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Rising Temperatures On Capitol Hill



With oratorical gestures like this, Senator Homer T. Bone of Washington started fireworks in the senate by declaring that if anything happened to the U. S. refugee ship American Legion, it would be because "the stubbornness of one man sends 900 human beings into a zone where they may be blown skyward any minute." He called the ship's voyage "the most inflammatory incident" of the whole war.

Nine-Year-Old Puyallup Boy Critically Injured in Fall

Skull Fractured as He Tumbles Out of Moving Auto; Seven Others Are Hurt

With his skull fractured, nine-year-old Norman Akers, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Akers of Puyallup, lay in critical condition in Pierce County hospital Monday.

Attendants said his condition was poor. The boy was hurt when he fell out of a moving automobile in Puyallup, and was rushed to Tacoma by his parents. The Akers live at 417 2d N. E., Puyallup.

Other traffice accidents over the week-end injured seven persons in and near Tacoma.

Mrs. Matilda Pease, 54, and her two daughters, Miss Clara Pease, 26, and Miss Marian Pease, 29, were hurt about 11:10 p. m. Saturday when their car struck an automobile driven by William H. T. Berry, 31, of the 89th reconnaisance squadron, McChord field, near the main Fort Lewis gate on the Pacific highway. All suffered bruises and lacerations that sent them to the fort hospital for first aid. Marian Pease, 3311 So. Sawyer st., was driver of the car.

Two young men on a motorcycle were hurt Sunday evening when the machine they were riding smashed into a car driven by Fred Barth, Rt. 2, Box 461, at the Ardena intersection on the Pacific highway, the state patrol reported. Leon Morse, 19, 4310 West Spokane, Seattle, and Merrill Peterson, 22, 4510 West Charleston, Seattle, were released from the county hospital after treatment for cuts and bruises.

Joseph Cimino, 58, 2321 So. 14th st., a pedestrian, was knocked down while jaywalking across South Tacoma ave., near So. 12th st., Saturday evening, police said. A car driven by Jack W. Greenlaw, Rt. 3, Box 406, hit him. Cimino received first aid at the St. Joseph's hospital. Police booked Greenlaw for investigation but he was not held.

An unidentified driver on the Mountain highway struck and painfully bruised Mrs. Lizzie Gerber, 72-year-old Ashford resident, Sunday night as she stepped in the path of his vehicle.

The elderly woman was taken to the Bridge hospital in Tacoma by an ambulance from National at 6:30 Sunday. Her injuries were not serious, hospital attendants said.

Witnesses said Mrs. Gerber became confused as she tried to cross the highway and that the driver tried to miss her. She was hit by the right front fender. The motorist had not reported the mishap Monday morning either to the sheriff's office or state patrol.

Condition of Frankli Paul Magill, 8, 6433 So. Puget Sound ave., critically hurt when he was knocked down by an automobile last Thursday evening, was reported improved Monday by attendants at the county hospital. His nurses said he spent his first restful night since the accident.

Orders for 6,747 Planes For Army and Navy Placed

Defense Commission Answers Senate Criticism; Puts Blame on Solons

WASHINGTON — The national defense commission today replied to senate criticism of progress in the rearmament program with a report to President Roosevelt showing that orders have been placed for 6,747 army and navy planes.

The report placed upon congress the blame for the fact that procurement of combat and training planes has not been further accelerated. It pointed out that the major portion of the military aircraft program is tied up in the $4,800,000,000 defense appropriation bill which is pending in the senate.

Robert Horton, public relations official for the defense commission, who delivered the report to the White House, pointed out that the president requested the new funds on July 10; the house approved the bill on July 31, but the measure still is pending in the senate.

Progress Revealed

The report set forth the following breakdown of planes actually contracted for by Aug. 17:

Army—2,029 combat and observation planes; 1,887 other types, chiefly training planes.

Navy—1,221 combat and observation planes; 1,610 other types, chiefly training planes.

The commission contrasted this with the status of contracts on June 2, which it gave as follows:

Army—753 bombers; 824 pursuit ships; 364 observation planes; 1,137 other types, chiefly training planes.

Navy—524 bombers; 148 pursuit ships; 184 observation planes; 767 other types, chiefly trainers.

10,000 Per Year Rate

Those on contract June 2 totaled 4,701, indicating an additional 2,046 had been contracted for between June 2 and Aug. 17.

The report said that national production now is running at a rate of about 10,000 planes a year. It predicted that production will be at a rate of 18,000 planes a year by Jan. 1, 1941, and 36,000 by Dec. 1, 1941.

The report said that the army and navy anticipate delivery of 2,200 planes during the latter half of this year and delivery of about 2,500 planes in the first half of 1941.

Eatonville Boy Injures His Hand While Playing With Dynamite Cap

Edward Haugen, 8-year-old Eatonville boy, learned about dynamite caps this week end at the cost of a thumb and three fingers of his left hand.

The boy was playing in the road near the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Clara Andrews, at Rt. 1, Box 186, Eatonville, when she heard what sounded like a shot and went to his aid.

Edward apparently had set the cap on one rock and pounded it with another. He was taken to the county hospital Saturday evening, immediately after the explosion. Sprinkles of gravel struck him in many parts of his face and body, Undersheriff Clyde Knowles said, but except for the lost fingers, he will recover without harm.

Michelin, Rubber Industrialist, Dies

CLERMONT FERRAND, France—Edouard Michelin, 84, one of the world's leading rubber industrialists, died late night.

BANK TRANSACTIONS

Tacoma $3,121,000

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Temperatures: High, 68; low, 53. Sun rises, 5:23; sets, 7.

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BRITISH RAID BERLIN; NAZIS BOMB IRELAND

Charge Vice, Games Are Flourishing

Mayor Cain and Currier Clash at Council Meeting

Renewed charges that vice and gambling flourish openly in Tacoma resulted Monday in a hot debate before the city council with Mayor Harry P. Cain and E. L. Currier, member of a vice crusading committee, the principal participants.

The oral brickbats were hurled by Cain and Currier after a petition, presented to the council by Carl Clubb, which bore the signatures of eight Tacomans, protested against "the intolerable vice conditions that now exist in our city."

Directed at Eastwood

The petition was directed particularly against Safety Commissioner Eastwood, charging him with "misconduct, and wilful neglect of duty," but Cain acted as spokesman for the council.

Although the council chambers were without heat and were chilly because of the change in weather outside, the atmosphere grew warm after Currier asserted that "Tacoma is notorious for its vice," and said he had seen not only open gambling, but open solicitation of prostitution in the lower business area.

Cain interrupted Currier, urging that if he had seen open solicitation, he should have notified the safety commissioner, and then added that Currier should know of conditions because "you spend so much of your time down there . . ."

Objects To Innuendo

"Now just a minute," boomed Currier. "I object to that innuendo. Are you inferring I am a patron of those establishments? You have no right to suggest such an innuendo. I might infer that the mayor is in on the 'pay off.'"

Cain leaped to his feet.

"Let's put a stop to this," he urged.

"It is up to the council and the mayor to clean up conditions in Tacoma," the mayor continued.

At this assertion of the mayor, a chorus of "amens" swept through the audience of approximately 16 women present in the council chambers.

Cain suggested that the city council was "all interested" in "having as clean a city as possible," and urged Currier to report any flagrant violation of laws to Commissioner Eastwood.

"Worst Since 1907"

"We've tried that before," shot back Currier, "and it didn't get us anywhere.

"We pay our mayor $5,000 a year," he continued, "and we don't feel it is our duty to find out these things.

"Conditions under your short term in office are worse than at any time since 1907," Currier declared.

Cain said the charges in the petition presented by Clubb would be investigated and asserted that he would be "glad" to again confer with any member of the committee represented in the petition.

British Destroyer Sunk by Enemy Mine

LONDON—The admiralty today announced that the British destroyer, Hostile, 1,340 tons, had been sunk by an enemy mine with some casualties.

The Hostile had a normal complement of 145 officers and men.

F. R. Asks More Cash For Bonneville Job

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt today asked congress for a supplemental 1941 appropriation of $3,878,255 for the interior department, of which $3,850,000 would go to the Bonneville dam to accelerate construction of its transmission system.

Berlin Munitions Plants Attacked by RAF Planes; London Again Under Fire

Casualties Becoming Heavier As Wave After Wave of Nazi Planes Launch Bombs Throughout British Isles

BY JOE ALEX MORRIS

German bombers dumped high explosives in Eire today for the first time, blasted the Dover coast with dive-attacks and repeatedly ranged up the Thames estuary and the county of Kent toward London.

There was no immediate word whether the bombings in Eire were intentional or accidental. Three girls were killed and one injured when one bomb struck a cooperative creamery.

Bombs were dropped in three places in southeast Eire, in County Wexford, close to St. George's channel where German airmen have been harassing shipping for a week.

An immediate protest to Germany and demand for reparations was ordered by the Eire government.

Despite the repeated approach of German planes close to London and the shooting down of at least one raider in the vicinity of the metropolis, the chief German attacks were directed against the battered English channel coast and objectives in Kent county and along the Thames.

20 Raiders Shot Down

Unofficial British figures reported that at least 500 German planes were employed in raids up to mid-afternoon and that about 20 raiders had been shot down.

London had one air alarm up to evening, but a number of times planes approached the city from various directions.

Folkstone, close to Dover on the channel, suffered one of the day's worst attacks when 30 dive-bombers went to work on the little city. Five of the planes were reported brought down but there were at least three civilian fatalities and damage was great.

A fleet of perhaps 500 Nazi bombers raced along the southeastern and southern coast of England, and battled British defense over Kent and the Thames river in a drive on the London zone, from which they were thrown back after a 30-minute air raid alarm in the capital.

But fresh waves of bombers followed from German bases across the English channel and Berlin reported terrific aerial conflict over southeastern England in addition to thrusts at half a dozen coastal towns and at Scilly islands, far off land's end. At least eight German planes were reported shot down.

The Germans claimed that heavy losses—a ratio of five to one—had been inflicted on the British defense planes and reported extensive damage had been done to vital British war factories. The Nazis named Birmingham, Kingston and Coventry, which is near London, as suffering heavy damage, while other raids were made on Deal, Folkestone and Canterbury.

Both the British and German planes, exchanging stunning aerial blows, appeared to be striking with unprecedented force at inland factories that keep the war machines in operation. The exchanges beginning last night appeared to be some of the heaviest of the war.

Waves of British planes carried the war to Berlin in the hours after midnight, blasting at arms and munitions factories in the German capital. Berliners huddled in air raid shelters for three

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GERMAN REPORT

BERLIN—German planes smashed back at Great Britain today with mass air attacks in Kent county a few hours after British war planes roared over Berlin for the first time in the war.

The official DNB news agency reported that heavy air fighting was going on over Kent, the British county that extends from Dover in the southeast up toward London.

German bombers were attacking airdromes of the Royal Air corps, the DNB agency said, while fighter planes engaged large numbers of British defenders and shot many of them down.

British planes were reported shot down in attacks on Deal, Folkestone, Canterbury and Cambridge, the agency said. Other air battles were fought over the English channel.

British anti-aircraft fire was described as weak and efforts to impede the German attacks by use of barrage balloons were said to have failed.

The official news agency said that four British planes participating in the raids over Germany during the night had been compelled to land on the sea, due to exhaustion of fuel en route back to Britain.

The high command communique added that German U-boat and air attacks had sunk more than 30,000 tons of British shipping, and that mines had been laid again off British harbors.

"During the night, enemy planes for the first time since the beginning of the war flew over Berlin and dropped several incendiary bombs on the city outskirts," the communique said.

"Bombs were dropped aimlessly and fell on non-military objectives. Neither near nor in Berlin was damage caused. One of the planes which flew over Berlin was downed by anti-aircraft guns on its return flight."

(In London, the British air ministry said the RAF planes bombed arms factories near Berlin).

BRITISH REPORT

LONDON—Germany hurled squadron after squadron of bombers and fighters toward London today and dramatic air battles were fought over the Dover coast, the county of Kent and the estuary of the river Thames.

The din of machine gun fire, the crash of anti-aircraft batteries and the roaring of the fighting planes over one southeast town was terrific.

By mid-afternoon unofficial figures indicated at least 20 German raiders had been shot down and the raiding squadrons were estimated at more than 500 planes.

London had another air alarm and one German plane was downed near the city. No bombs fell in the city itself, it was reported.

The German planes flew over the cloud-covered English channel in squadrons from their French bases. Some launched fierce attacks on channel cities, including Folkestone. But most of them drove on forward trying to reach the London area.

The German aerial attack on Britain during the night appeared to be one of the most intensive of the war.

"The Royal Air Force continued attacks on military objectives in Germany last night," the ministry said in reference to a three-hour air alarm in Berlin. "Targets in northwest Germany and the Ruhr were bombed as well as armament factories in the Berlin area."

(Dispatches from Berlin said that incendiary bombs were dropped in two suburbs, setting fire to a small garden nursery, and that one British plane was shot down. Heavy but unexplained explosions were reported heard in Berlin.)

The British bomber raid on armament factories at the German capital during the night coincided with renewed German attacks on British sectors from the northeast to the southeast coast—where 50 persons were reported killed or wounded in one town—and at many scattered points.

Home Guard Corps Set Up For Tacoma

Jobs Planned for Every Adult in Case of Emergency

A sensational plan for creation of a Tacoma Home Defense corps for civilians won complete accord Monday from the city council.

Spokesmen for the vast program said the city had "jumped the gun" on what probably will be a state-wide move by initiating the plan—the first in any city in the state.

The plan for training a minimum of 1,500 civilians as "minute men" in case of municipal emergency or disaster was presented to the council by Col. G. B. Appelman and Maj. Gen. David L. Stone.

Job For Every Adult

Public announcement of the method of volunteering for service will be made Tuesday, sponsors said.

"In Tacoma's Home Defense corps is "a job for every adult in local emergency. That means every loyal adult," said Mayor Harry Cain.

Close-knit plans for the THD have been graphically set up. War, fire, flood, or earthquake may command the labor of the homeguard.

Tacoma's plans may be the model for the state defense council. General David L. Stone is in charge of the state setup. He also is commandant of the Tacoma defense corps.

Two other men definitely head the guard. Mayor Harry P. Cain heads the setup as chief of the corps. Col. G. B. Appelman is chief executive officer.

Volunteers will work in 141 key positions. Under their command will be a minimum of 1,500 men and women trained for definite service.

No Age Limit

That number is expected to swell to 6,000, possibly more. All persons over 18 are eligible, no maximum age limit is set.

Each person will be assigned to the job for which he is fitted by special ability or knowledge of his district. Each will receive training, some police aides and fire fighters, some in handling of guns, in guard duty, or intelligence service.

Women will be organized under the Red Cross division. Those specially trained, such as nurses, will have suitable assignment.

Insignia has been chosen. Like military police, members will have arm-bands with letters "T.H.D."

Armory Headquarters

Gen. Maurice Thompson, head of the national guard, has turned over space in the armory for headquarters. Five complete offices near the 10th st. entrance already are equipped.

Alternate headquarters will be Rhodes post of the American Legion, near Wright park.

Prime duty of the defense corps will be to protect and patrol de-

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

First Game:

Philadelphia	000 100 100—2	5	0
Cincinnati	011 000 10x—3	8	0

Smoll, Frye (8) and Warren; Walters and Lombardi.

New York	012 502 000—10	16	2
Chicago	010 400 000— 5	11	2

Gumbert, Hubbell (4) and Danning; Olsen, Root (4) and Todd.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, postponed, rain and wet grounds.

Detroit at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis	013 000 002—6	8	0
Boston	102 020 02x—7	11	2

Harris, Trotter (5) and Swift; Johnson and Foxx.

Cleveland	201 001 00		
Washington	001 011 00		

Harder, Feller (7) and Hemsley; Leonard and Ferrell.

Chicago at New York, postponed, rain.

BULLETINS

HERSHEY, Pa.—Handsome Dick Metz of Oak Park, Ill., pounded through the rain and mist that hung low over this course today to take an early lead on the first qualifying round of the 23rd P. G. A. golf championship with a par shattering 69.

Bracketed behind Metz with 70's were John Gibson of Chicago, Harold (Jug) McSpaden and Ralph Guldahl.

Defending champion Henry Picard of this club scored a 73 while Jimmy Demaret, second leading money winner of the year, got under par with a 71.

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LONDON—Britain's shipping losses and acquisitions counterbalance as the first year of the war draws to a close, Minister of Shipping Ronald Cross announced today in a radio speech. Up to the middle of August, she had lost slightly less than 1,900,000 gross tons of shipping, while buying, building, or capturing slightly more than 2,000,000 gross tons, he said.

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ELIZABETH, N. J.—Arthur Smith, 27, a WPA worker, had a leave of absence today to recover from the shock of his wife giving birth to triplets at the rate of one a day.

The first, a girl, arrived Friday. The second, also a girl, was born Saturday, and the third, a boy, early Sunday.

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CAIRO—A Royal Air corps communique tonight reported that bombers had scored direct hits on Italian objectives at Mogadiscio, Dessie, Calabat, Metena, Bardia and El Adem.

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WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt proposed today to give Jesse H. Jones simultaneous control over both the commerce department and the federal loan administration without revising the independent status of the latter agency.

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PORTSMOUTH—An armada of 150 German bombers and fighters attempted to attack this town again early this evening.

The German planes were met by British Spitfire fighters as they crossed the coast and a fierce air battle ensued over the sea and coast line.

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MEXICO CITY—The guard around the Cruz Verde hospital was increased today following reports of a plot to spirit Frank Jackson, slayer of Leon Trotsky, from the institution.

The number of detectives at the hospital was increased from four to seven and the police from five to 20.

Tacoma Gets Fall of Rain

Tacoma had some rain Monday morning, while the U. S. weather bureau forecast cloudy weather for Monday night and Tuesday, with light rain occasionally in the west portion and over the mountains.

Rainfall in the city so far this month is .54 inch below average, and for the year the figure is shy 1.61 inches.

Tatoosh, Wash., had .08 inch during the night. Cities throughout the U. S. reporting heavy precipitation were: Sioux City, 2.20 inches; Omaha, 1.01; Mt. Ayr., Ia., 2.33; Washington, D. C., 1.18 inches; Grand Rapids, 1.96, and Detroit, 1.79.

Safe Robber Leaves Note

A safe-cracksman calling himself "The Eal" and using the professional touch of Raffles, master criminal of fiction, looted a strongbox in the offices of the International Harvester Co., during the week-end.

Police identification experts and detectives took up his trail Monday after the looting was revealed by F. D. Somers, manager of the concern, with offices at 102 Puyallup ave.

The Eal—police believed the title was a corrupt spelling of "eel"—failed to cut the combination out of the safe with a flame torch, but did manage to burn a hole in the door.

Loot amounted to $13 in currency, $6.04 in silver, and a woman's gold wedding ring set with three chip diamonds.

He had the courtesy to leave a "thank you" note signing his nom de plume, police said.

Asks 150 Millions For Housing Plans

WASHINGTON — The National Defense commission today asked congress to authorize a $150,000,000 housing program to care for persons engaged in national defense activities.

Doctors and Wives Gather

Medical Assn. in 4-Day Convention

With more than 500 medical men and their wives expected to attend before the four-day convention closes Wednesday, registration continued Monday at Hotel Winthrop for delegates attending the 51st annual meeting of Washington State Medical association and the 9th annual session of the auxiliary of the association.

Medical bureau managers got down to business Monday, convening in the army and navy room at Hotel Winthrop, association convention headquarters. Problems of bureau managers were discussed during the morning session, which recessed at noon. A banquet for medical bureau managers was the highlight for the evening, scheduled for 7 o'clock in the army and navy room.

Others attending the annual session went to Tacoma Golf and Country club at 7:30 a. m. to participate in the annual golf tournament of the association. The tournament was in charge of Dr. D. H. Houston and Dr. C. V. Lundvick.

The annual golf dinner was scheduled for Monday evening at

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Draftees Limit to Be Only 900,000

WASHINGTON—The senate today agreed unanimously to limit to 900,000 the number of draftees who may be trained at any one time under the conscription bill while the nation is at peace.

The senate seemed disposed to step up the tempo of its deliberations somewhat and bring the bill to a final vote in mid-week.

The bill's supporters reported that a survey showed "51 solid" votes favoring passage. This three-vote margin was the most optimistic claim of the proponents since debate started Aug. 9.

ROOSEVELT AND WILLKIE

How They Stand Today

Read today's Gallup poll survey on the presidential nominees. Read how the candidates would fare if the election were held today. A state by state review of what people think of the race today. Turn to page two of The Times and read what up-to-the-minute figures reveal.