEES PEACE EFFORTS FACING FAILURE

By Clark Lee

Manila, Nov. 28.—(P)—Responsible far eastern authorities predicted tonight that current efforts to ensure American-Japanese peace would fail and that this would cause replacement of the Tojo government in Japan by another fully committed to a war program.

The post-Tojo government, they said, probably would complete preparations for new offensive action in Asia and for an eventual clash in which Japan would be ranged alongside Germany against the Anglo-Saxon powers.

Information from Japan was said to indicate that the next cabinet might be headed by Lieut.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, former war minister and now commander of the army in Korea.

He is considered one of the most widely experienced of Japan's military leaders; he has been a dominant figure in the army clique's control of imperial policy since Japan launched her expansion program by seizing Manchuria ten years ago.

LIVESTOCK PRICES FIXED BY PACKERS INDICTMENTS SAY

Chicago, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Fifty-two defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of conspiracy to fix the prices paid producers for livestock and to fix the prices charged for meat.

Fourteen meat packing firms, the American meat institute and 37 individuals were named defendants.

The indictment charged that the packers belonging to the meat institute sell annually in excess of \$2,500,000,000 worth of meat, representing approximately 90 per cent of the total amount of meat sold in the United States.

It charged that for 13 years the defendants had engaged in a conspiracy to fix the prices paid to farmers and consumers for this meat.

Hogs, cattle, calves and sheep were among the livestock listed as being involved in the alleged conspiracy.

WAGE LIMITATION IN PRICE CONTROL ERASED BY HOUSE

Lower Branch Also Refuses To Strike Out Farm Price Ceiling Prohibition.

Washington, Nov. 28.—(P)—In swift succession, the house crushed today a move to limit wage increases through price control legislation and then decided to retain in the bill agriculture price provisions advocated by farm state representatives.

By a voice vote, the house refused to strike out of the bill a provision to prohibit establishment of ceilings for farm prices below their 1919-29 average despite criticisms that it would permit the prices of some farm products to rise as much as 30 per cent.

Specifically, the proponents of the provision conceded it would allow cotton prices to rise to 21.6 cents a pound although they contended the huge surplus of the commodity would prevent such an increase. The parity price of cotton is about 17 cents.

In its present form, the bill would forbid the fixing of ceilings for farm prices below the market price on Oct. 1, the 1919-29 average or 110 per cent of their parity price, whichever is highest.

NEW STOP SIGNS PLACED ON 4TH, CENTRAL AVENUE

The city police department today called attention to the new stop regulations along Fourth street and Central avenue, and asserted that more attention is going to be paid to the small number of inconsiderate drivers who slip through stop signs when they think they can get away with it.

The new stop signs were in place along Fourth street and the required street buttons were being installed today. Central avenue will be completed tomorrow, said Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent.

The city ordinance that goes into effect as soon as the stop sign is put in place requires drivers to stop their vehicles before entering Fourth street between North Oakdale avenue and Riverside avenue, excepting Central avenue. Fourth street traffic must stop at Central avenue and the police department called specific attention to this rule.

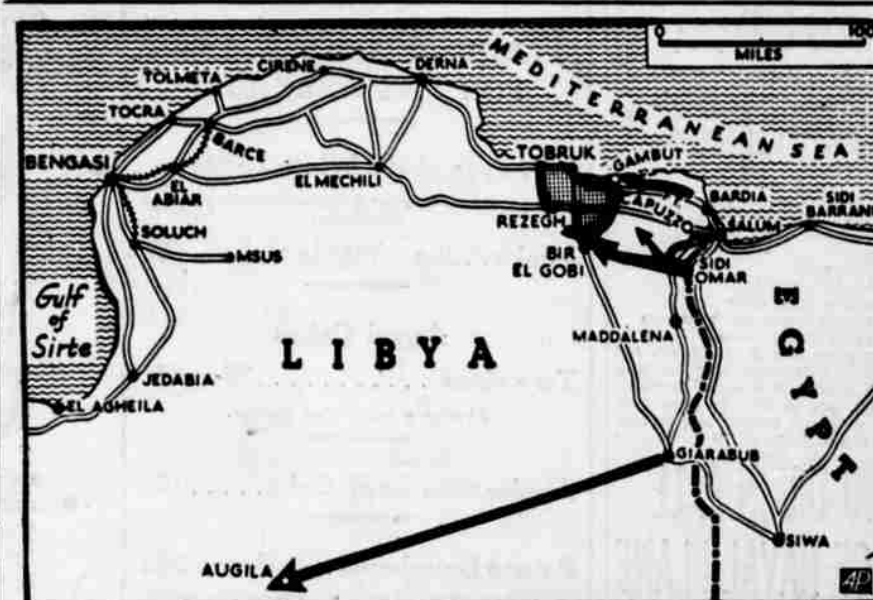
The new ordinance requires cars to stop before entering Central avenue between Sixth street and Edward street.

First crash after the Fourth street signs had been erected occurred late yesterday afternoon when a car operated by Jack Thurman, 44, 718 North Riverside avenue, and a school bus operated by Lester A. Wilcox, 49, Route 2, collided at Fourth and Oakdale avenue. It was shown by a report on file today.

Police said that Mr. Wilcox, driving the bus south on Oakdale, did not stop before entering Fourth. Mr. Wilcox will be cited for not making the stop, police stated. Mr. Thurman, who was driving west on Fourth, said he hurt his left knee and side when he was thrown against his steering wheel. The front of his car was virtually ruined.

Just because new stop regulations are now in force, drivers are not going to be permitted to make Fourth street into a race track, police said. Drivers were also cautioned that, regardless of signs, they must operate vehicles prudently and with due regard for the rights and safety of others at all times.

Rezagh Seen Key to Libya Battle



Shading indicates Rezagh-Tobruk area, center of the fighting in Libya. Informed quarters in London said the capture of Rezagh might determine the fate of Libya, and both axis and British were reported moving reinforcements into the area. Black arrows mark British drives in their Libyan offensive.

POWER TO TAKE DEFENSE PLANTS GIVEN APPROVAL

Washington, Nov. 28.—(P)—Senate and house committees gave their approval today to separate bills which would empower the government to take over a defense plant when strikes impede production.

The senate judiciary committee voted 12 to 2 to recommend the bill of Senator Connally to take over such plants and freeze the open or closed shop status in them.

This action followed only by minutes house labor committee approval of legislation which, besides the seizure clause, would create machinery for voluntary arbitration of labor disputes.

Acting Chairman Ramspeck (D., Ga.) said it was a "middle-of-the-road bill" which "undertakes to settle disputes on a voluntary basis." If that should fail the government could take possession of the defense plant after a 60-day cooling off period, he added.

U. S. MAJOR HELD BY NAZI FORCES

Cairo, Nov. 28.—(P)—Major Buckley, United States army observer with the British forces in Libya, has been captured, authorities announced tonight. It was understood he was unharmed.

Rome, Nov. 28.—(P)—The Italian government announced tonight that two correspondents with the British forces in Libya, Godfrey H. P. Anderson of the Associated Press, London, and Harold Denny, New York Times, have been taken prisoner.

Further details were unavailable.

MEDFORD KEGLERS TOP TWO EVENTS

Klamath Falls, Nov. 28.—(P)—Klamath Falls bowlers held leads in eight of the twelve divisions as the Oregon Bowling congress moved into its second weekend here.

Seaside, Marshfield, Corvallis, Medford, Bend, Lakeview and Bly entries will roll Saturday and Sunday.

Top scores to date:
Open—Singles, Rengstorff, Medford, 647.
Booster—Doubles, Westerfield-Nicholson, Medford, 1111.

FURIOUS BATTLE TAKES BIG TOLL ON BOTH SIDES

Nearly Entire Italian Bologna Division Wiped Out—British Forces Linked.

By the Associated Press
Britain's desert armies appeared today to have gained a definite edge in the 11-day-old battle of north Africa as imperial mechanized legions broadened the vital corridor to Tobruk, presumably wiping out axis pockets of resistance, and surged on westward from the bloody Rezagh fighting zone south of Tobruk.

The battle in north Africa continued to rage with unabated fury, marked by heavy losses on both sides. A British spokesman said nearly the entire Italian Bologna division, about 15,000 troops, had been wiped out. He said the junction between the main British armies and the Tobruk garrison had now "been completed."

Nazis Retreat

A Cairo communique said British and New Zealand troops which yesterday "made direct contact" southeast of Tobruk, were slowly beating the Germans and Italians back in a drive apparently aimed at extending communications and supplies through Tobruk itself.

Units of Gen. Erwin Rommel's German north African corps, which attempted a diversion thrust across the Egyptian border, were declared to have been scattered and now to be trying to "rejoin axis forces engaged in battle west of Rezagh."

Rezagh is 10 miles south of Tobruk.

Meanwhile, Russia's Red armies admitted a grave new threat to Moscow, with the Germans advancing northeast of Tula, 100 miles south of the capital, and registering new gains in the Volokolamsk sector, 65 miles northwest of Moscow.

Soviet dispatches acknowledged that German troops smashing into the center of Moscow's defense area from Moshaisk were only 36 miles from the U.S.S.R. capital.

This was the closest approach to Moscow from due west so far admitted by the Russians. On the north, the Vichy radio reported several days ago that the nazis were within 15 miles of the capital.

In the south, the Russians said nazis troops were attempting to encircle the key munitions center of Tula, 100 miles below Moscow, while heavy German artillery and trench mortars bombarded the town. A nearby village, identified only as "N," was said to have fallen to the invaders.

ARMY HAT PRICES FIXED IS CHARGE

Washington, Nov. 28.—(P)—The justice department said a federal grand jury at Philadelphia indicted 16 hat manufacturing companies, five labor unions and five labor union officials today on charges of conspiring to fix prices on army field hats purchased by the war department in violation of anti-trust laws.

The justice department described the case as "a nationwide conspiracy by the hat manufacturers and labor union to fix prices of army field hats and to limit and restrict quantities of hats upon which each manufacturer would bid."

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR WARM SPRINGS SOJOURN

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt left by train this afternoon for Warm Springs, Ga., to spend several days at that health resort.

Woman Caught Redhanded Doing Her Christmas Shoplifting Early

Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 28.—(P)—A Grays Harbor farm wife, who carried more than \$3,000 in her purse, last night admitted shoplifting about \$75 worth of goods from three stores here, Aberdeen police said today.

As she perused each article, she checked it off against the name of a friend or relative on a "Christmas shopping list," Captain John Gillespie said. The captain said he caught the woman, whose name was withheld, "redhanded" in a department store when he saw her slip a fruitcake into a huge canvas shopping bag and walk out. In the bag and her car, officers found boys' suits, women's dresses, gloves, sweaters, leather jackets, handkerchiefs—even electrical fixtures—plus dozens of other items, all stolen.

In her purse was \$2,100 in postal savings and \$1,303.20 in cash. Gillespie said she filled her big bag at least three times in three trips yesterday, emptying it each time in her car and returning to the counters for more "gifts."

They were Mike Simeone, 33, and 22-year-old Gordon Hawkins. Both men refused blindfolds as they were seated in the execution chair.

Young Hawkins looked through the glass windows and grinned at the audience.

Simeone managed to smile weakly. As the two had entered the death chamber they were laughing.

The two men paid with their lives for the slaying of a young member of the gang which was dominated by Mrs. Juanita Evelita Spinelli, 52, who died in the gas cell last Friday—the first woman California had executed.

The gang was convicted of murdering 19-year-old Robert Sherard because they feared he would tell police of their depredations.

Many species of sponges are found in fresh water although they have no commercial value.

Sentinels on Yreka's Roads Spread Word of 'Secession'

Yreka, Cal., Nov. 28.—(P)—Yesterday this city was the provisional capital of the proposed 49th state of Jefferson; today it is merely the county seat of California's Siskiyou county.

Last night, sentinels posted along the highways leading to Yreka passed out handbills which read:

"You are now entering Jefferson, the forty-ninth state of the union."

Today, the sentinels have returned to their everyday tasks of earning a living as peaceful citizens of the Bear state.

This same unusual procedure will be observed each week until further notice, secessionist leaders said.

Four California counties—Siskiyou, Modoc, Del Norte, and Lassen—have joined the secession movement begun recently by Curry county, Ore., which wanted to attach itself to California.

The Lassen secessionists in a telegram addressed to the state of Jefferson citizens' committee offered to bring in the "only active volcano in the continental United States, Mount Lassen."

From Sacramento, officials of the state departments of natural resources and public works disputed the contention of the secessionist counties that they were being neglected by the state in the development of natural resources and roads.

Charles W. Averill, district engineer, division of mines, said the U. S. bureau of mines and the U. S. geological survey has spent and is spending thousands of dollars in Del Norte, Modoc, and Siskiyou counties.