

## Weather Forecast

Mostly clear, with lowest tonight about 51 degrees; tomorrow fair and somewhat cooler. Temperatures today—Highest, 90, at 3:45 p.m.; lowest, 55, at 6:15 a.m.; 89 at 4 p.m.

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## Cards Win After Being Shut Out in First; Alsab Beats Requested

### Pennant Hopes Hit as Pirates Divide Pair

St. Louis Now Must Win All While Dodgers Split Even

By FRANCIS E. STAN, Star Staff Correspondent.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23.—With their backs against the wall and the National League pennant virtually within the grasp of the Brooklyn Dodgers, after a 4-0 defeat in the opening game, the St. Louis Cardinals fought back in the nightcap today to swamp the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9 to 0.

As a result of the split, the Dodgers retained their game and a half lead over the Cards, with each team having four games left to play. In order to win the pennant the Cardinals would have to win all four if the Dodgers only break even. Max Lanier, one of the four southpaws on the St. Louis club, turned in an eight-hit performance in the second game, but the heroes were 20-year-old Stan Musial, rookie outfielder from Rochester, and 37-year-old Ezzie Crabbtree.

Together they slugged six of the Cards' eight hits, including a home run apiece. They scored five of the runs and drove across as many against Truett Sewell and Joe Sullivan. A third Pirate pitcher, 6-foot 9-inch Johnny Gee, mopped up. The Pittsburgh infield was no help, making four miscues.

Musial opened the big fourth by drawing a walk, and went to third on Crabbtree's single to center. Musial scored and Crabbtree went to second on Crespi's grounder to Cox, whose throw to the plate was late. On Marion's sacrifice, Gustine's throw went wide of second into center field. Crabbtree scored, Crespi going to third and Marion to second on the throw-in.

Martin then threw out Mancuso and also Lanier. On the latter play, however, Fletcher tried to catch Marion off second, his throw was late and, in the confusion, Crespi broke for home and scored when Smith dropped Cox's throw.

Cards Boot Game Away. The Cards fell two games behind the pace-setting, idle Brooklyn Dodgers because they could get only six hits off Ken Heintzelman, Pirate southpaw. Although their own pitchers allowed only five hits, the Cardinals' infield committed as many errors and St. Louis never was in the game.

Morton Cooper, who started the opener for the Cards, lost his fifth successive effort to capture his 14th inning. When the Pirates put together an error by Shortstop Martin Marion, a double by Fletcher and singles by Vince Di Maggio and Grapies to 3-0 lead.

In the fifth, the Bucs applied the finishing touch when Relief Pitcher Clyde Shoun made a wild throw, intentionally walked Di Maggio, yielded a scratch single to Pinch-hitter Elliott and watched Marion make his second error of the game. This made it 4-0.

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.) By the Associated Press. PORT O'CONNOR, Tex., Sept. 23.—Winds reaching hurricane force and high tides spreading destruction sent several score residents fleeing to safety at Port Lavaca today as a dangerous tropical storm approached the Texas coast.

Northward 65 miles at Freeport, where important defense industries are located, the wind blew 70 to 75 miles an hour and a seven-foot tide backed water into lowlands. Only a skeleton crew remained on duty at the \$25,000,000 Dow chemical plant and at the Freeport Sulphur Co.

### Army Private Arrested on Spy Charges

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Rene Froehlich, 30, a private in the Army Medical Corps at Fort Jay, Governors Island, was held today on a Federal espionage charge accusing him of being a member of an international spy ring.

Pvt. Froehlich was held in \$25,000 bail on the same charge that resulted in the arrest several weeks ago of Kurt Frederick Ludwig, described in the indictment as master spy in the alleged ring's American activities.

Ludwig and three others, including two young Brooklyn workers and a young New York woman secretary, were ordered yesterday to go to trial October 1 on the indictment, which specifically charged them with obtaining vital American defense secrets for transmission to the German government through agents in Spain and Portugal.

Pvt. Froehlich was arrested on a (See ESPIONAGE, Page 2-X.)

### Flare-up by Tobey Marks Testimony of Schenck at Hearing

Loew's President Quizzed By Senators Probing Movie Propaganda

By J. A. O'LEARY.

The Senate Subcommittee inquiry into motion picture propaganda was marked today by a flare-up between Senator Tobey, Republican of New Hampshire, and Nicholas Schenck, president of Loew's, Inc., who testified his company had a \$3,500,000 investment in a British theater chain and owned interest in seven Australian and three Canadian theaters.

Mr. Schenck had insisted through a long series of questions that he could not recall the names of all subsidiary corporations connected with Loew's, in which he is a director. Applause and hisses followed Senator Tobey's exclamation: "If you are Exhibit A of the average corporation director in this country, God save the stockholders."

Mr. Schenck's testimony on Loew's holdings in British, Canadian and Australian motion picture fields came during a hour-long questioning about the financial details of the Loew's organization.

Schenck Remains Calm. Mr. Schenck remained calm during the inquiry and replied to Senator Tobey's remark that he had answered all questions to the best of his ability. There was loud applause when he added: "I don't think you should put me through this kind of a workout. I know my business very well."

Promises Statement Later. Noting the audience reaction, Senator Tobey remarked: "When the professional clique gets through I'll make a statement."

Senator McFarland, Democrat, of Arizona asked the witness: "When you go to Denver and buy a theater for convenience you may organize a company to take that theater and you know Loew owns that theater, regardless of what may be the name of that separate corporation, isn't that the situation?"

Mr. Schenck said that was exactly right. Earlier he told the committee he had trained himself to put out of his mind "things that are finished" and that otherwise he could not do his job as he could not.

Mr. Schenck vigorously denied at the afternoon session that five major film companies could or would seek to control the success of pictures produced by other sources.

Monopoly Angle Questioned. Chairman Clark of Idaho told the witness he was going to try to ascertain whether five companies have the power to determine the success of pictures as described as three other "satellite" companies.

Senator Clark named as the five major companies Loew's, Inc.; Warner Bros.; Paramount, 20th Century Fox and R. K. O. The other three, he said, are Universal, Columbia and United Artists.

Senator Downey, Democrat, of California, testified earlier that the subcommittee will have difficulty justifying to the American public its effort to turn the war propaganda inquiry into a monopoly investigation.

Arriving this morning to take his place at the committee table, (See MOVIES, Page A-5.)

### Track Record Set by Chicago Bargain Colt

Wins by 4 Lengths After Trailing Most of Way

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Alsab, the bargain 2-year-old owned by Mrs. Albert Sabath of Chicago, defeated Ben F. Whitaker's Texas-owned Requested by four lengths in their \$10,000, winner-take-all match race at 6½ furlongs at Belmont Park today.

Pulling away in the final three-sixteenths, Alsab broke the track record, traveling the distance in 1:16, one and one-fifth seconds faster than the previous mark hung up by Audacious under 119 pounds in 1920.

The victory gave the 2-year-old son of Good Goods his 12th triumph in 19 starts and ran his earnings to \$88,065. As a yearling he cost only \$700.

Requested Slight Favorite. With Requested the slight choice of the crowd of more than 20,000, Alsab returned \$3.70 for \$2.

Jackie Westrope broke Requested in front and he led at distances varying from a length to a length and a half to the top of the stretch. Bobby Vedder then let the Chicago colt out a notch and he pulled up within a head. They ran that way to the three-sixteenths pole, where Alsab took command and under a strong hand ride pulled away.

Dogpatch, a rank outsider from Mrs. Ethel V. Mars' filly Way farm, whipped Mrs. Payne Whitney's highly touted combination of Shut Out and Devil Diver in the first division of the Futurity trial.

Pulling away in the last sixteenth of the six-furlong dash down the straightaway, Dogpatch beat Devil Diver, winner of the Hopeful at Saratoga, by a length and a half in the fast time of 1:10. Shut Out wound up sixth as Herbert M. Wolfe's Contraction landed in the third spot, a half length back of Devil Diver.

Off its one-two decision in the Hopeful, the entry of Devil Diver and Shut Out was the odds-on choice at 3 to 5. Dogpatch, with only one victory to show for eight previous races, returned \$6.10 for \$2.

Fenelon Wins Manhattan. William Woodward's Fenelon gave a fine exhibition of speed and stamina in winning the mile and a half of the \$10,000 Manhattan Handicap from six rivals. Jimmy Stout sent the well-backed son of Sir Gallahad to the lead going around the first turn and he never was headed, winning by three-quarters of a length from Mrs. Payne Whitney's Cordony. W. E. Boeling's Welcome Pass was another length and a half back.

Packing the weight of 120 pounds, Fenelon covered the distance in 2:29, only three-fifths of a second off the track record.

Amphitheatre Wins Close One. In a three-horse head-and-head finish, Amphitheatre, from Mrs. Charles Shipman Payson's Manhattan Stable, won the second division of the Futurity Trial in the role of the heavily played favorite.

After trailing during the early stages of the 6-furlong dash, the son of Sir Gallahad 3rd came fast under Alfred Robertson to gain the decision by the narrowest of margins in 1:10.2. Warren Wright's Some Chance took the place with another head margin over the Paragon Stable's Anibars. As the choice, Amphitheatre returned \$4.30 for a \$2 win ticket.

Today's Home Runs. American League. Ruffing, New York, third inning. Di Maggio, New York, fifth inning.

National League. Musial, St. Louis, 5th inning. Crabbtree, St. Louis, 7th inning.

Nazis Declared Bugged Down In Warfare Worse Than Verdun

By HENRY C. CASSIDY, Associated Press War Correspondent.

WITH THE RED ARMY ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, Sept. 23.—Maj. Gen. Vassily Sokolovsky declared today the Nazi drive had bogged down into mud and trench warfare 10 to 100 times as destructive as the World War Verdun.

Gen. Sokolovsky, a representative of the Soviet command on the Russian western front, told foreign correspondents German losses in the tremendous fight in the central sector had been twice as heavy as the Russians' in men and five times as heavy in material, planes and artillery.

Russian armies, he said, had shoved the Germans back 6 to 30 miles in the direction of Yartsevo, northeast of Smolensk, on a 60-mile front.

"Blitzkrieg has failed," he asserted, "in the sense that there now has developed something like a continuous grinding of men and material closely resembling Verdun, but 10 or a 100 times greater because the means of destruction in the hands of the Russians are so much greater."

He said the Germans were digging in along hundreds of miles of front and added: "What lies ahead of them is (See CASSIDY, Page A-5.)

### Billion Needed To Feed British, Wickard Says

Agriculture Chief, Stettinius Testify On Lease-Lend Aid

By the Associated Press.

Testifying that England now was on short rations, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said today a minimum of \$1,000,000,000 was needed to supply England with food during the next five months.

Secretary Wickard was one of the first witnesses before the House Appropriations Committee as it started hearings on President Roosevelt's request for an additional \$985,000,000 for lease-lend aid.

Great Britain is dependent upon North America for huge quantities of food stuffs," Secretary Wickard testified. "The deficit has to be made up from this country and Canada unless the British are to lose to Nazi Germany."

Another witness, Lease-Lend Administrator E. R. Stettinius, was said by committee members to have urged them to reject any prohibitions which would bar aid to Russia. At the same time, however, members said Mr. Stettinius explained that it was not the policy of the Government now to aid Russia through the lease-lend program, but emphasized that in view of the uncertainty of the future, any restrictive provisions would be especially undesirable.

### British Wheat Supplies Declared Greatest Ever

LONDON, Sept. 23 (P).—Baron Woolton, British Minister of Food, said in a speech at Norwich today that Great Britain now had bigger stocks of wheat than at any time in history.

Great Britain is entering the third year of war with plentiful stocks of all sorts, he added.

The Food Ministry reduced the controlled price of a four-pound loaf from 8½ pence (11 cents) to 8 pence (10 cents) effective October 6.

### Other League Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
At New York—  
Philadelphia 001 001 502—9 11 2  
New York... 300 122 110—8 13 4  
Batteries—Vanhan, Bense and Warner; Ruffing, Branch and Dickey, Roser.  
At St. Louis—  
Detroit... 000 100 0—  
St. Louis... 000 010 0—  
Batteries—Trout and Tebbetts; Mueller and Ferrell.  
(Only Games)

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Pittsburgh—First Game—  
St. Louis... 000 000 000—0 6 5  
Pittsburgh... 300 010 000—4 5 0  
Batteries—M. Cooper, Shoun, Hutchinson and Mancuso; W. Cooper; Heinzelman and Loew.  
At Philadelphia—Second Game—  
St. Louis... 100 320 300—9 8 0  
Philadelphia... 000 000 000—0 8 4  
Batteries—Lanier and Mancuso; Sewell, Sullivan and Smith.

At Philadelphia—First Game—  
New York... 002 000 000—2 7 1  
Philadelphia... 400 200 200—8 13 1  
Batteries—C. Melton, Bowman, Wittig and Hardest; Blumstein; Masterson and Livingston.  
At Philadelphia—Second Game—  
New York... 220 201 010—8 11 1  
Philadelphia... 003 000 012—6 11 3  
Batteries—East and O'Don; Jones and Livingston; Harman.  
At Cincinnati—  
Chicago... 040 010 000—5 9 0  
Cincinnati... 000 001 000—1 8 4  
Batteries—Lee and Schreff; Vander Meer, Turner, Beas and Lombardi.  
(Only Games)



QUINCY, MASS.—ANOTHER LINK IN UNCLE SAM'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE—The U. S. S. Massachusetts, 35,000-ton battleship and the newest addition to the United States Fleet, as she slid down the ways at the Bethlehem Steel Co. Fore River yard today. As the huge hull cleared the ways, an overhead crane swung into place the keel for the U. S. S. Flint, a new cruiser. The Massachusetts will have a main battery of nine 16-inch guns, mounted in three turrets, as well as a battery of the latest type anti-aircraft and secondary broadside guns. The new battleship is the fourth to be launched under the capital ship expansion program. (Story on Page A-1.)—A. P. Wirephoto.

### Di Maggio's Error Gives Nats Victory In Ninth, 4 to 3

Boston Outfielder Fumbles Cramer's Drive, Which Also Scored Tying Run

By BURTON HAWKINS.

The Nationals fashioned two runs with one out in the ninth inning to register a 4-3 victory over Boston today at Griffith Stadium.

Roger Cramer delivered a single to score the tying run, and Center-Fielder Dominic Di Maggio contributed an error on that smash to allow the winning run to cross the plate.

Washington extended its winning streak to six games. Buddy Lewis batted for Jimmy Bloodworth in the ninth and walked. Pinch-hitter Buddy Myer fouled out, but George Case walked, and at that juncture, Cramer slashed a single to left-center, scoring Lewis and sending Case to third. When Di Maggio fumbled the ball, Case scored with the winning run.

The Nats entered the ninth trailing, 2-3. The Red Sox producing a run in the second inning and two more in the fourth to offset Washington's two runs in the third inning.

Ted Williams, leading batter of the major leagues, had his average shaved a point to .405 since he only obtained one hit in three trips to the plate against Sid Hudson, who (See BASEBALL, Page 2-X.)

### Late News Bulletins

Ship Strike Spreads to 2 More Vessels

NEW YORK (P).—The A. F. L. Seafarers' International Union announced today that the ship strike called in a dispute over war bonuses had spread to two more ships, bringing the total to 25. They were the Waterman Steamship Co.'s Lafayette at Staten Island and the Alcoa Puritan, which arrived at Los Angeles today.

(Earlier Story on Page A-3.)

### Dr. Brinkley Indicted on Mail Fraud Charge

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (P).—Dr. John R. Brinkley, the gland specialist, his wife and six employees of a hospital formerly operated here by him, were indicted by a Federal grand jury today on charges of mail fraud in connection with services offered by the hospital.

### Serb Outlaws Kill 104 Croat Soldiers

ZAGREB, Croatia (P).—Ninety-eight Croat soldiers and six officers have been killed by Serbian outlaw forces who defied an ultimatum by the Nazi-controlled government of Serbia to come out of their mountain hideouts willingly or be bombed out, it was learned tonight.

### Fire Found in Ship Bound for Britain

NEW YORK (P).—Fire was discovered today in a coal bunker of the 4,575-ton Greek freighter Odysseus as the ship, loaded with sulphur for the British Ministry of Shipping, moved down New York Bay. A fireboat brought the fire under control.

### Nazis Claim Soviet Battleship

BERLIN (P).—German planes bombed a Soviet battleship today and left it in a sinking condition in the Gulf of Finland, the news agency D.N.B. reported late tonight.

### Pink Star Sunk By Submarine, President Says

Vessel Was Armed; Strikes Must Not Tie Up Boats, He Says

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

By JOHN C. HENRY.

The United States Government is preparing to take steps to arm merchant ships, President Roosevelt told a press conference late today.

To clear the way for this step, the Chief Executive said, amendment of the Neutrality Act will be requested of Congress next week. The extent of the revision of the statute has not yet been determined, he said, and is still under deliberation.

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed for the first time this afternoon that the freighter Pink Star, sinking of which was announced last night by the State Department, had been sent to the bottom by a submarine attack about 275 miles northeast of Cape Farewell, Greenland.

He revealed further that the ship, American-owned but sailing under Panamanian registry, was carrying at least one mounted gun.

Lashes at Dictators. Bound for Iceland with general cargo, the Pink Star was sailing in a Canadian-escorted convoy. No word has yet been received, the President said, of the fate of the 34-man crew.

Remarking then that all considerations of detail pertinent to the sinking constitute "a red herring" against the single issue of national defense, the President thereupon assailed in bitterest terms the dictator-promoted war of today.

It is perfectly clear what is happening in the world today, he explained. We are facing the most outrageous movement in all history in which a certain group is trying to dominate the world.

Objective Is Held Defense. This Government is trying to defend the Americas, he continued, and Congress has made clear its intention to help in every way those opposing the dictator nations.

Such a policy, he went on, tends also to prevent the dictators from gaining footholds where they may threaten this Nation. That is why, he explained further, American forces are in Iceland today, why we are keeping the sea lanes open to these outposts, and why we are sending foodstuffs and all supplies to Britain to keep them going.

There is little honesty in any argument which tries to obscure these major objectives, he concluded.

Cities Precedents. Asked then if the desired protection of shipping might not be accomplished easier with guns, Mr. Roosevelt replied that is probably correct.

It was at this point that he said he believed the Government to be heading toward a policy of arming American merchant ships, and helping to arm those of other nations as well.

As precedent, he pointed out that American merchant ships had been armed against British raiders in 1798, against German raiders in 1918, and against the Barbary pirates in the Mediterranean. The furnishing of this protection had enabled American vessels to beat (See ROOSEVELT, Page 2-X.)

### Alexandria Housing Periled by Lumber Fire

Special Dispatch to The Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 23.—Fairfax and Alexandria firemen late this afternoon were battling a stubborn fire in a pile of lumber which threatened to spread to the Naval Defense Housing Project on Duke street extended, police reported.

In the vicinity of the fire are the Lee-Jackson High School and the Alexandria-Fairfax County Foundry.

### Late Races

Earlier Results, Rossvars, Other Selections and Entries for Tomorrow, Page 2-X.

### Hayre de Grace

SEVENTH RACE—Purse \$1,000; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Greeny Mouse Remers 6 10.50 5.50 3.10 Key Man 11.00 6.00 3.50 Allergic (Robinson) 7.00 4.00 2.50 Time, 1:45.5.

Also ran—Ballant, Mightly, Hazur, Major Gay Boe, Feed Patch, Decatur, Macewan (Wall).  
Time, 1:45.5.

### Belmont Park

EIGHTH RACE—Purse \$1,500; allowance 3-year-olds and up; 1 mile and 70 yards. Watlock (Anderson) 19.00 8.40 5.70 Equator (Stearns) 7.00 4.00 2.50 Macewan (Wall) 3.70 2.50 Time, 1:23.5.

Also ran—Grand Party, Grail Bird, Obash, Cheese Straw, Spare the Rod and Pat Avon.  
Time, 1:45.5.

### Narragansett Park

EIGHTH RACE—Purse \$1,100; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 1 mile and 70 yards. Arabesque (Dattilo) 7.70 4.60 3.10 Major B (Hutches) 6.70 4.30 Editor (Briggs) 3.70 2.50 Time, 1:45.5.

Also ran—Madison, Mount Echo, Pennant Lady, Cave Hill, Dave Alexander, Lady Roma, Rhin, Goodness Sake and Lady Roma.

### Chart of \$10,000 Match Race

BELMONT PARK, N. Y., Sept. 23 (P).—Two-year-old Special Race; purse, \$10,000; 6 furlongs. Start good. Alsab, winner, b. c. (2) by Good Goods-Winds; Chant by Wilbur. Owner, Mrs. A. Sabath; trainer, A. Swene. Value, \$10,000; all to winner. Time, 0:23.5, 0:46.5, 1:09.5, 1:16 (new track record).

In the mutual betting Alsab was 17 to 20; Requested, 7 to 10. Only two started.

Alsab broke a bit slowly and was rated along back of the pace for the first half mile. Midway of the turn Vedder used his whip on Alsab. The colt responded with good courage. At the head of the stretch ALSAB moved up to the leader and in a few strides ran by him. He increased his advantage to the finish, but boy took no chances and rode him out. REQUESTED broke alertly, set a fast pace, but at the top of the stretch he began to tire and gradually dropped back, a well-beaten horse.