

HUNTERS!

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLE
Wednesday, October 22

Sunrise	6:18
Sunset	4:55
Duck hunting begins at sunrise, ends at 4 p. m.	
Pheasant hunting begins one-half hour before sunrise, ends at sunset.	

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WEATHER

High 58; Low 36	
PRECIPITATION	
24 hours to 8 a. m.	.00
Season to date	.31
Normal precipitation	.65
Last year to date	.15



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U. S. VESSEL SUNK OFF AFRICA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S most interesting news is that while Japan's new government has done a lot of talking it has started (as yet) no new shooting.

The poker game is still on. A GUESS—perhaps a wild one: Konoze's moderate government was an effort to find out how far the United States was willing to go in the way of appeasing Japan—possibly at the expense of China and Russia.

Tojo's rougher, tougher government is an effort to find out whether the United States will fight.

TODAY'S dispatches tell us that "authoritative quarters" in London rate the Japanese navy as "very powerful, efficient and well-manned," but declared that many of the ships "look overburdened with armament" and say the Japanese fleet is "extremely susceptible to economic blockade."

DON'T take much stock in often-heard statements that we can "lick the Japs with one hand tied behind us" and that a war with Japan will be only a matter of weeks. Such statements have been made often since history began, but have seldom panned out.

We'll win, of course, (if we get in) but it won't be any six weeks' job.

A LONDON authoritative "source" (the statement about the Japanese navy came from an authoritative "quarter") says today that "the ebb and flow of the battle of the Atlantic continues ceaselessly," but "we do have reasons for confidence."

He adds: The support given to us by the American navy is invaluable.

BRACE yourself for other shocks such as the torpedoing of the American destroyer Kearny with the loss of 11 lives.

We can't go on giving invaluable support to the British in the battle of the Atlantic without expecting reprisals.

(THIS isn't intended as criticism of what the navy is doing. It is merely an appeal for intelligent thinking instead of wishful thinking. This game we're in isn't being played "with children's blocks.")

FOR the moment, at least, the German advance on Moscow seems to be slowing down in the face of stiffened Russian resistance. At the same time, German pressure on Rostov, at the point where the Don river flows into the Sea of Azov, is increasing.

Consult your map here. It will tell you that the Don is the last great river barrier between Hitler's armies and the Caspian Sea. Around the Caspian lie Russia's oil supplies.

South of the Caspian, in Iran and Iraq, are the oil fields that fuel Britain's war machine in Africa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

Loss of these oil fields would be a serious blow to Britain and a corresponding boon to Germany.

RECALL the speed, efficiency and accuracy with which the British have been able to (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward
By The Associated Press

One Year Ago—British air raiders heavily attacked Hamburg. Churchill declared that he will have command of the sea and appeals to French people and Germans.

Two Years Ago—Twenty-one German coastal guard vessels strike mine off Denmark.

Twenty-five Years Ago—French capture Wood, north of Chaumes. Count Stuebel, Austrian premier, is assassinated.

50 HOSTAGES ORDERED SHOT FOR SLAYING

Death of Nazi Chief Brings Reprisals On Frenchmen

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Oct. 21 (AP)—The German forces of occupation in Paris tonight ordered 50 persons shot in reprisal for the slaying at Nantes of the German commandant, Gen. Holtz.

General Otto Von Stuepnigel, commander-in-chief of the German army of occupation, also announced that 50 more hostages would be shot "if the assassins are not captured by midnight Oct. 23."

The announcement did not say whether the first 50 had already been shot or whether they would be executed at dawn tomorrow. (A Havas dispatch to Rome indicated they already were dead.) A 15,000,000 franc reward was offered for information leading to the discovery of the killers. (The franc's last quoted value was about 2 cents.)

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Oct. 21 (AP)—The arrest of four French gendarmes officers at Nantes in connection with the killing there yesterday of the German General Holtz was announced tonight along with the executions of four more persons in various parts of the country.

The four arrested, including one colonel and three captains, have been held since shortly after the assassination on the ground that they were responsible for maintaining peace among the French population.

They were declared not to be held as hostages and thus not liable to be shot.

Earlier the perfect of the department of which Nantes is the capital was questioned then released.

There was no indication that the four persons executed were connected with the Holtz incident. Their deaths brought to 84 the total number of firing squad deaths.

Ambulances Called As Trains Collide In Pennsylvania

RAHWAY, N. J., Oct. 21 (AP)—An undetermined number of persons were injured today when two Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains collided a short distance west of the Rahway station.

Linden police, a few miles away, said they had received a call for all possible ambulances. The Rahway hospital reported private automobiles were starting to arrive with injured.

The railroad offices in New York said first reports indicated the trains involved were the "Embassy," a New York-to-Washington express, and a New York-Philadelphia local.

The railroad said the trains sideswiped each other, with the locomotive of the Washington train overturning. Several cars of the New York-Philadelphia train were damaged, the railroad said.

Petain Protests British Bombing

VICHY, Oct. 21 (AP)—Marshal Petain today broke his government's silence on the RAF's bombardment of German-held ports on France's channel coast by expressing a protest against the bombings of Le Havre. The protest was made in an open letter addressed to the port's municipal government.

Knit One—Purl Two



With her eyesight as keen as that of a 16-year-old, Mrs. Perly E. West, 87 years old, is just finishing the cuff of her 47th pair of socks which she has knit for the Klamath county chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. West resides at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Tatman, 307 Lowell street. She scraps the scraps of "pick" knitting, and throws her thread with a precise movement of the right hand.

WICKARD APPROVES FARM PRICE FIXING

Agricultural Prices Not Too High Yet, Secretary Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard gave his support today to price-control legislation which would authorize ceilings on farm products at not less than 110 per cent of parity, but declared that agricultural commodities were not too high yet.

Recalling trials of farmers growing out of inflationary and deflationary periods of the first World war, the secretary said: "I do not believe that the American economy can stand a repetition of anything like that."

Wickard's statement was made before a house banking committee considering an administration-supported price control bill. Wickard declared, however, that price control alone would not prevent inflation. As for agriculture, he said, the surest preventive was increased production.

He said the agriculture department had inaugurated a program designed to give this country its greatest production of food and crops next year.

"Like other farmers," the secretary said, "I have watched with mingled pleasure and fear these recent price increases for farm products. I think the pleasure is understandable enough after 20 years of unfairly low prices. Even greater than the pleasure, though, is the fear of what happens when prices get too high. They are certainly not there now. But speaking as one farmer, I hope they never do get there."

Chiloquin Youth Shot in Leg on Hunting Trip

Jack Winkle, 18, Chiloquin, son of "Buck" Winkle of that city, is in Klamath Valley hospital recovering from gunshot wounds in the right leg received late Monday afternoon while hunting with a young companion near his home.

It is understood the gun, a 410 gauge shotgun, discharged as Winkle's companion handed it to him. The discharge fractured the boy's leg. He submitted to major surgery Tuesday morning and his condition later in the day was reported as satisfactory.

Nazis Take Soviet Plants

ARMY WITHIN 50 MILES OF RED CAPITAL

Russians Say Fighting Heavy Around City, Drive Slowed

By The Associated Press.
Adolf Hitler's high command announced a new blow to the backbone of Russia's war foundries today with the capture of Stalino, big armaments center 100 miles north of Rostov-on-Don, and on the central front, Nazi troops were reported within 50 miles of Moscow.

Late today, however, the Moscow radio declared that Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's central front armies were smashing hard at the Germans in most sectors around the soviet capital.

The radio said the fighting was so intense that "many suburban villages have changed hands as many as three times a day."

Then, on a note of confidence, the radio announcer asserted: "Encountering heavy resistance, the Germans have considerably slowed down their drive."

Informed London quarters, picturing the Moscow area as aflame with vast and bloody battles of tanks, infantry and artillery, said it was "a good guess" that the Germans had scored a 15-mile advance from the Maloyaroslavets sector, 65 miles southwest of Moscow, after six days of violent tank assaults.

Soviet armored forces, however, were said to be fiercely (Continued on Page Two)

Dozen Resort Cabins Looted; Robber, 18, Gets Sentence Here

Looting of more than a dozen cabins in the lake resort area northwest of here was disclosed Tuesday in the case of Robert J. Feller, 18, who was sentenced by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg to five years in prison, and was paroled.

Feller was charged specifically with the robbery of the Rocky Point cabin of John Perli, Medford undertaker. District Attorney L. O. Sisemore said, however, that Feller and a companion assertedly broke into cabins at Rocky Point, Lake o' the Woods, Crescent lake and Diamond lake, taking a large quantity of loot.

Much of the loot was recovered, some of it from second hand stores and some from Feller's car, which was located here. Feller and his companion came here from Vancouver, Wash., robbed the cabins and wrecked their car between here and Bonanza when it hit a cow. Feller returned to Vancouver, where he was arrested.

The second man in the case has not been apprehended.

Weed Mill Strike Continues With No Change Reported

The second day of an AFL strike involving 1200 employees of the sprawling Long-Bell Lumber company mill operation at Weed, Calif., passed Tuesday with no further progress reported toward a settlement.

The strike shut down the big pine mill Monday morning, throwing most of the town's working population out of employment. The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union is seeking higher wages and a week's vacation with pay.

Twelve men were reported to have gone through a picket line around the big mill Monday but there was no violence. Long-Bell is presumed to be working on several defense orders.

Hull Asks Repeal of Ban On Ships in Combat Zone

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull said today he believed that a neutrally act provision which bans American merchant vessels from specified combat zones should be "repealed or modified."

He tossed this recommendation into a request that congress repeal now the section of the act which prohibits arming of the ships.

Hull's statement, given to the senate foreign relations committee behind closed doors, was supplied also by the state department.

Hull specifically urged the repeal of section six of the act, which prohibits the arming of merchant vessels, and of section two (which prohibits their entry into specified combat zones) declared:

"Inasmuch as section two is not under consideration I will offer no comment except to say that in my judgment section two should be repealed or modified."

"When American ships are being wantonly and unlawfully attacked with complete disregard of life and property," the secretary said, "it is absurd to forego any legitimate measures that may be helpful toward self defense. It is especially absurd to continue to tie our hands by a provision of law which prohibits arming our merchant vessels for their own defense."

It would be "little short of criminal negligence," for the United States to cling to the hope of somehow escaping the fate of other countries, he testified.

Jackson Given 25-Year Term By U. S. Court

MEDFORD, Oct. 21 (AP)—Boyd J. Jackson Jr., Klamath Indian of Sprague River, was sentenced to 25 years in a federal prison on a second-degree murder charge Tuesday, after his appointed attorney George A. Coddling had pleaded with Federal Judge James A. Fee for leniency. The law provides a sentence of ten years to life.

Jackson pleaded guilty to the rifle slaying of his brother Nathaniel last June 30, in front of the latter's house at Sprague River.

Non-Defense Use Of Copper Banned After November 1

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—Effective Nov. 1 the use of copper will be forbidden in all non-defense building construction.

Donald M. Nelson, director of priorities, issued the necessary order yesterday, and one defense official termed it the "toughest" defense restriction yet imposed to conserve the supply of a strategic metal for arms production.

The order exempted only copper used for electric wiring, for equipment exposed to corrosive action of special kind, hydroelectric plants, and contracts of government defense agencies which specify copper.

In addition to the Nov. 1 ban, the order prohibited the use of copper next year in the manufacture of more than 100 common articles ranging from dress accessories and kitchen utensils to barrel hoops and caskets.

Pheasant Hunting Season Opens Wednesday Morning in Klamath

Pheasant season opens in Klamath county Wednesday morning one-half hour before sunrise and indications Tuesday were that the birds would be plentiful in this area.

Hunting regulations this year have been altered to permit the shooting of male birds only. Last fall one hen was permitted in each daily bag. Not more than eight birds may be shot in the space of seven consecutive days and no more than eight may be in possession at one time.

According to Game Commissioner Francis Olds the bulk of the pheasants in the Klamath area will be Mongolians. Thirty-six hundred have been liberated recently, he said, and by now are full grown. The season's late start should have allowed birds to reach a point where males are easily distinguishable from females, Olds stated.

Hunting ends at sunset each day.

RAILROAD UNIONS REJECT MEDIATION

Steel Production in Birmingham Hit By Strikes

By The Associated Press
Fourteen non-operating railroad brotherhoods with 900,000 members today joined five operating brotherhoods with 360,000 members in rejecting an offer by President Roosevelt's emergency board to arbitrate the wage dispute between railroads and their organized employees.

The five operating brotherhoods rejected the offer yesterday after carrier managements had agreed to it. Both union groups rejected arbitration last summer when dispute was before the national railroad mediation board.

In other fields, steel production was hampered in the Birmingham area by strikes which started in Alabama coal mines and spread to steel plants and conferences started at Buffalo, N. Y., to avert a threatened walk-out at two airplane plants of Bell Aircraft corporation.

The defense mediation board ordered a hearing in Washington October 28 on the controversy which affected the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company at Birmingham.

About 4000 men were thrown out of work when the CIO United Mine workers called a strike which closed six large Alabama coal mines, and 800 more became idle when the UMW chemical division struck last night, closing four blast furnaces of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company at Birmingham.

SEARCH ON FOR TWO LIFEBOATS NEAR EQUATOR

President Announces Sinking, Reports None Killed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the torpedoing Sunday night of the American merchant vessel Lehigh just north of the equator and near the southern end of the bulge of Africa.

While lacking information on the number of persons aboard, Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference one boat load of survivors had been picked up. It is understood, he said, that two other boats are missing and a search is on for them.

None Killed
He said persons in the boat which was found believed no one was killed but that some persons were wounded in the explosion of the torpedo.

The Lehigh, of about 9000 tons, had discharged a cargo in Bilbao, Spain, the chief executive said, and was running empty on a trading voyage to the Gold Coast.

The chief executive left no doubt that he was convinced it was a torpedo from a German submarine which had sent the Lehigh down and he told a press conference in stern tones that Secretary of State Hull was dead right when he called such activity piracy.

The Lehigh was the ninth American-owned merchant vessel sent to the bottom in the more than two years of the European war.

Its sinking followed shortly on the torpedoing of the United States destroyer Kearny last Friday morning off Iceland, in which 11 of the crew were listed as "missing."

Asked what he proposed to do about the Lehigh sinking, Mr. Roosevelt said he did not know because he had received word of it only a few minutes before the press conference convened.

Further Grounds
Yet he made it clear that he (Continued on Page Two)

British Resume Aerial Attacks On Nazi Areas

LONDON, Oct. 21 (AP)—British planes, reopening their offensive against Germany after three days of bad weather, returned from a daylight sweep over northern France today with reports of 12 German fighters brought down.

Nine British fighter planes were missing but the pilots of three were safe, an authoritative source said.

Bremen, Wilhelmshaven and Emden were bombed heavily last night by strong British raiding squadrons, which also reported loss of nine planes.

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