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Last year to date .17.02



WARMER

NAZI GRIP CLOSES ON ODESSA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FRANCE lines up definitely with Germany.
Russia's surprisingly solid defense line appears to be cracking in the south.

THE other side of the story: Only wishful thinkers have expected France to do other than she has done.

The fight Russia has put up has been better than ANYBODY expected, and the toll exacted from Germany has been heavy.

A THOUGHT as to France: She wasn't much help to Britain. She won't be much help to Germany.

TODAY'S dispatches indicate that Odessa, on the Black Sea, Nikolaev, a few miles up the Bug river from the Black Sea, are likely to fall soon to the Germans.

Soviet quarters in London say: "If the Germans enter the Black sea ports of Odessa and Nikolaev, they will find smoking ruins of demolished factories and empty streets."

REMEMBER, The Russian fighting is a war of annihilation rather than a war for territory.

TODAY'S (Wednesday's) dispatches inform us that the British radio will make an "important announcement" tomorrow.

ON the home front, the 18 months extension of military service bill passes the house of representatives by the narrow margin of ONE vote.

THOSE who have been happily certain that Russia's unexpected resistance would be the cigarette coal that would pop Hitler's toy balloon will now be the worst scared as the news begins to turn the other way.

THIS writer (possessing no inside information and merely GUESSING from what has happened so far) has a notion that Russia isn't licked yet.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 (AP) — The Portland school board announced today it would refuse leaves of absence to male teachers who want higher-pay jobs in industry.

How NOT to Climb a Guy Wire



Hurling through the air, the body of Don Nixon, Oregon logger, races toward what seems certain death. After a fall of 60 feet he landed on his head atop an automobile, miraculously escaped injury. It happened at Seaside, Ore., during a logger's carnival while Nixon was demonstrating how to climb a guy wire.

Mythical Enemy Destroys Fort in Attack on Coast

FORT LEWIS, Aug. 13 (AP) — Mythical enemy forces, landed from a naval fleet at dawn today, invaded Oregon and Washington, theoretically captured 10 towns and were advancing on all fronts by 1 p. m., an army communique announced.

FORT LEWIS, Aug. 13 (AP) — A huge mythical enemy fleet theoretically invaded the coast of Washington at dawn today, officially starting the biggest war maneuvers in west coast history.

Fort Destroyed
Ford Worden, one of the main Puget Sound defense outposts, was destroyed after only 16 minutes of battle with the make-believe enemy fleet.

Abuse of Depot Mail Box Hit By Postoffice

Patrons of the United States mails, who have been in the habit of using the Southern Pacific depot mail box, are advised that a complaint has been filed by the railway mail service with the Klamath Falls postoffice stating the privilege is being abused and if this continues the box will be removed entirely.

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
(First game) R. H. E.
Washington 5 13 2
New York 3 10 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(First game) R. H. E.
New York 7 7 1
Boston 6 12 1

U. S. - Vichy Relations Critical

HULL SILENT ON PLANS OF GOVERNMENT

Darlan Regime Seen As Menacing to Americas

By LLOYD LEHRBAS
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — The United States and France—traditional friends since the American revolution—reached a critical pass in their relations today, as fears were freely expressed in official quarters that Vichy's new program of collaboration with Germany held threats to American interests and territories.

Secretary of State Hull still withheld formal comment on the new policy set forth by Marshal Petain, chief of the French state, in a radio address yesterday pledging adherence to the Nazi new order.

The secretary intimated, however, that grave concern was inspired here by the elevation of Admiral Darlan, pro-axis vice premier, to supreme command of France's armed forces.

No Secret
Hull has never made any secret of his opinion of Darlan. Long ago he accused him of being a partner in a collaboration "scheme" whose object was to "deliver France politically, economically, socially and militarily to Hitler" and make France a co-belligerent in "Hitler's desperate effort to conquer Great Britain and secure control of the high seas."

While state department officials sought to appraise the full implications of a closer Franco-German working arrangement, it was generally believed that United States policy would be guided by the way the new collaboration manifested itself.

Vital questions of the moment were whether the French fleet would cooperate with German aims, whether French help would be sought against Britain, and whether Nazi penetration of (Continued on Page Two)

Fourth Day Passes Without Word From President's Yacht

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — The capital remained without word of President Roosevelt today, the fourth day since the last dispatch was received from the chief executive's yacht Potomac.

The navy department, through which communications from the vacationing presidential yacht have been made public, had no comment on the Potomac's silence, unbroken since a dispatch was received last Saturday morning.

Mr. Roosevelt left on the cruise off New England on August 3 and expected to be gone a week or 10 days. Arrangements were made for the Potomac to send radio dispatches to the navy department here for release, but officials said at the time there was no promise on the part of the president or his companions that dispatches would be sent with any regularity.

Looking Backward By The Associated Press

Aug. 13, 1940 — Germans, in third day of unremitting air assaults, sent 500 planes to smash at Britain; British claim 69 shot down. Light German warships, submarines clash with British motor torpedo boats.
Aug. 13, 1916 — British advance 300 yards on front of nearly a mile northwest of Pozieres. Russians capture Marlampol, in Galicia, and Podgacy along upper Sereth river.

Germans Declare U. S. Planning To Take Indies

BERLIN, Aug. 13 (AP) — Authorized German sources charged today that certain American groups which "for a long time have cast covetous eyes on Martinique," may seize upon French Chief of State Petain's speech as an excuse to "satisfy their lust" for that West Indian island.

1. Because powers outside the continent "which desire to establish guardianships over France were rebuffed."
2. Because Petain solidly aligned (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. SEEKS BASE ON BRAZIL COAST

Possible Nazi Moves At Dakar Speed Defense Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Pursuing a broad strategy designed to safeguard the hemisphere, the United States today was reported negotiating for air-base rights in Brazil to offset any German threat to Dakar, French West Africa.

Informed congressional sources declared the state department has initiated discussions with Brazil, urging her to resume control of an Italian-operated airport on an island off Natal, seaport on the hump of the South American continent.

From Natal, it is only 1,620 miles northeast across the narrowest part of the South Atlantic to Dakar, referred to frequently as a potential jump-off point for operations against the western hemisphere.

New French Stand
Members of congress concerned with military legislation expressed misgivings over the announcement from Vichy that Admiral Jean Darlan would be given supreme control of French military matters. This newest evidence of Franco-German collaboration, they declared, probably meant that Hitler would be accorded the right to use Dakar.

8-Hour Day Rule Suspended on All Military Projects
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — President Roosevelt has suspended the 8-hour day law as applied to mechanics and laborers employed by the war department on public works necessary to national defense in the United States.

The action, by means of an executive order announced today, was said at the White House to have been taken because of the necessity of completing all military projects at the earliest practical date.

The suspension applies to workers on air fields, troop housing units, fortifications and other works necessary to the military establishment.

A war department official said the executive order would affect only mechanics and laborers directly employed by the war department. It will not cover the vastly larger number of workmen employed by private contractors on army cantonment construction, fortifications and air fields.

EXTENSION OF DRAFT RUSHED BY CONGRESS

Bill Passes House by One-Vote Margin, Goes to Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — Seeking to hurry army service extension legislation to President Roosevelt, Democratic Leader Barkley said today he hoped the senate would accept tomorrow the house-approved version of the measure, which was passed last night by the hair-line margin of a single vote.

Barkley said he was canvassing the senate in an effort to have a majority present tomorrow for action on the legislation, which would provide an additional 18 months of service for selectees, national guardsmen, reservists and enlisted men.

Wheeler Speaks
Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) described the close house vote on the draft extension bill as a clear indication that "the people will not tolerate the carrying on of an undeclared war."

"Despite all the pressure on the congress from the president, the army general staff, a last-minute appeal by the secretary of state, and all the British propagandists," he said in a statement, "the house has passed the bill by only one vote."

Some of the members of congress were absent and not voting. Some failed to record (Continued on Page Two)

All Klamath Schools Start September 8

Klamath county parents, in the habit of getting Susie and Sammy ready for school the first Tuesday after Labor day, have another week to go after the holiday, according to a check with city and county school heads.

Present plans call for the opening of school on Monday, September 8. This includes Klamath Union high school, all county and the seven city schools.

Labor day, as a rule, falls late in the first week of the September calendar, but this year September 1 falls on Monday. A number of county parents hoped to have the date set back one week due to the heavy work on farms and ranches.

Klamath Union high school's superintendent, Arnold Gralapp, stated Wednesday the opening of high school would take place Monday, September 8, with a faculty session called for the morning, meeting of the student body at 1 p. m. The immediate schedule will be discussed and assignments made with classes under way Tuesday morning.

Dude Cowboys Get Legal Come-Down In New Mexico

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 13 (AP) — New Mexico's dude cowboys got an awful come-down today.

RAF Heavily Bombs Berlin In Wide Foray

LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP) — British fliers in a wide foray which ranged all the way from Norway to France attacked Berlin heavily last night and unloaded explosive and incendiary bombs on a dozen other German cities.

In the German capital, an air ministry communique stated, "large fires which were started were increasing their hold when our aircraft left."

The British bombers had as their main targets in addition to Berlin the industrial cities of Magdeburg, Hannover and Essen, the Krupp armaments works at the last city being the main (Continued on Page Two)

ALTERNATE ROADS FOR AIRPORT SET

County Court Decides To Spend \$6000 On Project

Klamath county court on Wednesday formally assured U. S. army engineers and the city of Klamath Falls that it will have an alternate road constructed as soon as it is necessary to close a portion of the Spring Lake road to make way for airport development.

The action was taken at a conference of county court members, city airport commissioners and chamber of commerce airport committeemen. Closure of a short section of the Spring Lake road is a part of a program whereby the civil aeronautics authority will spend another \$278,000 on a third and final runway for the Klamath airport.

Cost \$6000
The section of new road will parallel the Southern Pacific tracks on Joe Wright lane, to the present Spring Lake road. The cost to the county will be about \$6000, according to an estimate handed the court by County Engineer Frank Z. Howard.

Court members stated it will be necessary to transfer money from the emergency fund and to "squeeze" other sources for the remainder, inasmuch as the airport road problem developed after the 1941 budget was adopted.

In the course of the discussion (Continued on Page Two)

Manila Observes Anniversary With War Expected

MANILA, Aug. 13 (AP) — A Manila nearly as tense with war worry as on that Aug. 13, 1898, when 8,500 American soldiers captured the city after an all-day battle against the Spaniards, today quietly observed the 43rd anniversary of its occupation by the United States forces.

There was no public ceremony, but many reunions were held by oldtimers who served as officers and soldiers of occupation. The 31st United States infantry regiment, "Manila's own," simultaneously observed the 25th anniversary of its founding here.

A greatly augmented Asiatic fleet is now at anchor where 43 years ago Admiral Dewey's victorious squadron awaited the outcome of the fighting ashore, and talk of war is heard on all sides.

United States warplanes roar over Manila, while army trucks rumble through the streets, as Uncle Sam prepares to meet any eventuality arising from the taut situation in the Far East.

UKRAINE SEEN IN DANGER BY LONDON VIEW

Germans Say Russian Troops Trapped In River Area

By The Associated Press
Russia's red armies appeared to have all but lost their grasp on the western half of the Ukraine below the Dnieper river today as German troops smashed from three directions at the great port of Odessa and suicide rearguards fought bitterly to cover the soviet retreat to the Black sea.

A British war office spokesman acknowledged that the Russian position in the Ukraine had deteriorated rapidly, and the soviet high command was ominously silent on the climactic struggle.

Russian quarters in London, however, declared that if the Germans entered Odessa and Nikolaev, 65 miles east, they would find only "the smoking ruins of demolished factories and empty streets"—ghost cities left in ruins under Premier Joseph Stalin's order for a so-called scorched earth campaign.

Thousands of Russian tanks, great masses of infantry and tens of thousands of hard-riding cossack horsemen, soviet sources also said, were hurling more counter-attacks against Field Marshal General Von Rundstedt's advancing Germans.

While the situation was undoubtedly grave for the Russians, qualified observers said that the loss of the lower Ukraine, even the capture of Odessa and Nikolaev, would not be a decisive blow to the soviet.

It was pointed out that the richest prizes still lie beyond the Dnieper river, to the east, where the big industrial centers are Ukraine, now being overrun by the Nazi invasion armies, in an agriculture-producing country, while the treasure vaults of iron, manganese and other war materials are in the east.

Nazi military dispatches asserted that the port of Odessa, main base of the Russian Black sea fleet, was caught in a gigantic "squeeze," with German columns storming toward the city from three sides.

German reports said a considerable red army force was trapped along the Black sea coast between Odessa and Ochakov, 40 miles east, cut off from retreat by German and Rumanian troops knifing down the Bug river valley to the sea.

The soviet high command, silent for the first time on key sectors in the 53-day old struggle, reported that Russian troops had routed a German elite division of 15,000 men and smashed another division, killing and wounding 7500 men, in an unspecified sector of the 1200-mile front.

Two Big Projects Slated to Start

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) — The economic defense board called today for reports from several government agencies preparatory to initiating two international projects, the nature of which Vice President Wallace, board chairman, declined to disclose.

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