

Weather
Occasional light rains today and tonight. Little change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 54
Lowest this morning 43
Precipitation
Past 24 hours .17

Use The
MAIL TRIBUNE
Want Ad Way
Quick Results
At Small Cost

RED FLOOD ROLLS OVER STEPPES



RCAF Cadet Wayne Lonergan is being held in New York under a formal charge of murder following his admission yesterday that he beat and strangled his pretty heiress-wife, Patricia during a jealous argument. The pair are shown in a photograph taken in 1941.

Heiress Slaying Solved

New York, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—The murder of beautiful Patricia Burton Lonergan, wealthy heiress, was solved today except for clearing up the motive which prompted her RCAF trainee husband, Wayne, to beat and strangle her as she lay nude on the big French bed in her fashionable apartment bedroom last Sunday morning.

The slaying climaxed an argument in which each accused the other of infidelity and she told him she would never again let him see their 18-month-old son, who was asleep in the next room.

Whether it was jealousy and anger over her refusal to let him see his son, or some other reason still unrevealed that led the 25-year-old husband to beat her with candlesticks until they were shattered and then strangle her when she tried to defend herself, police have not yet disclosed.

Lonergan was held without bail for further hearing on November 5, when he was arraigned before Magistrate Charles E. Hamsgate. His eyes downcast, clothes rumpled and dejected, Lonergan stood silently before the magistrate as Assistant District Attorney Jacob Grumet said:

"We charge this man with the brutal and unprovoked killing of his wife and ask that he be held without bail."

RUSSIANS TIGHTEN DRAWSTRINGS ON NECK OF DNIEPER

Thousands of Fleeing Huns Chopped Down—Vast Stores of Supplies Seized.

Moscow, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Russian forces are "pouring like a spring flood" across Nogaish steppeland carpeted with German dead in the wake of a Nazi retreat, which degenerated into a rout at several points below the lower Dnieper, the government organ Izvestia reported today.

Gen. Fedor I. Tolbukhin's swift mobile units were reported slamming the door on the Crimea and tightening the drawstring on the neck of a Dnieper valley sack containing hundreds of thousands of battle-groggry German troops.

Thousands Chopped Down

Swarming through the great gap knocked in the German barricade across the mouth of the Nogaish corridor between the Dnieper and the Azov sea, the Russians chopped down thousands of fleeing troops and seized vast stores of abandoned arms and supplies.

(The German high command reported that the red army was attacking incessantly west of Melitopol and its spearheads had penetrated 10 "defended localities." It said a great armored battle was raging in the Krivoy Rog sector and 115 Russian tanks were destroyed yesterday.)

(The British radio reported from Moscow that on the south Ukrainian front the Germans are "no longer fighting as a unified army, but as harassed and dismembered units.")

War Bulletins

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced today that a German submarine had sunk 10 more Japanese ships and damaged four others.

London, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Radio Berlin asserted today that invasion forces of all sorts were massing in southeastern England and Lisbon reported that along the entire French Mediterranean and Adriatic coasts the Germans were awaiting fearfully attacks which they believed might come at any time.

YANKEE WARSHIPS HURL SHELLS FAR BEHIND NAZI LINE

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—American warships warning into the battle of Italy bombarded the west coast German flank 14 miles behind their new defense line, it was announced today, while United States units ashore drove a wedge two miles deeper into the Nazi positions.

Both the Fifth and Eighth armies pushed their way well into the forward defenses of the "Little Rome" line barring the march to Rome.

(The Rome radio said the Fifth and Eighth armies opened a "general offensive" aimed at the center of the Italian line hinged on Isernia. A front dispatch to London said "all the familiar eve-of-battle signs" were in evidence on the Fifth army front.)

A military spokesman said it was "raining like hell" along both the Fifth and Eighth army fronts, conceding that the downpour had put a crimp in the Allied movement before the strongest natural defense positions below Rome.

JAM AND JELLY RATIONING SET; OLEO POINTS UP

Fruit Spreads to Thaw Sunday—Pork, Veal, Lamb Point Values Are Reduced

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration set ration values of four to six points a pound on newly-rationed jams and jellies today, maintained the value of creamery butter at 16 points and raised margarine to six points a pound.

Fruit spreads, the latest addition to the ration list, will go on sale Sunday after a week-long freeze imposed to prevent rushing and to permit dealers to stock their shelves.

The OPA ordered general reductions in meat ration values and increases in canned fruits in its monthly readjustment to provide for changes in the supply of rationed foods.

Two OPA Orders

The OPA's actions were contained in two separate orders, highlights of which were:

1. Reduction of one to two points per pound in 42 pork, veal and lamb items due to a six per cent increase in the supply available for November.

2. No change in beef points because of continued army demands.

3. An increase of two points for margarine and country butter and one point for shortening and lard due to heavy increases in consumption caused by high butter point values. Butter production is "abnormally low," despite suspension of army purchasing, with less available to civilians in November than in October.

4. Varying increases in point values of canned or bottled apples, berries, mixed fruits, pears and pineapple because of supply shortages.

Coal Mine Seizure May Be Necessary To Assure Steel

Government seizure of the coal mines appeared imminent Friday as the ranks of striking miners swelled rapidly to 70,000, providing a new threat to steel production.

CLARIFICATION EGG PRICE RULES IS SOUGHT HERE

Clarification of OPA regulations concerning the ceiling prices for fresh eggs will be sought by the local war price and ration board from regional price specialists as the result of a statement yesterday that local merchants were selling above the ceiling prices. The statement was due to conflicting interpretations of the wording of OPA Table A of MPR 333, which the ration board price clerk interpreted to be retail prices and which local merchants declare to be wholesale prices.

Today local OPA officials would make no statement as to what the correct retail ceiling should be.

The table heading reads "maximum prices in cents per dozen for large retail grades A, B, C and assorted shell eggs." It was interpreted to mean retail to consumers, but a further search of the bulletin, which is eight and one-half pages of three-column small types, would indicate that the regulation meant the price of 57 cents for large grade A eggs to be "maximum price for the sale of shell eggs to retailers and commercial, industrial, institutional and non-federal governmental users."

Local merchants, the OPA said, evidently are basing their prices on a paragraph in the bulletin which reads "maximum prices of shell eggs sold by farmers and wholesale distributors and all sellers other than retailers to ultimate consumers: the maximum prices for shell eggs sold and delivered by farmers or wholesale distributors or sellers other than retailers to ultimate consumers other than commercial, industrial, or institutional or non-federal governmental users shall be calculated by multiplying by 1.17 the maximum price for the retail grade of eggs to be sold at the time and place of delivery determined, as provided in paragraph 1429.87 for sales to retailers."

AIRCRAFT FIRMS INFLUENCE UPON LEGISLATION EYED

Efforts to Obtain Revenue Law Amendment Spot-lighted by Investigators.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—A House Naval Affairs Investigating subcommittee today turned the spotlight on successful efforts of four aircraft firms to obtain a beneficial amendment to the 1940 revenue law, and the part played in the effort by two men in the Democratic National committee.

Zeus Soucek, vice president of the Brewster Aeronautical Corp., described how Brewster through cooperation of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce and three other aircraft firms, raised \$65,000 for "legal fees" in connection with the desired legislation.

Effort Successful

The effort was successful, Soucek said, and the desired legislation was introduced and adopted in the senate as an amendment to the tax law without a "few days."

The effect of the amendment was to exempt from the excess profits tax certain advance payments made to the aircraft firms by foreign clients in order to furnish them needed working capital.

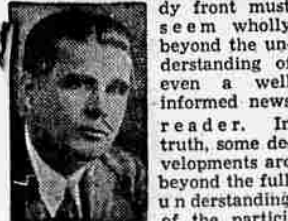
Rep. Robert Grant, R., Ind., read from a confidential report before the committee which stated that \$30,000 of the fund raised was paid Frank Comfort, democratic national committee man for Iowa; \$10,000 to W. D. Jamieson, Washington attorney who was a former Iowa congressman and assistant secretary to the national committee, and \$8,750 to the New York law firm of Olvany, Eisner and Donnelly.

Grant said the head of this firm, George W. Olvany, was a Tammany leader, and Mark Eisner was a former internal revenue collector.

The firms who agreed to contribute to the fund were Brewster, Curtiss-Wright, Consolidated Aircraft and Vultee Aircraft, Soucek said.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 29.—The strikes, wage actions and economic debates from the labor and food front seem wholly beyond the understanding of even a well informed news reader.



In truth, some developments are beyond the full understanding of the participants, who are splitting statistical hairs and pulling political ones. The controlling forces behind the developments, however, can be set forth with an undeniable assurance which should enable readers to understand the implications of current news.

A real national economic crisis has arisen from the campaign of labor leaders to break the loose economic bounds fixed by the administration on wages and prices. The unauthorized coal strikes, the threatened railroad strike and similar developments must be traced to that labor initiative.

The seriousness of the situation apparently is not fully understood. Nor has the public been informed of the depth of White House perplexity in trying to find compromise solutions.

ISLAND SEIZURE PUTS ALLIES IN SHAPE FOR DRIVE

By United Press

Seizure of the Treasury Islands put allied forces in position today for a quick offensive to drive the Japanese from their last positions in the Solomons.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique announced that allied troops went ashore on Mono and Sterling islands in the Treasury group Wednesday against weak opposition after a heavy naval bombardment.

It was indicated the forces were American. The positions lie only 28 to 30 miles off the Japanese strongholds at Buin and Faisi, on and near Bougainville Island, northernmost of the Solomons which is only 300 miles from the great Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain.

Tokyo Confirmed

The communique confirmed a previous Tokyo radio report. The British radio said there were indications the Japanese were abandoning Choiseul Island, long outflanked position below Bougainville and near American-held Vella Lavella.

A Chungking communique said the Japanese offensive in western China near the Salween river and Burma border had been brought to a standstill by Chinese ground forces and American bombing attacks.

JOE LOUIS SHOWS AT 6:30 TONIGHT

Because Sgt. Joe Louis and his entourage must catch a south-bound train at Dunsmuir, Calif., tonight at 12:05 o'clock, the boxing and wrestling show at the Camp White sports arena tonight featuring the world's heavyweight boxing champion has been moved up to 6:30 from the previously scheduled time of 7, it was announced this afternoon by Capt. Kenneth Luckey, camp public relations officer. Doors at the arena will open at 6 o'clock.

Sgt. Louis and his group arrived at the camp this morning and ate breakfast at the DEML of the SCU mess hall. This afternoon he was to talk to the soldiers at the sports arena and visit patients in the station hospital.

The Brown Bomber will box an exhibition match with George Nicholson following another short bout between Sugar Ray Robinson and Jackie Wilson, who are traveling with Louis. There will be other boxing bouts, wrestling and a Judo exhibition by Camp White soldiers.

1,000 Frenchmen Nabbed in Effort To Curb Sabotage

Lisbon, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Reports from France said today that more than 1,000 Frenchmen had been arrested in the past 10 days in efforts to curb sabotage and terrorism.

Pierre Laval's police and German military guards were reported struggling futilely to crush uprisings in such widely separated cities as Toulouse, Bordeaux, Dijon, Rennes, Poitiers, Lille, Grenoble and Lyon.

RECOVER BODY OF SECOND SOLDIER

Fourth Corps Headquarters, Oregon Maneuver Area, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Army searching parties have found a second body and today continued to drag the Deschutes river for the third of four soldiers believed drowned in the capsizing of their assault boat Sunday.

The body of Pfc. Hildred T. Scott, Canton, N. C., was most recently recovered from the river which has been lowered to aid the search.

Meantime, 75,000 Fourth Corps men began their eighth battle problem of the two-month-old war games in southern Oregon.

First professor of engineering at OSC was G. A. Covell, and first professor of home economics was Miss Margaret Snell, both appointed in 1889, the same year that the present administration building, a gift of Benton county, was completed.

JUDGE'S ILLNESS POSTPONES ACTION

Due to the illness of Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna, who is confined in Sacred Heart hospital with pneumonia, the grand jury, scheduled to re-convene next Monday, has been advised by the county clerk's office not to do so. They will be called at a later date.

Judge Hanna's condition was reported today as improved. He went to the hospital last Wednesday for treatment.

Monday Last Day For Navy Parcels

Postmaster Frank DeSouza reminded the public today that Monday, November 1, was the last day on which Christmas gift parcels could be mailed to U. S. navy personnel stationed outside the United States.

He urged that persons mail their parcels today and Saturday in order to prevent a last-minute rush Monday.

F.D.R. Hails Moscow Conference as Success; Says Certain Agreements Already Reached

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today hailed the Moscow conference of foreign secretaries as a tremendous success and said certain agreements already had been reached.

He told a news conference that documents embracing these agreements would be signed shortly.

At the same time the chief executive outlined his ideas on the form of a congressional resolution defining this country's foreign policy. He said he favored the idea of keeping the resolution in general terms which state that this country will cooperate with other nations toward the objective of avoiding future wars.

Talks Successful

Mr. Roosevelt said the Moscow agreements were not ready for signature but that the tripartite talks have been successful, not only in definite items of agreement, but in the spirit of the conference also.

The Moscow accomplishments, Mr. Roosevelt said, refute the predictions of cynics who thought the talks would be clouded with suspicion and accomplish little.

He said the Moscow conferees had talked out things quietly and in 100 per cent individual relationships. As soon as the documents are signed, Mr. Roosevelt said, they will be made public, probably in Moscow.

Asked if the current Moscow meeting brought nearer a conference among Premier Josef Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and himself, the president said he did not know any more than he did two weeks ago. Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill are most anxious to meet with Stalin, and the foreign ministers' conference has been generally understood to have been called in an effort to clear the ground for a meeting of the "big three."

No Details

Pressed for details of the contemplated documents, the president said he could not be specific because he did not want to cross any wires. But they fit in with the objective of unanimity not only in the prosecution of the war but in the later transition period, he said.

He paid high tribute to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who, he said, deserves a great deal of credit for the spirit of the Moscow conferences. Russia and Great Britain, he added, deserve equal credit.

GOVERNMENT HAS BIG UNUSED FUND

Washington, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Budget Director Harold D. Smith said today that the government has available for military purposes \$80,000,000,000 of unobligated funds, as well as \$148,000,000,000 which has been obligated but not yet paid out.

He appeared before an executive session of the House Ways and Means committee in response to demands for information about government expenditures and the possibility of effecting economies sufficient to discount a large portion of the \$10,500,000,000 tax goal set by the administration.

INCITERS SENTENCED

Detroit, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Leo Tipton, 35, and Charles (Little Willie) Lyons, 21, two negroes found guilty of inciting the race riot last June 21 that cost the lives of 34 persons, today were sentenced to four to five years each in Southern Michigan prison at Jackson.

Socialite Claims Hubby Very High

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Alma de Bretteville Spreckels Awl, society leader, obtained an interlocutory divorce decree today after she testified her husband, Cmdr. Elmer E. Awl, was "too intoxicated to stand up" and "had a crying jag" during a brilliant social function at her country estate.

Medford district Community Chest subscriptions up to last night were:

\$17,623.65

Quota is \$43,718.40.

(Continued on Page Seven)