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SUNRISE TABLE

Saturday, November 28

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High 40; Low 27
PRECIPITATION
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Season to date 2.24
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Last year to date 2.21



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BRITISH CLAIM EDGE IN LIBYA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CAIRO hints guardedly today that in the battle of Libya the tide is beginning to turn in Britain's favor.

The Tobruk garrison has joined the British encircling column coming up from the east and south. The British say formidable axis "pockets" still remain in the encircled area, however, and must be cleared out before the navy can land troops and supplies at Tobruk.

That would be important, for it would shorten and speed up British supply lines.

THE British Broadcasting Corporation reports today:

"The British Mediterranean fleet, sweeping the waters between Libya and Crete, has so effectively blocked the axis that since the beginning of the great tank battle in Libya NOT ONE TON of supplies has reached the hard-pressed German and Italian armies by sea."

KEEPING fighting forces SUPPLIED has always been essential to their success. In these days of mechanized warfare, it is more necessary than ever before.

IN Russia, the nazis appear to be battering steadily nearer to Moscow, and the reds admit the situation there is grave.

Before giving Moscow up for lost, remember that months ago Leningrad was so gravely menaced as Moscow is now but is still holding out.

IN the dispatches, you read repeatedly that the fighting in northern Africa may affect the whole future of the world.

If you want to know why, get out your globe.

You will note that while Hitler has overrun practically all of Europe, including much of European Russia, the area he has conquered is RELATIVELY small. On the entire globe, it occupies a space not much larger than a postage stamp stuck on an apple.

THEN get out your history books.

You will read in their pages that NAPOLEON conquered an area roughly comparable with that conquered so far by Hitler—somewhat smaller, of course, but still comparable. Napoleon was STOPPED. He tried to break into Africa, but failed. He cast longing eyes at India, but never could muster the strength to make the attempt to seize it.

In time, the hatreds and the stresses he had set up in the countries he conquered COMBINED to overthrow him.

IF Hitler can be stopped in European Russia, if he can be held at the Caucasus, if he can be thrown out of Africa and prevented from getting back, there is a very fair chance that the record written by Napoleon may be REPEATED in the case of Hitler.

IT is British SEA POWER that is opening up the possibility that Hitler may be stopped as Napoleon was stopped.

Hitler realizes it. So he is reaching for sea power with which to combat that of Britain, now aided by the United States.

LET no doubts enter your mind that it is Hitler who is firing up Japan to go to war with the (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

One Year Ago—German spread flames in Liverpool and London; RAF bombs Cologne.

Two Years Ago—Russia denounces non-aggression pact with Finland.

Twenty-Five Years Ago—German troops are reported within 37 miles of Bucharest.

SENATE, HOUSE PLANT SEIZURE BILLS OKAYED

House Crushes Effort To Limit Wages in Price Measure

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Senate and house committees gave their approval today to separate bills which would empower the government to take over a defense plant when strikes impede production.

The senate judiciary committee voted 12 to 2 to recommend the bill of Senator Connally to take over such plants and freeze the open or closed shop status in them.

This action followed only by minutes house labor committee approval of legislation which, besides the seizure clause, would create machinery for voluntary arbitration of labor disputes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—In swift succession, the house crushed today a move to limit wage increases through price control legislation and then decided to retain in the bill agriculture price provisions advocated by farm state representatives.

By a voice vote, the house refused to strike out of the bill a provision to prohibit establishment of ceilings for farm prices below their 1919-29 average despite criticisms that it would permit the prices of some farm products to rise as much as 30 per cent.

Specifically, proponents of the provision conceded it would allow cotton prices to rise to 21.6 cents a pound although they contended the huge surplus of the commodity would prevent such an increase. The parity price of cotton is about 17 cents.

In its present form, the bill would forbid the fixing of ceilings for farm prices below the market price on October 1, the 1919-29 average or 110 per cent of their parity price, whichever is highest.

The house overwhelmingly voted down a proposal for a modified form of wage control.

F. R. Summons Conference on New Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—President Roosevelt will call treasury experts and congressional leaders to a White House conference, probably next week, to seek an agreement on the substance of proposed new tax legislation.

Plans for the meeting were disclosed today by Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee, who told reporters he expected any new revenue program to provide for a payroll withholding tax.

Payroll Deduction
George expressed the opinion that consideration of a new revenue measure was likely to be delayed until January, despite urgent treasury appeals for speedy action.

While the Georgia senator would not predict the form to be taken by the new bill, he said he looked upon the inclusion of a payroll withholding tax as "inevitable" and believed that it might be accompanied by a general all-around increase in corporate and individual levies.

The treasury has suggested (Continued on Page Two)

More Troops to Visit Klamath

More troops are scheduled to visit Klamath Falls in the next few days, according to Earl Reynolds, chamber of commerce secretary.

Reynolds said that a larger unit, including about 900 officers and men, will bivouac here Monday. These men are from the 116th Infantry.

Scheduled for a stop here Friday night were three officers and ninety men of the 50th cavalry.

Noted Singer Here Tonight



Paul Robeson, internationally famous negro bass-baritone, who opens the winter concert season here.

SEVITS SENTENCED FOR BANK THEFT

3-Year Term Ordered For Former Dorris Bank Cashier

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 28 (AP)—Federal Judge Martin W. Welsh today sentenced Clifford W. Sevits, former cashier of the Butte Valley State bank at Dorris, Calif., to serve three years in federal prison on the first count of an indictment charging embezzlement of bank funds totalling \$2,500.

The judge imposed a probationary sentence of five years on each of two additional counts to run concurrently. The probationary period begins after Sevits has served his three year sentence.

Sentencing of Clifford W. Sevits at Sacramento Friday concludes a case that broke with startling suddenness about six weeks ago at Dorris, where Sevits for many years was connected with the Butte Valley State bank.

Federal officials stated that embezzlement by Sevits from the bank amounted to nearly \$20,000 over a period of years. The bank was fully protected by insurance and no losses were incurred by depositors.

Discovery of irregularities was made by state bank examiners, and when Sevits was confronted with their findings he admitted the embezzlement and assisted the examiners and bank officials in making a complete check of the books, it was said. For several years, it was reported, Sevits had managed to prevent discovery of the embezzlements in spite of many examinations by both state and federal examiners.

Sevits pleaded guilty to the federal charges.

Governor Asks Extradition of Klamath Suspect

SALEM, Nov. 28 (AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague said today he has asked the extradition of George Parks from Great Falls, Mont., to Klamath Falls, where Parks is charged with slaying Dr. David last March 18.

Dr. David was slain while he wrestled with one of two gunmen who had robbed a lunch-room near his home. Sheriff Lloyd Low at Klamath Falls said the gunmen fled, but that one later was identified as Parks through an automobile license application.

Sheriff Lloyd Low left Klamath Falls Thursday for Salem to obtain extradition papers for Parks. He planned to go from there to Great Falls, Mont., to bring the Buffalo lunch murder suspect back to Klamath Falls.

Robeson Plans Varied Program For Concert

Music lovers are keenly interested in tonight's concert at 8 o'clock in the Pelican theatre when the first of the winter series is opened by Paul Robeson, bass-baritone, and Clara Rockmore, thereminist. The concert is presented by the Klamath Community Concert association and admission is by membership ticket only. Doors will open at 7 o'clock.

Robeson's accompanist is Lawrence Brown who has been with him since his first public appearance, and Miss Rockmore's accompanist of long standing is William Schatzkammer.

A record breaking house is expected tonight from interest shown the past two weeks by the association membership. Both artists arrived early Friday morning and are to leave by train several hours after midnight for San Francisco where they will appear.

Paul Robeson, who has dedicated his magnificent voice to the "songs of the folk," as he expresses it, is today acclaimed throughout Europe and America, not only as the greatest singing actor of his race, but "comparable to the greatest singers of any race." With utmost simplicity he presents these genuine expressions of the folk soul, their moments of sadness and brave gaiety, of simple and fervent (Continued on Page Two)

Germans Sowing Mines Near Coast

LONDON, Nov. 28 (AP)—The German air force is sowing "considerable" mines along the sea lanes off the west coast of England through which some United States ships coming directly to Britain must sail, an authoritative source said tonight.

He said that this mining had been a continuing process but that the British had been "very successful" in dealing with air-sown mines, although the "nuisance value" to the Germans had been enormous, considering how many men were required to keep the approaches swept clear.

New Entries Swell Line-up for "Fairyland" Parade Saturday

Saturday's Fairyland parade continued to grow in potential size Friday, as new entries came into the Christmas Opening headquarters at the chamber of commerce.

Five bands, eight floats, seven marching units and seven inflated figures are now entered for the procession from Esplanade and Main to Second and Main streets, beginning at 1 p. m. Saturday. There may be other entries.

Moscow Threat Growing

NAZIS ADVANCE DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES, CLAIM

Soviets Report Gains In Counter Attack Near Rostov

MOSCOW, Nov. 28 (AP)—The peril of Moscow is increasing, Pravda, the communist party paper, acknowledged today, despite "tremendous" German losses and a difficult Nazi supply problem.

The newspaper said the German's main strength had been marshalled on the flanks of the capital's defenses for an attempt to push east and north in the past several days.

The Germans have encountered supply difficulties because their gains have extended their front, it declared, and reported the destruction of 330 tanks between November 16 and 25 as an indication of the Nazi losses.

Wedges Driven
A Russian counter-offensive in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles north of Moscow, has driven wedges into the German lines, and red army troops have reoccupied several villages, Pravda said.

On the Rostov front in the (Continued on Page Two)

Gondar Falls To British in East Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Nov. 28 (AP)—Gondar, mountainous stronghold and last bastion of Premier Mussolini's east African empire, surrendered last night after a hard-driven two-way attack, the British east African headquarters declared today.

The announcement gave no details on the number of prisoners taken by the attacking empire force of highland troops, Indians, Sudanese and south and west African units.

Military observers said, however, the Gondar garrison was believed to exceed 10,000 men—at least half of them Italians.

The Italian high command also announced the surrender at Gondar where it declared Italian forces were outnumbered, bombarded by land and air, and battered into the city itself by armored forces.

"With all means for keeping up resistance exhausted, and in order not to expose the Italian and native populations to further sacrifices of life," the Italian communiqué said, "the high command of the theatre of operations ordered hostilities suspended at 2 p. m."

The British announcement said the final assault on the hold-out stronghold in northeastern Ethiopia was made principally by east African troops who thus had "the honor of finally overthrowing Mussolini's east African empire."

Jap-American Parley Seen Near End; War Threat Eyed

By The Associated Press
With the fate of peace in the Pacific hanging in the balance, Japan's press today voiced belief that Japanese-American negotiations were near an end and Washington reports said the far east crisis had reached a point of extreme gravity.

The United States government, it was reported, has sternly ruled out any possibility of a compromise with Japan on the China war and has raised the possibility that American merchant ships in the Pacific may be armed.

In Canberra, Australia's advisory war council met in special session to discuss latest developments in the situation.

In Shanghai, to the farewell strains of "Aloha," thousands of persons watched the S. S. President Harrison depart with the last contingent of Shanghai's U. S. marine garrison, ending a 14-year sojourn in the Orient. The remaining detachments at Peiping and Tientsin, less than 200 in number, were expected to leave soon from a

North China port, completely removing all American marines from Japanese-occupied China as ordered by President Roosevelt amid the heightening tension.

Informed quarters in Washington said they expected an invasion of Thailand, adjoining both British Burma and Malaya, would be Tokyo's first move if the Japanese government decided to reject Secretary of State Cordell Hull's basic formula for peace in the Pacific.

There were strong indications that Japan had virtually abandoned any hope of a settlement through the "last chance" mission of special envoy Saburo Kurusu to Washington, with Dornel, the Japanese news agency, declaring that "there is little room for prolongation" of the negotiations.

High Japanese war and navy ministry officials met at the official residence of Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo while the cabinet met to study Mr. Hull's offer. The government gave no im-

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Five Die in Rooming House Fire at Omaha

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 28 (AP)—Five members of the family were burned to death, and two others were seriously injured in a fire in a downtown rooming house early today.

The dead are Melton Wedgewood, 17, Mrs. Dale Wedgewood, 23, Gary Dale Wedgewood, 18-months old, Virginia Wedgewood, 13 and Dale Wedgewood, 23.

E. R. Wedgewood, 48, jumped to safety after being badly burned but his wife was trapped in the building. Her condition was undetermined. She suffered greatly from shock, a sanitarium attendant said.

The family was trapped in the (Continued on Page Two)

Two Members of 'Duchess' Gang Die in Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Nov. 28 (AP)—After laughing heartily and chatting over a robust breakfast one hour before their death hour, two members of the notorious "Duchess" gang were executed in the prison gas chamber today.

They were Mike Simeone, 33, and 22-year-old Gordon Hawkins.

Both men refused blindfolds as they were seated in the execution chairs.

Young Hawkins looked through the glass windows and grinned at the audience.

Simeone managed to smile weakly. As the two had entered the death chamber they were laughing.

The two men paid their lives for the slaying of a young member of the gang which was dominated by Mrs. Juanita Evelina Spinelli, 52, who died in the gas cell last Friday—the first woman California had executed.

The gang was convicted of murdering 19-year-old Robert Sherrard because they feared he would tell police of their depre-

dations.

HULL EXAMINING POLICY OF VICHY

French View of Nazi Sphere Reported Changing

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (AP)—A drastic change in the French attitude toward Germany in the past week was reported today in trustworthy advices reaching the Associated Press.

These advices came from sources which previously had said that Germany and the Vichy regime would reach a collaboration agreement in the near future.

It was stated that in Vichy, where officials permitted correspondents last Saturday to send dispatches telling of an imminent meeting between Marshal Petain and high German leaders, rumors are circulating that such a meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

By LLOYD LEHRBAS
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull today began a sweeping re-examination of United States policy toward Vichy France.

Hull turned to this new problem as soon as he was freed of the time-consuming conversations on the Pacific which have (Continued on Page Two)

Two Killed in Crash of Naval Scout Bomber

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 28 (AP)—A naval scout bomber crashed and burned shortly after taking off from the North Island naval air station yesterday, and both its occupants were killed.

The pilot was Russell L. Garner, 33, of Orlando, Fla., an enlisted navy flier with a pilot's rating. As a passenger, Garner had Theodore H. Church, 19, a marine private from Olympia, Wash.

The plane, a double seatless, went out of control and fell into a spin at low altitude. A navy board is investigating the circumstances leading to the accident, fifth this month involving navy planes based at San Diego.

Meat Packing Firms Indicted

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (AP)—Fifty-two defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of conspiracy to fix the prices paid for producers for livestock and to fix the prices charged for meat.

Fourteen meat packing firms, the American Meat Institute and 37 individuals were named defendants.

TOBRUK LINES WIDENED, AXIS FORCES SPLIT

Nazi Raiders Trapped Trying to Return To Main Body

By The Associated Press
Britain's desert armies appeared today to have gained a definite edge in the 11-day-old battle of North Africa as Imperial mechanized legions broadened the vital corridor to Tobruk—presumably wiping out axis pockets of resistance—and surged on westward from the bloody Rezegh fighting zone south of Tobruk.

Furious Battle
The battle continued to rage with unabated fury, marked by heavy losses on both sides. A British spokesman said nearly the entire Italian Bologna division—about 15,000 troops—had been wiped out. He said the junction between the main British armies and the Tobruk garrison had now "been completed."

CAIRO, a communiqué said British and New Zealand troops which yesterday "made direct contact" southeast of Tobruk were slowly beating the Germans and Italians back in a drive apparently aimed at extending communications and supply through Tobruk itself.

Raiders Trapped
Units of Gen. Erwin Rommel's German North African corps, which attempted a diversion thrust across the Egyptian border, were declared to have been scattered and now to be trying "to rejoin axis forces engaged in battle west of Rezegh."

Rezegh is 10 miles south of Tobruk.

British middle east headquarters said the axis armies were putting up "determined opposition," but indicated that the trend of battle was slowly developing in British favor.

Authoritative London quarters said the axis "diversion" force was racing back into the Desert toward the main battle zone at Rezegh, 90 miles west of the border, when other British armored units again fell upon it.

These quarters said no information was available on the outcome of the engagement or on latest developments in the bloody Rezegh sector, 10 miles south of Tobruk.

A BBC broadcast said the British Mediterranean fleet, sweeping the waters between Libya and Crete, had so effectively blocked the axis that since the beginning of the "great tank battles in Libya not one ton of supplies has reached the hard-pressed German and Italian armies by sea."

Brooks-Scanlon Crews Strike for Wage Increase

BEND, Ore., Nov. 28 (AP)—One of the largest pine milling operations in the west closed yesterday as Brooks-Scanlon company mill and woods crews struck.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America called the strike after break-down in negotiations for a 7-cents-an-hour wage increase and a week's vacation with pay. The present wage scale was not announced.

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