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CLOUDY

9 MILLION LOCKED IN STRUGGLE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BECAUSE the future of every human being in the world will be affected by what happens there, the eyes of the world are fixed today (as they have been for weeks) on the German-Russian war front.

The picture is still confused, but is clearing a little.

THE Germans appear to have advanced to Smolensk, which (your map will tell you) is halfway to Moscow.

Berlin (DNB, not German high command) says: "Nine million soldiers on the eastern front are waging a 'tremendous struggle for a decision.' DNB says the red army has thrown in its last reserves.

If Berlin reports can be trusted at all, the typical German method of advance is still working. That is, panzer divisions break through and then mop up resistance points left in their rear.

Several such mopping up enterprises are described in today's German reports.

THE front is nearly 2000 miles long, but if it can be broken in the middle and Moscow taken it seems likely that all of European Russia will fall to the nazis.

THIS probability lends interest to a statement made in London yesterday by Ivan Maisky, soviet ambassador:

"Should Moscow fall (a catastrophe he says he does not believe will occur) we'll fight on, supplied by factories and industries hidden in the Urals.

"The British have a song: 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary.' Well, it's a long way to the industries which will maintain the red army against Germany—a long, hard way by air or land."

MAISKY added that for years Russia has been dispersing her industries vital to war effort over the whole of her vast area so that no single defeat by an enemy could cripple her hopelessly.

THAT brings us back to the original issue of this German-Russian war.

Defeat of the red army and the red air force and capture of Leningrad, Moscow and the Ukraine won't be sufficient for Hitler's purposes. To win as he wants to win, he must DEMOLISH AND DESTROY Russia's fighting forces so that no striking power will be left in Russian hands.

If he fails in that purpose—if the red army and air force are able to retire in some semblance of order to the mountain barrier of the Urals and carry on the struggle from there—Hitler's spectacular Russian adventure will prove to be unprofitable.

TODAY'S rumor as to Japan: Foreign sources in Shanghai report that Japanese reservists in undetermined numbers, including men discharged from the army in China as long as a year and a half ago, are being called to the colors.

The port of Kobe (in southern Japan), the most likely embarkation point for a south-bound Japanese expeditionary force, was closed to foreigners on July 15 for a ten-day period.

(The implication of the rumor (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

July 17, 1940—Great Britain agrees to close Burma road, Chinese lifeline, to transportation of munitions and war materials for three months.

July 17, 1916—Russians force back Germans in Lutsik region. Bad weather interferes with Somme operations.

Violent Storm Hits Area

Awaits Father



Lenore Bales Bowman, 18, set in the Wichita, Kas., police station awaiting arrival of her father, Walter J. Bales Jr., from Kansas City with a warrant charging her husband, Lynn V. Bowman, 19, with car theft. The couple was held by police after a 250-mile trip in Bales' station wagon from the girl's home. The father has filed suit to annul the marriage.

BUS REMOVAL MAY BE AIRLINE BOOST

Suspension of Late Medford Service Sparks Action

Cancellation of the evening bus to Medford, which has been carrying an airmail pouch, brought renewed effort here and at Washington, D. C., this week to bring about favorable action on a United Airlines application for service into Klamath Falls. Both the city of Klamath Falls and the chamber of commerce have informed authorities and representatives in Washington, D. C., of the forthcoming curtailment of airmail service, and have asserted that this adds weight to the city's appeal for regular airline service.

It was learned at the post-office that the evening bus to Medford has been carrying 30½ pounds of airmail daily. Present plans, it is understood, call for inaugurating the changed service next Saturday, when the evening bus will be taken off. Thereafter stages to Medford will be on the following schedule: Leave Klamath Falls at 7 a. m., arriving in Medford at 9:30 a. m. Leave Medford at 5:40 p. m., arriving at Klamath Falls at 8:20 p. m. Lack of passenger patronage is understood to be the basis of the bus cancellation.

Portland Man Hit by Auto On South Sixth

Rodney Jackson, an employee of the Isaacson Iron Works of Portland, was injured at 11 o'clock last night when he attempted to run between two cars in crossing South Sixth street at the Buffalo Lunch Jackson was taken by Ward's ambulance to Klamath Valley hospital with a fractured left leg, a bad cut on the head, a cut on the right leg, and broken left arm. His condition late Thursday was said to be "good."

A state police officer said a witness reported that the car which struck Jackson, driven by Theodore Case Jr., 613 Washington street, stopped within 10 feet from the accident. Jackson was said to have come out of the Buffalo Lunch and started across the street rapidly toward his parked car when he was hit. Young Case was not held.

EXPANSION BY JAPAN VIEWED CABINET PLAN

Kenoye Given Orders To Form Second Government

TOKYO, July 17 (AP)—Prince Fumimaro Kenoye today received the emperor's command to form a new cabinet to replace that which resigned last night to give way to one more capable of grappling with the "ever-changing world situation."

Kenoye, who also headed the retiring cabinet, began assembling a new list of ministers, and authoritative sources said it was expected Emperor Hirohito would be able to install a new government tomorrow.

For an indication of the direction of the new government's foreign policy, observers awaited the choice of a new foreign minister.

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Intensified efforts to invigorate Japan's plans for a "greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere"—which may put the Japanese army and navy in action—were described in diplomatic quarters here today as a possible result of the impending formation of a new government in Tokyo.

Whether any changes in policy directly affecting the United States also may result, was a subject of close study at the state department, but officials withheld comment pending Tokyo developments.

It was understood, however, that they were in no way surprised by the resignation yesterday of Prince Fumimaro Kenoye's year-old government, in view of Japan's badly snarled position in international affairs and the nation's increasingly critical economic situation.

Second Draft Lottery Set Late Today

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Within the space of approximately two hours the government will determine by lot tonight the order in which it will call up for military service the second group of selective service registrants.

After brief preliminaries beginning at 4 p. m. (PST) in the departmental auditorium, Navy Secretary Knox, blindfolded, will dip his hand into an historic glass jar used on similar fateful occasions of the past, and the second national selective service lottery will be off.

The lottery, on a much smaller scale than that of October 29, 1940, when 9000 numbers were drawn, will determine priorities of service for approximately 750,000 young men registered July 1 who had become 21 years old after the first draft registration last year.

The total of numbers in the jar was determined on the basis of the highest number of registrants in any one of the nation's (Continued on Page Two)

LINDY REQUESTS ICKES' APOLOGY

Letter to President Explains German Decoration

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh today advised President Roosevelt that he had no connection with any foreign government, that he received a German decoration while serving the American embassy and declared that he had a right to an apology from Secretary of the Interior Ickes for certain "statements and implications."

In a letter to the president, Lindbergh offered to open his files and testify before any committee appointed by the president to answer any charges that may be made against him.

He declared, however, that unless charges were made and proved, he felt he had the right to "expect truth and justice from the members of your cabinet."

POLES, STACKS FALL; FOREST FIRES STARTED

Child Killed by Tree At Montague; Mill Shut at Dorris

A violent wind and electrical storm rolled in waves over northern California and southern Oregon late yesterday, toppling trees, smokestacks and power lines, touching off innumerable forest fires and causing at least one death.

The fatality was at Montague, Calif., near Yreka, where Doris Marie Smith, 9, was struck and killed by a falling tree.

Smokestacks Fall
The most serious damage in this immediate area was in Dorris where high winds and a bolt of lightning knocked over two tall smokestacks at the Association Box and Lumber company plant at 5:15 p. m. Wednesday. One of the stacks crashed through the cab of a truck, but the big metal pipes fell clear of the buildings. Broken power lines and blown transformers necessitated temporary closure of operations.

The terrific wind at Dorris lifted the top of the ballpark stand.

Highway Closed
State highway crews worked through most of the night clearing a dozen or more trees from the Greenspring highway and at least three trees fell across the Lake o' the Woods road in the Rogue River forest boundary. The Weyerhaeuser logging railroad was temporarily blocked by 28 trees which fell, in what was described, as one of the worst wind storms ever experienced.

Pierce Urges Page To Transfer Land For Local Airport

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Rep. Pierce (D-Ore.) urged John C. Page, reclamation commissioner, to transfer to Klamath Falls, Ore., adjacent land needed for enlargement of the city's airport.

Klamath Falls city officials telegraphed Pierce the Civil Aeronautics administration had asked the city to get the land. They said it was owned by the reclamation service and asked the representative to intercede to have it transferred to the city.

Pierce said Page was willing to make the transfer but had referred the question to Secretary Ickes for final decision. The representative said he hoped to have a decision within a few days.

Intruder Battles Mail Clerks



Badly battered in a mail car battle with railway clerks and police, this man, whose name is carried in police reports as S. T. Brown, was held under guard in a Washington hospital for postal authorities. He raised a bloody fist to a patrolman as he was placed in a police patrol after being subdued in the fight which followed when he was discovered in the mail car of a Baltimore and Ohio train as it was leaving Washington for Chicago.

Marshall Says Draft Limit Perils U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, testified today that there was an "urgent necessity" from a military standpoint for congress to declare a national emergency under which selectees, reserves and national guardsmen could be retained in service beyond the present one-year period.

From the strategic point of view, the army chief said, the efficiency of the war department and the military forces would be greatly improved if congress would act to clear away present prohibitions against longer service.

To release the emergency soldiers at the end of a year, he declared, would be "a fundamental and tragic error" which would increase the chances of war. The present danger to the nation was "far greater" than when congress inaugurated the selective service program last fall, he said.

At the same time, Marshall told the committee it was absurd to believe he had an American expeditionary force in mind when he recommended continuing in service beyond a year the selectees, national guardsmen and reserves.

Americans Held Until Axis Consuls Safe in Europe

BERLIN, July 17 (AP)—United States consular officials and employees now rounded up for ejection from Germany and Europe will not be set free until German consular officials on the American navy transport West Point are set down on European soil, an authorized spokesman declared tonight.

SIX INJURED IN NEW JERSEY RIOT

Hundreds Involved in Battle at Struck Air Factory

By The Associated Press
Rock-tossing CIO demonstrators blocked almost the entire day shift of Air Associates, Inc., Bendix, N. J., from entering that plant early today but the shift went back to work soon after noon under police protection.

At least six persons were injured in the rock and tear gas battle between police and the demonstrators immediately following the shift's first attempt to enter the plant en masse.

Protests Dismissal
Difficulties started at the Bendix plant Saturday when mem-

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Storms Relieve Heat Wave Over Northwest States

By The Associated Press
Thunderstorms and a slight relief from the Washington-Oregon heat wave were promised again today by federal meteorologists, who said that cooler weather was hovering off the coast just waiting for a high pressure area to move away from the Rockies and let it in.

Readings at 1:30 p. m. today included: Seattle 91, Portland 97, Pendleton, Ore., 105.

Heat prostration deaths in Portland for the current hot spell jumped to three with the death early today of Joe Watkins, 61, Portland.

GERMANS SAY ADVANCE LINE AT SMOLENSK

Berlin Report Shows Threat to Stalin Defense Front

By The Associated Press
A "tremendous struggle for a decision" between 9,000,000 German and Russian troops was reported by Adolf Hitler's high command today, and nazi dispatches claimed what appeared to be a complete 90-mile breakthrough through the center of the Stalin line.

Jubilantly hinting at a climactic turn in the 28-day-old campaign, the German high command asserted that the Russians now were throwing their last reserves into the conflict in a desperate attempt to stem the nazi blitzkrieg.

Smolensk Claimed
DNB, the official German news agency, said Hitler's invasion columns, storming through the vital central front guarding Moscow, had captured Smolensk, 230 miles west of the soviet capital.

DNB also reported that Polish soldiers, detoured by onrushing panzer spearheads, had been taken later by enveloping tactics.

A Reuters (British) news agency dispatch from Moscow late today said Smolensk was still in Russian hands this morning. The German claims of its capture was made at that time.

Line Mystery
Precise limits of the 1100-mile Stalin line are unknown, but presumably Smolensk is near the rear or behind the line.

Some reports have said the great man-made barrier, extending from the Gulf of Finland to the Black Sea, was as much as 75 miles deep, with an average depth of about 25 miles. Since the German thrust from Vitebsk, on the west side of the line, to Smolensk represented an advance of some 90 miles, it appeared that the nazis had made a clean breakthrough.

An authorized spokesman in Berlin first declared that German "schnell truppen" (speed troops) had raced far beyond Smolensk to within 110 miles of Moscow itself, but this was later corrected.

The claim was based on a German press report that nazi troops had captured the town of Gorodisch, 110 miles from the Moscow capital. Subsequently, however, the captured town was identified as another by the same name, on the southern front between Zhitomir and Berdichev, facing the soviet Ukraine.

The Germans said their troops, concealed in artificial fog, had "stormed the last of the underground fortifications near Kiev," the Ukraine capital.

Highway Commission Promises Study of Sprague Road Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17 (AP) The state highway commission today promised to study a Klamath county proposal, presented by Reservation Superintendent B. G. Courtwright, that the commission match a congressional allocation of \$150,000 for improving the Sprague River road through Indian lands.

Work is awaiting the matching funds.

Rogers Construction company of Dayton, Wash., was low bidder on grading 2.84 miles and surfacing 6.91 miles of the Warner Summit-Mud creek section of the Warner secondary highway in Lake county. The bid was \$52,961.

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