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Cooler
High 84; Low 54; Midnight 40
24 hours to 5 p. m. 8.00
Season to date 8.91
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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
YUGOSLAVIA signs with the axis.

On the basis of what the censors have permitted to become public, she agrees to permit transport of German war supplies, hospital equipment and wounded through her territory. Ribbentrop, the Nazi foreign minister, solemnly "pledges" Prince Paul, the Yugoslav regent, that axis troops will not violate Yugoslavia's frontiers.

ON the surface, judging entirely by what the censors have let get out, without having read the small type clauses, not knowing what is in the back of their minds, it looks like the Yugoslavs have made what an enthusiastic salesman would describe as a swell deal.

Intelligently cynical readers of the news will keep their fingers crossed and wait to see what happens.

TWO new rumors:
Soviet war materials are reported today to be flowing into Turkey. Russian armies and naval forces facing the Germans along the Bulgarian and Rumanian borders are reported as being strengthened.

It LOOKS like a showdown might be approaching in the Balkans.

MOST of the fighting today seems to be on the strike fronts in America.

In Chicago, AFLers are going back to defense work at the International Harvester plant and CIOers are seeking to prevent them from doing so. There are police reports of roving goon squads.

At Bethlehem (Pennsylvania), where CIO is striking because employees (egged on by the boss, the CIO charges) started organizing an independent union and demanding bargaining rights, autos are overturned, etc., as strikers seek to prevent workers who want to work from entering the Bethlehem steel plant which has a billion and a half dollars of defense orders.

THE public is puzzled. It wants to do the right thing by labor, but thinks with a war on our hands PRODUCTION OUGHT TO GO ON while the problems of labor and management are being threshed out.

THE public is saying apprehensively to itself: "When the EMERGENCY comes, can we say to Hitler: 'King's Excuse, please. We're busy settling our labor and management problems and haven't had time yet to make enough guns, ships, planes and tanks to fight you effectively.'"

"We'll appreciate it enormously if you'll give us time to get all these details out of the way before you start shooting."

IN a world of sportsmen, that would be a sporting proposition, and might easily be accepted. But war-makers, unfortunately, AREN'T SPORTSMEN.

They seem to insist on hitting when and where their adversary is weakest.

MANY of the puzzled public have sons in the armed forces and are wondering if failure to provide modern arms for them in adequate volume will be taken humanely into consideration by Hitler when he gets ready to start whatever he has in mind to start.

This trying thought adds to the public's puzzlement and uneasiness.

DECISION DELAYED

REDDING, Calif., March 25 (AP)—Superior Judge Albert F. Ross deferred decision today in the suit of the Redding Automotive Service association, a group of automobile dealers, for an injunction against the AFL Machinists' union and the Redding Automotive Employees' association, an independent union, to prevent picketing.

The War 25 Years Ago

By The Associated Press
March 25, 1916 — Russians smash German defenses near Riga.

LABOR UNREST CAUSES MEET OF NEW BOARD

Dykstra Says Mediation Group "Open for Business" When Wanted

WASHINGTON, March 25 (UP)—President Roosevelt's new defense mediation board began functioning today and Chairman Clarence A. Dykstra called upon labor and industry to subordinate purely private or personal interests to the good of the nation. The 11-man agency organized at a two-hour session after a strike was called at the Bethlehem corporation plant at Bethlehem, Pa., and as increasing signs of labor unrest appeared in other industries working on important preparedness and British air contracts. After receiving from labor and defense aides a report on all current industrial disputes, Dykstra announced the board was "open for business."

No Authority
The board has no authority to intervene in labor disputes unless requested to do so by the labor department or its conciliation service. Dykstra said no such request was made today. He would not comment on proposals in congress to expand the board's authority in this direction, saying "sufficient for the moment is the responsibility imposed upon us" by the executive order under which the agency was created.

Dykstra said the board would not meet again until the first case is certified to it by the labor department. William H. Davis of New York, a representative of the public, was named vice chairman of the agency, and Ernest P. Marsh, who has been serving as liaison man between the conciliation service and the office of production management, was selected as temporary executive secretary.

Farmers' Bill Approved By Senate Group

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Legislation which its author said would add "about \$1,000,000,000 a year" to farmers' income through higher government loans was approved today by the senate agriculture committee. The author, Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.), said the bill was intended to place farmers "nearer a parity with labor and industry."

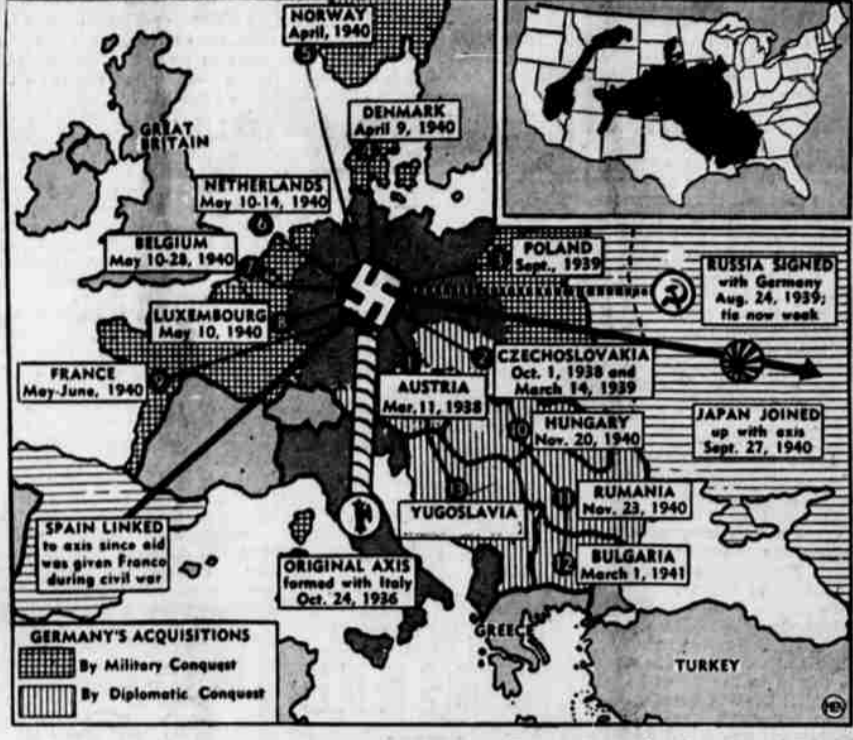
Loan Plan
Bankhead said his bill aimed at assuring producers of cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco and rice a "parity or fair exchange price" for their products through loans designed to serve as a "floor under market prices." Bankhead said that the government loan would represent "full parity price less the amount of soil conservation payments." As an example, he said, the present "parity price for cotton is 15.87 cents a pound while soil conservation payments amount to 1.37 cents. Thus the loan price under this bill would be 14 cents a pound. The proposed government loan on wheat would be \$1.05 cents a bushel, and on corn 71.2 cents a bushel.

Willkie Hopes for Union of Democracies When War Ends

MONTREAL, March 25 (UP)—Wendell L. Willkie, ending a short Canadian speaking tour, told 20,000 cheering Montrealers tonight that "when this war is over I hope we will all be joined in a union of the great democracies to see that this menace may never come again."

The statement was made in a brief speech at Windsor station where he and Mrs. Willkie boarded a train which left for New York at 10 p. m., ending their two-day visit in Toronto and Montreal.

Number 13 - - Lucky or Unlucky for Hitler?



Probably opening the way to another Nazi success, Yugoslavia, nation No. 13 to fall under German domination, may bring a turning point in Hitler's luck, or may be just one more of his conquests, shown on the map. Inset shows how Germany and her controlled areas, including lengthy Norway, with a total population topping 200 million and a combined area of 872,000 square miles, would fit in the United States (area: 3,026,789 square miles).

PORTLAND MAN DIES IN BLAST

Chemical Works Blows Up; 12 Workers Are Injured; Plant Lost

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 (AP)—A terrific blast at 9:35 a. m. today leveled the recently-completed R. N. Chipman Chemical company factory here and killed one workman, Harry G. Ray, 32, Portland. The plant was being converted to the production of explosive chemicals but held no defense contracts. At least a dozen others were injured, among them Ralph Chipman, local manager. He suffered a fractured ankle and cuts.

Wife Watches
Ray's wife, standing near their trailer home a short distance away, said she saw the body of a man blown at least 100 feet in the air through a wall. Firemen presumed it was her husband, who succumbed to burns and multiple injuries shortly after being removed to a hospital. The trailer was demolished but Mrs. Ray escaped injury. Ray was a construction workman who had been retained by the factory after the plant was finished. The factory, 50 by 150 feet ground dimensions, was a total loss, according to Fire Marshal (Continued on Page Two)

County Road Bonds Paid

Klamath county on Tuesday finished liquidation of its \$400,000 road bond issue of 1922, when a check for \$95,000 was sent to the Chase National bank of New York. This was the final principal payment on the 1922 issue. At the same time, \$5000 was paid on principal of the 1925 bond issue, according to County Treasurer Chester Langlet. The treasurer also sent interest on a school district No. 1 bond issue.

All-Star Band Selected for Music Fete

An all-star band was chosen from the music groups of county schools at the county music festival held Tuesday at the Altamont junior high school. Represented in the band are Altamont, Bonanza, Gilchrist, Bly, Henley, Chiloquin, Merrill and Malin. The program opened with an address by County School Superintendent Fred Peterson. The musicians from various schools "did their stuff" and the all-star selections were made. Following is the all-star band:

- Clarinets, solos and firsts — Gordon Wynant, Jack Hutton, Pat Mitchell, Lottie McDonald, Betty Brewer, Fred Spolek, Dorothy Dixon, Margie Dehlinger. Second — Robert Trotman, Dorothy Smith, Kathryn O'Donoghue, Helen Suty, Lorraine Richardson, Pearl Bowyer, Mary Cile McMillan, Patty Richardson, Elvina Byers. Third — Bernice Gehring, Violet Morande, Madeline Shreiner, Mary Lou O'Conner, Helen Smith.
- Saxophones, firsts — J. e. n. Flury, Carol Kandra, Rosie Suty. Second — Betty Lou Neese, Ada Giacomelli, Lenore McMillan, Mabel McMillan, Garret Dean Hilyard.
- Flutes — Dennis O'Conner.
- Alto horns, firsts — Wanda Colvin, Buddy Bickers, Billy Alcorn, Stanley Dawson. Second — Elizabeth Donehy, Joyce Rowe.
- Coronets, solos and first — Roy Buell, Leon Hembree, Arelen Allen, Glen Haskins, Mildred Teare, Dale Smith, Russell Saunders. Second — Claire Taylor, Earl Tabor, Earl McGaughey, Paul Faircro, Marion Risley, Don Ratliff. Third — Nina Sue Ferniman, Noel Deetz, John Loosley, Tommy Hopkins.
- Baritones — Howard Wynant, Bob Norris, Truman Hall, Beulah Edgar, Melba Holbrook, Wayne Varnum.
- Basses — Don Smith, Douglas Clement, Vincent Zumr, Gordon Fruits, String bass — Frank Meiser.
- Bass Drum — Janice McCullom.
- Snare drums — Betty Robertson, Iris Bradbury, Billy Lee Moran, Bob Short.
- Trombones, first — Charles Spolek, Billy Robertson, Fred Meiser, Fred Beyer. Second — Elmer Burk, Margaret Murphy. (Continued on Page Two)

Low Airplane Decapitates Field Worker

ROBERTSDALE, Ala., March 25 (AP)—An airplane swooping low across a field decapitated a 35-year-old mother here today and then flew away toward Florida. Sheriff W. R. Stuart said Mrs. Robert Phillips was killed about noon in a 40-acre turnip field where she had been working with several other persons. He said Mrs. Phillips was one of several who fled when the plane roared across the field. Others fell to the ground to escape injury.

3-Year-Old Fools Burglar

SALEM, Ore., March 25 (UP)—Police today revealed how five-year-old Dolores Picha of Salem single-handedly foiled a burglary at her home. The tiny girl saw a long pole groping through the window of her mother's bedroom as a thief tried to lift a purse off the bed. Dolores grabbed the pole and took it to her mother. "This fell through the window," she said. The would-be thief was not caught.

AID BILL SENT TO PRESIDENT

Plane Carries Papers to F. D. R., on Vacation in Southern Waters

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Vice President Wallace and Speaker Rayburn signed the \$7,000,000,000 British aid bill today, completing congressional action on the measure. Wallace signed the measure at 12:48 p. m., 41 minutes after Rayburn had affixed his signature. The bill was immediately sent back to the house where the enrolling clerk was to deliver it to the White House.

At the White House officials said the bill will be flown to Miami, Fla., aboard a commercial plane leaving Washington at 3:45 p. m. (EST), and arriving at Miami in late evening. From there it will be flown by special plane to the president, now on a vacation cruise, for his signature. The bill will be carried by a postal inspector in a pouch along with other White House mail. Only a parliamentary technicality kept the bill from being on its way south yesterday soon after the senate gave it the overwhelming approval of a 67-to-9 vote. The house, however, had adjourned before the senate acted and the rules require that it be in session when the speaker signs legislation.

Woman Bows To Impulse, Ends in Jail

MINNEAPOLIS, March 25 (AP)—Patrolmen Joseph Polars and E. R. Jones were standing on a street corner, at peace with the world, when a woman, svelte and about 25, stepped up with the warning "Get ready to pinch me," launched a kick against Polars' shin. "Ow!" yelled Polars. "What's the matter, lady? Have you been drinking? What's your name?" The only answer was another kick on Polars' tibia. "Now," yelled the griever and indignant Polars, "I am going to pinch you."

Two Killed As Planes Crash

COALINGA, Calif., March 25 (AP)—Two army air corps lieutenants were killed today when their planes collided in mid-air while practicing landings at the Coalinga army airport. One plane fell in the city, grazed the roof of a house, knocked the porch off another and half buried itself under the house. The other fell a half mile away on the outskirts of town. The dead were Lieut. George K. Williams, 24, of Indianapolis, a reserve officer in the 55th air base squadron; and Lieut. Charles J. Engeman, 23, of Cleveland, attached to the 77th air base squadron. MERCURY HITS 71 PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 (UP)—Today was Portland's warmest of the year. The mercury soared to 71 degrees, one degree above the previous high of March 15 and 16.

Pickets Riot At Bethlehem Plant

JUGOSLAVS ON ALERT WHILE LEADERS SIGN

Opposition to Tripartite Pact Confined Mostly To Serbian Provinces

VIENNA, March 25 (UP)—Yugoslavia joined the axis tripartite alliance Tuesday under a promise she would be spared from a Nazi military occupation. German quarters then boasted the way was clear for "military action in the near future." Trouble-beset Yugoslavia tied her destinies in the German-Italian-Japanese "new order" at noon in the great yellow hall of Bevedere palace in what the Nazis called a major upset for the "Balkan intrigues" of both the United States and Great Britain.

Linguist Cop Writes Ticket

BURLINGAME, Calif., March 25 (UP)—Patrolman Charles Thomas stopped John Lee, Chinese, for failing to observe an arterial sign. Lee said several things to Thomas, all in Chinese. "I don't think I'd continue using that kind of language," Thomas warned. Thomas wrote out a ticket and explained in fairly good Chinese he had learned the language while serving with the 15th U. S. infantry at Tientsin. Lee said nothing more.

GRAZIANI QUILTS AFRICAN POST

Italian General "Resigns" Favoring Garibaldi, Blitzkrieg Authority

ROME, March 25 (UP)—Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Italian commander-in-chief in Africa, "resigned" today and relinquished the remnants of his defeated army to Gen. Italo Garibaldi, an authority on modern blitzkrieg tactics. The replacement of Graziani generally was held to mark inauguration of a new phase of axis fighting in Africa, with European strategy and lightning mechanized tactics replacing colonial methods and native troops. Graziani relinquished posts as commander-in-chief in Africa, Governor of Libya and chief of the army staff. Garibaldi succeeded him in the first two posts. Gen. Mario Roatta, vice chief of the army staff, moved up a step to take the latter post. Not Unexpected The shakeup in the high command—biggest since the retirement of Marshal Pietro Badoglio because of Italian failure against Greece—was not unexpected. The victorious British offensive led by Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell had smashed Graziani's army and conquered all of eastern Libya, inflicting more than 200,000 casualties on the Italians. Garibaldi, besides being an authority on modern strategy, has had experience in east Africa and recently was chief of staff to the governor-general of Tripolitania. Roatta had much to do with the latest building up of Italian mechanized forces on the Greek front. He is a close personal friend of Premier Mussolini, played an important part in Italo-French armistice negotiations and has attended several Italo-German military conferences.

STRIKERS FLIP MORE THAN 40 WORKERS' CARS

State Police Mustered in Second Day Disorder While Work Continues

BETHELEHEM, Pa., March 25 (UP)—More than 150 state motor policemen, armed with riot sticks, cleared the entire six-mile struck Bethlehem Steel corporation plant area tonight following widespread disorders in which more than 40 automobiles were overturned. Eighteen state troopers on horseback cleared the company's six main gates. The remainder spread throughout the area, prohibiting loitering. They were brought here tonight on orders of Gov. Arthur H. James as result of continued disorders in a two-day strike by the steel workers organizing committee (CIO). The strike, called in protest against an alleged company union election, hampered work on millions of dollars worth of defense contracts.

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Gov. To Sign Tax Bill On Cigarettes

SALEM, Ore., March 25 (UP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague today announced he would sign the cigarette tax bill passed by the last session of the Oregon legislature. "I do not plan to veto the measure. It will become law," the governor said. Some observers had predicted the chief executive would kill the bill because he had asked the lawmakers not to pass any new tax legislation. The measure was approved in the final confused hours of the session, but sent to the governor's office without the signature of Senate President Dean Walker. Walker did not sign it until today. Speed Limit Set Another bill expected to be signed soon by the governor is one putting a speed limit of 55 miles an hour on most Oregon highways. The present law provides that the arresting officer must prove that a motorist is driving unsafely, but the new law will place the burden of proof on the driver if he is going over 55. The measure also gives the highway commission the right to designate higher speed on (Continued on Page Two)

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