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Temperature
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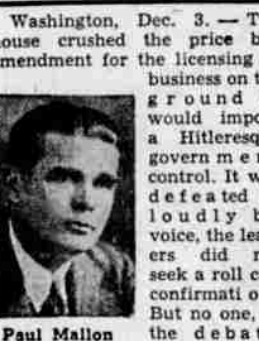
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RUSSIANS RECAPTURE PARTY TOWNS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, Dec. 3.—The house crushed the price bill amendment for the licensing of business on the ground it would impose a Hitleresque government control. It was defeated so loudly by voice, the leaders did not seek a roll call confirmation. But no one, in the debate, said anything about the federal licensing of 250,000 to 300,000 businesses starting today—without any recent authority of congress.

Regulation W, it is called. As imposed by the federal reserve board, it provides that any firm in this country selling on the installment plan or making loans, must register and receive a blanket license. No certificates are to be issued, but if any firm violates the rules of the board, it will be notified its license has been revoked. It will be out of the installment business, if its officers do not go to jail and pay a fine for their waywardness from official regulation.

The legal authority for this federal licensing is an executive order issued by Mr. Roosevelt last August 9. The relatively remote legal spot where his attorney general discovered a legal peg upon which to hang such a regulation is "the trading with the enemy act," passed 24 years ago by congress for other purposes of another war (Oct. 6, 1917).

SOME question will no doubt arise as to whether you can put a man in jail by executive order, without specific authority of congress. Regulation W will no doubt get into the courts. But meanwhile all automobile, furniture, refrigerator, radio, jewelry and what-not concerns selling anything on the installment plan (excepting real estate and houses) will feel the weight of executive decree. At the top of the list will be department stores, finance companies and auto dealers. The 15,000 banks

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Tacoma Students Remain at Home

Tacoma, Dec. 3.—(AP)—This city of more than 100,000 population was without schooling for its 17,000 pupils again today because of a strike called yesterday by maintenance men, and officials said there were no developments to indicate an early settlement.

No conferences or negotiations were scheduled on the union's demands for a 20 per cent pay raise with a minimum wage of \$125 a month. One report said a mediator from the federal department of labor might be called in.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: The war, 5:55 CBS, 7:45 CBS, 8 NBC-Red, 9 NBC-Blue.

Thursday, the war, 7 MBS, 10:45 NBC, 12:55 p. m., CBS, MBS; 1:45 CBS, 3:25 NBC-Red, 3:45 NBC-Blue.

NBC-Red, 245, National Association of Manufacturers; CBS, 12:30, Jobs After Defense; NBC-Blue, 8:45 a. m., What Can I Do?

SIDE GLANCES

BY
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Deputy Marshal Paul Hanlin being rushed with official work at a time when he'd like to stop and dwell upon Christmas.

Will Coy not even getting a bite of his luscious birthday cake which met with a misfortune because reaching the surprise birthday party.

FLEEING GERMANS BURN OR ABANDON MUCH EQUIPMENT

Frozen Bodies of Invaders Found in Donets Basin—Desert War Tempo Slows

By the Associated Press
Russia's Ukraine armies, pressing triumphant "counter blitzkrieg," were reported today to have advanced into the suburbs of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov-on-Don, and driven the Germans out of 40 villages, while on the blizzard-swept Moscow front, other Soviet troops sent the Germans reeling back 12 to 24 miles.

A Soviet radio broadcast announced that "bloody battles were fought yesterday evening in the suburbs of Taganrog," and Soviet dispatches said the nazis were in headlong flight.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch said the Germans had fallen back 36 miles in three days in the retreat from Rostov.

Burn Equipment
A Soviet broadcast said the Germans were putting up signposts pointing "to Mariupol" and were fleeing so precipitately that they were burning and abandoning tanks, trucks, cars and other equipment.

"All attempts to halt the advance of our troops have failed," the Russians said. "Yesterday and today our units on the southern front continued in pursuit of the enemy, who is fleeing in disorder."

On the central front, the nazis were apparently suffering further reverses.

Quoting latest advices from Moscow, the British radio said the Russians had sent the panzer forces of Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian spinning in reverse.

A communique from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters claimed fresh gains in violent tank and infantry battles before Moscow, but the Russians said the Germans had been thrown back into two key sectors and generally painted a brightening picture of the two-month-old struggle for the capital.

Find Frozen Nazis
In the Ukraine, Soviet dispatches said Red armies counter-marching back through the Donets river industrial basin were finding the frozen bodies of Germans wrapped in filthy blankets, huddled in roadside ditches, and that to save themselves from the bitter cold the nazis were fighting with suicidal fury to hold villages where they could find warmth and shelter.

A London broadcast said Hitler had rushed Field Marshal Walther Von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the entire German army, to the Ukraine in an attempt to "stop the rout at all cost."

Soviet front-line dispatches said the battered German forces under Field Marshal Ewald Von Kleist had lost more than 21,000 men killed and wounded in the running battle along the shores of the Sea of Azov.

On the north African front, British imperial headquarters said the desert conflict continued to rage over a wide area but that the tempo of battle had decreased "for the time being."

Acknowledging that Italian troops hold Bardia, Mediterranean port 10 miles west of the

Boy, 12 Is Hero



Clarence Wald, 12, cashed into a burning house at Joplin, Mo., to rescue his nephew, Clyde Leon Ward, six months old, and got out with the baby just before the roof caved in. The baby was burned badly enough to require medical attention.

CANTONMENTS TO AWAIT EXPANSION ORDER FOR ARMY

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Members of the constructing quartermaster's corps trekked back to zone headquarters today from three prospective army camps for triangular divisions in Oregon and Washington.

Their engineering survey work completed, the men were called back from Marysville, Calif.; Medford, and Albany, Ore., to await future expansion of the army. The cantonments will be developed, army officials said, only after congress decides to increase the army and appropriate money for their development.

Zone offices said no money has been spent for land or equipment in any of the three places. But everything is in readiness for immediate development, when and if the word comes. Full plans have been drawn, the exact sites chosen and even the titles to the land checked.

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BRITAIN TO EXACT WORK FROM WAR PRISONERS

London, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Lord Moyne, colonial secretary, today told the house of lords that the government was arranging to put 28,000 Italian war prisoners to work on British farms.

Egyptian-Libyan frontier, the British declared they still held Ed Duda at the southeast terminal of the 10-mile corridor to Tobruk while axis forces occupied nearby Rezegh and Bir El Hamed.

World Federation to Result From War, Thinks Henry Ford

Detroit, Dec. 3.—Henry Ford said in an interview here today that out of the war in Europe will come a federation of the world in which "all barriers of nationality will be levelled and the peoples of the world live in common peace and prosperity."

It will be a federation in which politics will be definitely discarded; one in which a universal currency, a universal economy and a universal market will prevail, he asserted.

Unless such a federation is established, the 78-year-old industrialist added, the present war will be only a dress rehearsal for another and more terrible conflict.

Strong Labor Control Bill Is Favored by House

RECORD RAINFALL IN MEDFORD AREA DURING 24 HOURS

2.71 Inches Recorded At Weather Bureau—No Extensive Damage Reported

Record precipitation for a 24 hour period fell in Medford and vicinity yesterday according to weather bureau reports with 2.71 inches recorded for the 24 hour period beginning yesterday at 4:30 a. m. With the 40 inches recorded for the previous day the total rainfall 3.11 inches, for Dec. 1 and 2 equalled the average rainfall usually recorded for December.

Greatest previous rainfall recorded for a 24-hour period at the weather bureau was 2.32 inches for Oct. 31, 1924.

Record At Talent
Prof. F. C. Reimer of the Talent experiment station said today that a record rain fell at the station for the 24-hour period beginning at 6 p. m. Dec. 1. Total precipitation measured 2.39 inches as compared to the previous record of 2.36 on Oct. 31, 1924.

Cooler weather last night brought snow in the high hills, and caused streams to drop, following the general two-day downpour. There was no extensive damage, though rises were reported in streams and irrigation and roadside ditches overflowed.

The Big Applegate river flowed bankfull and residents of the area said the river was higher yesterday than any time last winter.

Eagle Point Wet

Autolists said they had never seen so much water on the Crater Lake highway. In Eagle Point a slough overflowed and backed the water into a few yards and streets. The Oasis tavern on the highway was entirely surrounded by water.

Crater Lake national park headquarters here were unable to establish short-wave radio communication with the winter staff at the lake this morning for latest weather data but it was reported by radio at 4 p. m. yesterday that a new 24-hour rainfall record had been established.

In the 24 hours ended at 4 p. m. yesterday, 4.97 inches of rain fell, more than half the average precipitation of 9 inches for the entire month of December. Previous record for 24-hour precipitation was established April 13, 1937, with 4.19 inches.

Portland, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Rain-swollen rivers threatened minor floods today in several sections of Oregon.

The Santiam river was expected to go 3 1/2 feet over flood stage of 13 feet at Jefferson, where it flows into the Willamette.

The Necanicum river was lapsing the top of banks in Seaside.

Streets were inundated in some sections of Eugene, deluged by 3.16 inches of rain in 24 hours, but only a slow and moderate rise in the Willamette river was expected.

NEW \$5 AUTO TAX COSTS TOO MUCH

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The house appropriations committee threw a monkey wrench into the elaborate machinery proposed by the treasury department for collection of the new \$5 annual automobile use tax.

If the house permits the monkey wrench to stay there, it will make the auto tax inoperative. The committee withheld the \$4,502,554 the treasury said the bureau of internal revenue required to collect an estimated \$160,000,000 in taxes with the comment it was "not satisfied with the manner and cost of collection proposed."

Turkey Included On U. S. List For Lease-Lend Help

By the Associated Press
Turkey, Britain's non-belligerent ally at the gates to the middle east, was brought under the U. S. lease-lend act today by President Roosevelt in a move instantly interpreted as intended to strengthen her against German pressure and to put her solidly in the anti-axis front.

How much aid would thus be extended was not stated.

SERVICE STATIONS AND LAUNDRY ARE BURGLARIED IN NIGHT

The Walter Severin service station at 1303 North Riverside avenue, the Standard Oil station at 144 South Central avenue and the Medford Domestic Laundry were burglarized last night, just a day after the recent armed stickups of two other filling stations and a pair of local dairies had been cleared up by the guilty plea made in circuit court by Thomas Milton Smith, 22.

Police said \$4 was stolen out of a money box at the Severin station, along with five quarts of oil and 10 gallons of gasoline, that an unspecified amount of money was taken from the cash drawer at the Standard station and that only a record book was stolen at the laundry.

Entrance to the Severin establishment was effected through a window on the north side of the station. The burglar ransacked the desk in the office, scattering papers all over the room then pried open the locked money box.

An unsuccessful attempt was first made to enter the building by breaking down the back door with the front bumper of an automobile, police said.

Severin told police he was sleeping in a room in the rear of the radio shop about 30 feet from the service station, but heard nothing.

A west side window provided entrance to the Standard station, police said.

The cash drawer inside the station was pried open, the money removed, and the box was found lying on the hoist in the lubrication room, police said.

George Goodman, operator of the station, told police evidently nothing else was missing.

Police said they found several good fingerprints around the windows of both service stations.

Entrance to the laundry was effected through a back window near the roof of the building, and although the Coca Cola vending machine was tampered with it was not opened and nothing else was taken. The record book was found this morning in front of 414 South Riverside avenue, by E. K. Huitt of 422 South Riverside avenue.

Spokane Air Depot To Cost 20 Million Ready for Bid Soon

Spokane, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Bids for the \$20,000,000 second air supply and repair depot to be built west of Spokane will be called for within a week or two and opened by January 1, the Chronicle said today it had learned from the army engineer's office.

Assistant Chamber of Commerce Secretary Don Fry added he had been advised that the depot on opening would employ 3,000 civilians, 75 army officers and 250 enlisted married men, for which housing accommodations would be necessary.

It is understood, Fry added, that 2,000 to 3,000 enlisted single men would be housed in barracks at the depot.

COUNCIL IMPOSES PUNCH BOARD TAX EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

Ministerial Assn. Urges Complete Elimination Of Boards As Gambling.

The city council last night adopted an ordinance imposing a license fee on punch boards. The Medford Ministerial association filed an objection to passage of the ordinance and called upon the council "to move toward" the elimination of punch boards from the city.

The ordinance becomes effective January 1. It provides for a license fee of \$2 for each punch board operator for the calendar year or any part thereof and \$1.50 for each punch board licensed. "Punch board operator" is defined as any person, firm or corporation having control over or in charge of any premises where a punch board is available for play.

Must Not Gamble
A section of the ordinance says: "No permit shall be issued for any punch board which in itself or in the operation thereof constitutes a lottery or gambling device or shall otherwise be prohibited under laws of the State of Oregon or ordinances of the City of Medford."

Another section says: "The issuance of a permit for any punch board shall not be deemed to be evidence of the legality thereof in any prosecution under any ordinance of the City of Medford relating to lottery or gambling or unlawful use of any such board."

The city recorder is designated as the official to issue the permits upon receipt of application and payment of the required license fees. The punch board permit is to be stamped on or attached to each board.

On behalf of the Medford Ministerial association, of which he is president, the Rev. R. W. Coleman filed a formal objection to passage of the ordinance, though he said conferences with council committees indicated the council had in mind the same aim as the association, the elimination of punch boards as far as possible in the city. The association's formal statement, adopted at a meeting yesterday after considerable study and research, declared that "punch boards are illegal and should be suppressed in our community."

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Sneezy, Bashful Return to Hall; Firemen Happy

Chester Merriman of 515 North Bartlett street today returned to the fire department Sneezy and Bashful, the two dwarfs taken by someone for souvenirs from the annual Firemen's Ball Thanksgiving Day. Merriman said he found the two dwarfs, part of a set, on his porch this noon with a note attached, directing him to return them to the firemen. He is a volunteer fireman.

A side glance in the Mail Tribune last week told how much the firemen were missing Sneezy and Bashful and how they'd like to have the little men back.

JAPANESE MAKE WARLIKE MOVES IN DUTCH INDIES

By the Associated Press
The Dutch East Indies mobilized guards in her outer defenses as Japan was reported massing powerful land, sea and air forces in southern Indonesia.

Observers were quick to point out that Japan, operating from Indo-China bases, could strike against either Thailand or the rich Indies with their resources of rubber, tin, oil and other war needs.

Dispatches from Batavia, the Indies capital, said Holland's far east colony had placed its army and navy on a war footing and that troops had taken their stations in the outer defense sectors—presumably in Borneo, Celebes and New Guinea, north of the Malayan archipelago and nearer Japan.

Terming the arrival of British warships at Singapore "the last strong warning to Japan," the Indies newspaper Javabode declared:

"We hope Tokyo is not yet too blind to understand this warning."

In Tokyo, the Japanese people were told that President Roosevelt had asked certain questions about "Japan's intentions regarding current problem" but the nature of the questions was not made public.

What Mr. Roosevelt asked Japan, in forthright terms, was what Japan meant by increasing her armed forces in Indo-China.

"Isn't there some alphabet agency to do this kind of work?" asked Larry Schade, "Yes," the mayor, still calm and suave, replied, "but they want some one else to pay for it."

"Well," said Mr. Hogan, after being told the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce had received all the information from some governmental agency, "I want to know more about this before I vote any money. I want to know who's writing to whom."

"If the survey we made a short time ago is now antiquated, why keep on filing reports that by the end of another month also become antiquated?" Mr. Hogan asked.

It was pointed out that the housing survey was supposed to be useful in case an army cantonment or air base is established here.

"We can make a survey in a week," commented J. C. Collins. "If they want to build a cantonment here, they can let us know when they are ready and we'll see to it that they have a complete picture of the housing situation inside of a week."

No action was taken on the calm, suave Mayor Deuel's question about contributing to the housing survey expense.

COOL-OFF PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS IS LAW REQUIREMENT

Violence, Jurisdictional, Boycott And Sympathy Walk-outs Forbidden by Ruling.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The house tentatively approved today far-reaching legislation to control defense strikes chiefly through a "cooling off period" and prohibitions against violence and jurisdictional, boycott and sympathy walkouts.

The bill, by Rep. Smith (W., Va.) and the most drastic of three major proposals presented to the house, was adopted on a teller vote of 182 to 143, as a substitute for less drastic measures by Rep. Vinson (D., Ga.) and Rep. Rameck (D., Ga.). The vote was subject to confirmation later.

60-Day Cool-Off
Smith's bill would compel labor disputants to maintain the status quo for 60 days during which the national defense mediation board would seek a settlement of the controversy and would forbid strikes unless a majority of the workers gave their consent by secret ballot.

It further would deny benefits of the Wagner labor relations, social security and unemployment compensation laws to workers who violated the law and would require unions to register with the government.

Seizure Erased
Smith himself struck out an original provision which would have authorized the government to take over and operate a defense plant where production was impeded by a labor dispute.

Before getting to a vote the house decided tentatively, on motion of Rep. Dies (D., Tex.), to deny benefits of the national labor relations act to unions which chose officers who were members of the communist party, the Young Communist League or the German-American Bund.

Ten More Airports May Be Developed In Oregon Program

Washington, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Development of 104 additional airports was recommended to the house today by its appropriations committee.

The cost of this expansion of the emergency program was estimated at \$37,865,300, and the committee recommended \$50,000,000 of that amount immediately.

Except for the distribution by states, the airport locations were not disclosed in the transcript of committee hearings made public today.

Although defense requirements dictated locations, the fields would not be reserved exclusively for military use.

GERMAN OFFICER KILLED IN PARIS

Paris, Occupied France, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The German command in Paris announced today that a German medical corps officer had been shot last night in the Boulevard Magenta, and immediately imposed a 6:30 p. m. curfew on the entire tenth arrondissement.

The announcement said the curfew would continue indefinitely and specified that German authorities "reserved the right to take graver measures" later.