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WEATHER

High 82, Low 55
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. 0.00
Season to date 13.62
Normal precipitation 11.98
Last year to date 17.02

WARM

GERMANS PUSHING ON MOSCOW

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

KONOYE, holding over as premier, forms a new Jap cabinet, which includes three admirals and four generals. Matsukata is out.

The Japanese navy is usually reported as CAUTIOUS; the army as all set for conquest OR ELSE.

Note that the generals outnumber the admirals.

FINISHING his new job of cabinet building and dusting off his hands, Konohe says: "The empire's policy for coping with the international situation is already fixed and it now remains for us to put it into practice with decision and SPEED."

Vice-Admiral Toyoda, the new foreign minister (succeeding Matsukata) adds: "Japan's foreign policy may have to be adapted to the day-to-day international situation"—which sounds like a polite way of saying Japan will string with the winners.

Chinese newspapers say the purpose of the new cabinet is to tear up the Russian neutrality treaty (negotiated by Matsukata, who has been eased out.)

THE Tokyo stock market remained unaffected by the cabinet change. The insiders, who must know what it's all about, are apparently not worried.

(KEEP a sharp eye on Japanese developments. If the Japs start shooting, we may be found shooting back.)

BERLIN: "The titanic struggle on the eastern front is turning everywhere into a German victory. Germany foresees a victory so decisive that its consequences will have far-reaching effects on the fate of Europe."

Moscow: "Hand-to-hand bayonet combat in trench warfare radically altering German blitzkrieg style is reported to have developed, with the red army holding on after a night-long battle."

THE real news from the eastern front is RAIN, drenching the flat lands and marshes and threatening to ground the Stukas and halt the tanks at the critical moment of the German offensive.

Often enough in history the weather has stepped in to take a hand in warfare.

(OF TENER on the sea than on the land. In the first Punic war, Rome lost two fleets by storm, but replaced them—building FOUR fleets altogether—and eventually defeated the sea-going Carthaginians on their own element. The ancient Romans were a tough, stubborn, determined lot—much like the modern English.)

ANOTHER of these little side-lights from the eastern front: The Germans are using rockets—red as a signal to open fire, white as a signal to attack and green as a signal to cease firing. Last night a Russian officer sent up his own green rocket, deceiving the Germans and causing them to cease firing. The Russian then led his own troops into a counter-charge.

An insignificant little incident, of course, on a battle front nearly two thousand miles long and involving nine million troops.

But it proves that the Russians (Continued on Page Two)

Fire Perils Town

SISTERS HELD SAVED AFTER WIND SHIFTS

Storms Herald Close Of Northwest's Heat Wave

REDMOND, July 18 (P)—A lucky shift in the wind and a valiant battle by a hundred firefighters were believed today to have saved the central Oregon town of Sisters.

A lightning fire late yesterday raced toward the town, blackening hundreds of acres of logged land. Townsfolk packed household goods into cars and were about to abandon their homes when the wind shifted.

Mill Saved
Firefighters battled until 3 a. m. today to save the Peterson mill there. The blaze got so close, piles of lumber in the yard were scorched but the mill was saved.

The fire, along with another 15 miles west of here, was controlled today.

By The Associated Press
As thunder and showers heralded the near end to the Pacific northwest's record-breaking heat wave today, a shortage of firefighters added a new menace to the forest fire situation already serious because of the prolonged dry spell.

H. L. Plumb, supervisor of the Snoqualmie (Wash.) national forest, closed 10,000 acres on the upper north fork of the Skykomish river to travel because of the acute fire hazard. He said there were nine fires, one dangerous, in the Rapid river section and that several firefighters escaped unscathed yesterday by leaping into the Rapid river when the fire reversed its direction and destroyed several pumps and lines of hose.

He said the smoke was so thick, Pilot James B. Galvin had difficulty finding the firefighters, to drop them equipment and food. The fire lines were under-manned.

In Salem, Ore., last night sound trucks toured the streets calling for firefighters to supplement CCC forces battling flames set by lightning in the (Continued on Page Two)

Stockade Planned At Courthouse for Aluminum Drive

A stockade will be built this weekend on the courthouse lawn as a depository for aluminum-ware which Klamath citizens are expected to contribute to national defense.

Retail yards have donated the material for the stockade and union carpenters are giving their time to its construction.

Definite date for opening the aluminum drive has not yet been set, but it will start within a few days.

Soapbox Cars to Race Saturday Afternoon on Portland Street

By JOHN FOSTER
Four wheels, hammer and nails, a bit of wood. Put them together and you have a soap box buggy. After weeks of building and planning the young drivers of Klamath Falls will drive their home-made cars down Portland avenue Saturday for the much awaited Turner Chevrolet soap box derby.

Young and old will line Portland to witness this big affair and to see some odd 50 drivers and their cars race past them from Pacific Terrace to the railroad tracks.

Activities start at 1 o'clock and the first two racers will be set off at the starting gate by Mayor John Houston.

Much praise goes to the committee from the five service clubs of the city which took

Young Couple Drowned in Grant County

HEPPNER, Ore., July 18 (P)—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Morris drowned in the John Day river last night where they sought relief from the heat. Morris, a soil conservation service employee, formerly was stationed here.

LAKEVIEW, July 18 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Morris, former residents of Lakeview, were drowned in a Grant county accident, according to word received here today.

"Woody" Morris, as he was known, was the son of John Morris of Lakeview and a graduate of Lakeview high school. He was also a Daly scholarship student and graduate of Oregon State college. He was 24 years old.

Mrs. Morris, 22, the former Polly Meyers of Lakeview, was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. (Continued on Page Two)

SOCIAL SECURITY BOOST CONSIDERED

Means of Syphoning Off Increases in Pay Studied

By IRVING PERLMETER
WASHINGTON, July 18 (P)—The possibility of heavy increases in social security taxes, to help head off inflation and to make more millions available for defense financing, was reported today by treasury and social security officials.

Some were declared to favor increasing the present 1 per cent tax on employers and employees to 3 or 5 per cent. Raising the rates, they said, was one way of draining off extra money which people might spend in ways that could cause inflation.

There was no indication of an early decision on the proposal, however.

The experts explain the potential need for the increased levies in this manner:

Because of the defense program, more people are earning more money than ever before. At the same time, defense orders and priorities on such materials as aluminum are cutting down the volume of consumer goods which people can buy with their money.

The experts fear that people will bid against each other for the available merchandise, pushing prices up to inflationary levels.

President Roosevelt is considering a request to congress for authority to control prices and even rents, but the experts believe that it may also be necessary to impose some of the idle money.

Some of them have expressed favor for the British plan of levying special taxes and promising to give them back after the war.

SECOND DRAFT LOTTERY HELD IN WASHINGTON

Local Names Will Be Published When Lists Made

The historic fishbowl in Washington, D. C., had its effect on the lives of 250 more young men of Klamath Falls and Klamath county Thursday when numbers were drawn for the second draft lottery.

There were 800 numbers drawn in the lottery but only 161 had any effect on Klamath county youths' selective service status, and only 84 of this number affected those in Klamath Falls. These numbers are the total registration of youths who reached 21 years of age between October 16, 1940, and July 1, 1941.

The first number out of the bowl—196—was above both boards, but the second number—98—put Martin Hicks of Alamo on top of the Board No. 2 list. It was not until the seventh number—39—came out that Klamath Falls' first candidate was selected. He was William Pearce, 2335 Shasta Way.

Although the young men on both these draft lists will be arranged in the order their serial numbers were drawn Thursday, it will not be until the lottery numbers have been officially checked and the new names inserted in the old draft list that the new registrants will be able to get any definite idea of when they may expect to be called.

Ted Case, clerk of the Klamath draft office, explained that the new names will be sprinkled evenly through the old lists, beginning at the point the boards had reached in the calls up to July 1. Case saw no chance that any of the new registrants would be called in August and said that only a few, probably not more than 10 on the big county board list, need expect a call anywhere in the near future.

Case explained roughly the method of spacing the new names in the old lists. "For the county list, Board No. 2, there will be approximately 24 old names between each two new names, on the city list, Board (Continued on Page Two)

Apprenticeship Plan Drawn for KUHS Students

A program of trades and industry apprenticeships for Klamath union high school students will be inaugurated August 1, it was announced Friday by KUHS Superintendent Arnold Gralapp on his return from conferences with vocational education authorities at Salem.

Superintendent Gralapp said a coordinator will be sent here August 1 to begin shaping up the program in order to put it in full operation with the opening of the school year. The coordinator will spend half his time on this work and half on expansion of defense activities in this community.

Under the apprenticeship plan, students will spend half a day in school and half a day in apprentice work, with pay at a rate in line with apprenticeship standards.

It is expected the aviation sheet metal training work now underway here will be continued.

Gralapp said also it is hoped to establish work in "distributive education," training in clerical and various phases of sales work.

The coordinator will begin an inventory of industries where apprentices may work, starting next month.



This wrecked ship is identified by German sources as the Russian destroyer Lenin, in the harbor at Libau, Latvia. Method of its destruction was not disclosed. The picture was radioed from Berlin to New York.

KENOYE APPOINTS MILITARY CABINET

Half of Streamlined Group Admirals Or Generals

TOKYO, July 18 (P)—Prince Fumimaro Konohe today formed a streamlined cabinet with half its members generals or admirals and declared that "the empire's policy for coping with the international situation already has been fixed and it now remains for us to put it into practice with decision and speed."

What action this portended the premier did not disclose but in a statement to the nation he called for unity because "with the rapid changes that are taking place" in world affairs "the mission of our country is growing heavier and heavier."

Vice Admiral Teijiro Toyoda, who became foreign minister, said Japan's foreign policy might have to be adapted to "the day-to-day international situation."

Little is known of the foreign policy outlook of Toyoda, successor to Yosuke Matsukata, who concluded the neutrality pact with soviet Russia after aligning Japanese policy with the axis while foreign minister in the preceding Konohe government.

To the new post of vice premier Konohe named Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, a former premier, home minister in the retiring cabinet and prominently identified with totalitarian phases of its program.

(The Chinese press at Hongkong said that the chief motive of the reorganization was to tear up the neutrality agreement with Russia.)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
First game:	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	5	8	1
Boston	1	4	3
Heintzelman and Lopez; Johnson, Earley (6), Lamanna (9) and Masi, Montgomery (8).			
St. Louis	6	11	0
Brooklyn	1	6	1
White and Mancuso; Higbe, M. Brown (5), Wicker (8) and Owen.			

Medford Bus Not To Be Cancelled Saturday Night

The evening bus to Medford will not be discontinued on Saturday as had been planned, it was announced Friday by the local offices of Greyhound stages.

Permission to discontinue carrying the airmail has not yet been granted, and for that reason the cancellation of the bus service has been delayed.

The bus leaves for Medford at 6:10 p. m. As long as the bus continues, airmail will be carried, with the pouch closing at 5:30 p. m. at the postoffice here.

Hopkins Says U. S. to Build Ships for All

LONDON, July 18 (P)—The United States is going to build enough ships "to bring goods into the United Kingdom and into every theater in the world where democracies are fighting Hitler," Harry Hopkins, supervisor of the U. S. lend-lease program, said today.

Here on an official visit, Hopkins told a press conference he estimated United States shipbuilding yards would build and make ready for sea 1,000,000 tons of merchantmen during 1941 and at least 6,000,000 tons during next year.

Food in Ships
"We are going to see that the food in those ships and that adequate amounts of cheese and dairy products, fats and pork products get over here," he said.

Hopkins said American flag ships could, of course, go to England, but he declined to discuss (Continued on Page Two)

Oil Shortage For Germany Seen Nearing

LONDON, July 18 (P)—Germany's armies and air force are threatened with a severe oil and fuel shortage if the Russian campaign continues through September, a ministry of economic warfare source declared today.

German supplies already are "severely cut" by the war with Russia and the red air force's bombardments of the Rumanian Ploesti oil fields and oil-shipping port of Constanta, according to this source.

He said the Germans lost an annual supply of about 1,000,000 tons of oil when they attacked the soviet union, this being his estimate of what Russia supplied Germany under their trade agreement.

Although this tonnage was small, he said it was oil used as a lubricant and in diesel motors and hence was "very important" to the German war machine.

Franco Liberates Thousands of Prisoners, Raps U. S. Activity

MADRID, July 18 (P)—With a blaze of red and gold bunting, speeches by General Franco and wholesale pardoning of political prisoners, nationalist Spain celebrated today the fifth anniversary of the start of the civil war in which it was born.

Franco last night declared that United States' intervention in the European war would lead to a universal conflict lasting years and ending in the ruin of nations.

Food Chief Interest
But to Spaniards, chief interest in his speech was his attention to Spain's post-war domestic problems and her efforts to get food from abroad.

Speaking today at Villa Verde, near Madrid, Franco said the government hoped the Spanish

PRESIDENT CLAIMS DEFENSES SIMPLE

Iceland Important to Hemisphere; Ships To Be Guarded

WASHINGTON, July 18 (P)—President Roosevelt declared today it was the policy of the United States to defend Iceland and also to afford protection for the American garrison in the north Atlantic island.

Therefore, he told a press conference, it is what he termed ABC stuff to keep open the sea lanes to Iceland. The orders, he said, are to provide protection against attack or any threat of attack.

Threat Undefined
And he added that no one in the room, including himself, could define threat of attack.

Mr. Roosevelt discussed the Iceland situation in response to this question:

"What is being done to keep the sea lanes to Iceland open?"

He referred reporters to his message to congress notifying that American forces had entered the island and said that message was perfectly definite and clear and nothing really need be said further.

He said it was felt by all military authorities who have the best access to information and knowledge of defense needs of the nation and hemisphere that the possible occupation of Iceland by an unfriendly power would be a serious blow to national and hemispheric defense.

So it is necessary, he continued, to help keep out any hostile power by the occupation of Iceland.

That occupation has been partly completed, he said, but he is not going to tell of future movements of troops.

"In other words," Mr. Roosevelt declared, authorizing direct quotation, "I don't think it's a good idea that I should pull a Wheel."

10,000 Released
Chief among those pardoned was Manuel Hedilla, chief of the falange from the beginning of the civil war, July 18, 1936, until he differed with the general the following March, just before unification of all pro-nationalist parties, and was imprisoned.

The ministry of justice also published an order freeing 624 prisoners in addition to more than 10,000 whose release was announced yesterday.

U. S. Attacked
The Spanish leader, in a hard (Continued on Page Two)

RED DIVISION OFFICE TAKEN AT SMOLENSK

Russians Say Trench Warfare Altering Nazi Blitz

BERLIN, July 18 (P)—The high command announced tonight that German troops have swept over and beyond Smolensk, important city on the road to Moscow.

Smolensk itself was taken on Wednesday and all attempts to recapture it were shattered, the high command said.

A Russian division headquarters has been captured by German infantry southwest of Smolensk, German press dispatches reported tonight.

Action in this region was described as so fluid that the fighting zone ranges as deep as 60 miles in some places.

The German reports said separated Russian units of varying size were being encircled in vast mopping-up operations.

Destroyers Hit
On the Baltic sea front, other German reports said five red navy destroyers had been hit in a German air attack outside Riga bay and four undamaged Russian submarines and the minesweeper Lenin had been seized by the German occupation forces in the Latvian port of Libau (Liepaja).

MOSCOW, July 18 (P)—Hand-to-hand bayonet combat in trench warfare radically altering the Germans' blitzkrieg style was reported to have developed today with the red army holding on after a night-long battle on the huge front from the Baltic to the Black sea.

As the Germans' second sustained offensive drew to the close of its first week, a soviet communique reported pitched battles at the scenes of major action several days earlier in the Pskov-Porkhov, Smolensk, Bobruisk and Bessarabian sectors.

A dispatch from the front to Izvestia, the official government newspaper, said a new battle situation had arisen with Russian troops digging in individual trenches to escape the German artillery and aviation and meet nazi infantry with bayonets.

German Planes Attack Hull in Renewed Raids

LONDON, July 18 (P)—German air raiders, flying in waves through powerful anti-aircraft barrages, pounced on the northeast coast port of Hull during the night in one of the most furious aerial attacks launched against Britain in weeks.

At the same time, the air ministry said, the RAF attacked Cologne and other areas in the Rhineland, starting large fires, and blasted at German airdromes in occupied France.

British bombers also were reported to have attacked shipping in the occupied-French port of St. Nazaire, damaging one vessel of 4000 tons.

The British acknowledged the loss of one plane in these operations.

German long-range guns fired 16 shells from emplacements on the French coast in the darkness early today, apparently at a convoy in Dover Strait, although no ships could be seen from the English cliffs.

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Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

July 18, 1940 — Japanese Premier-Designate Prince Fumimaro Konohe sets up four-man inner cabinet to formulate Japanese policy.

July 18, 1918 — Germans claim halting of Russian offensive by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's forces near Riga.