Revision of Oregon's Exhibit at the S. F. Fair Will Displace Wildlife With Farm Products, Without Information on How to Make the Farm Industry Profitable.

**THE WEATHER**

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 32%
Highest temperature yesterday 78
Lowest temperature last night 51
Precipitation for 24 hours ..... 0
Precip. since first of month ..... .93
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 ..... 29.55
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939 ..... .81
Partly Cloudy.


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**TRONDHEIM**

The result of the approaching battle at that nazi-held port will have an important bearing on the war situation in Norway. The combat may open tomorrow. Watch NEWS-REVIEW wire service for developments.


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# ALLIES, NAZIS NEAR BATTLE AT TRONDHEIM

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WORTH-READING dispatch from Miami (Florida):

"Sunburned, mosquito-bitten and disillusioned, nearly half of a pioneering band of Californians have abandoned their search for an 'ideal existence' on a remote island in the British West Indies."

The island in question is East Caicos, 700 miles southeast of Miami. The "ideal existence pioneers" went there about a month ago.

WORTH remembering in this connection:

The founders of America set up a system that, compared with what they left behind in Europe, has proved to be well-nigh ideal.

But it took them MORE THAN A MONTH TO DO IT.

MORAL:

This America of ours, which most of us love, has been 400 years in the making. Those who think they can improve on it IN A MONTH are plain saps.

ANOTHER moral:

If you're setting out to make an ideal existence for yourself, you'd better stick to your OWN HOME COMMUNITY.

If you'll be decent, honest, industrious and fair, dealing with your neighbors as you want them to deal with you, you'll come about as close to an ideal existence as it's possible to get.

CONCLUDING crack:

This hoped-to-be-perfect tropical island of East Caicos was found by the Utopia hunters to be over-


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## ROOSEVELT ASKS EXTRA WPA SPENDING RIGHT

### 8-Month Dole of Year's Sum May be Needed

**President, Urging Approval of 975 Million Budget, Says Hopes for Improvement in Industry Not Realized.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt proposed today that congress accept his budget recommendation of $975,000,000 for WPA in the next fiscal year but grant him or the WPA commissioner authority to expend the entire sum in eight months, if necessary.

Mr. Roosevelt wrote the speaker of the house that if the $975,000,000, scheduled for expenditure in the year beginning July 1, were spread over 12 months it would provide an average employment of only about 1,330,000.

The president said his budget estimate had been based on hopes for improved employment and business but that those hopes had not been entirely realized.

Partly because it is impossible to tell how the European conflict will affect private industry and private employment, Mr. Roosevelt said, it is difficult to predict the employment volume for the entire 1941 fiscal year.

**Discretion Assumed.**

But omitting any major fluctuations resulting from events abroad, the president said, private employment in the next fiscal year should be as high as in the current year.

"In my judgment," he wrote the speaker in a letter read to the house, "the most logical action that the congress could take at this time would be to appropriate the budget item for the work projects administration, but to lodge discretionary authority in me or in the commissioner of work projects to expend this amount in the first eight months of the fiscal year, on condition that unemployment conditions in the country are


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### *Roosevelt Backs Hull's Warning to Other Nations to Keep Hands Off Pacific Region*

**Danger of Japanese Attempt to Seize Dutch East Indies, Despite Tokyo Disclaimer, Prompts American Action.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt expressed a hope today that the status quo in the whole Pacific area could be maintained in the interests of peace.

He stated his view to a press conference when asked for comment on Secretary Hull's statement yesterday that disturbance of the status quo would prejudice the cause of "stability, peace and security not only in the region of The Netherlands Indies but in the entire Pacific area."

Hull's statement, in effect, was a notice to other nations to keep hands off the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters that Hull's declaration had covered the situation thoroughly.

Taking cognizance of Japan's expressed concern for the future of the islands should the European war engulf The Netherlands, Secretary of State Hull said in a statement last night:

"Intervention in the domestic affairs of The Netherlands Indies or any alteration of their status quo by other than peaceful processes would be prejudicial to the cause of stability, peace and security not only in the region of The Netherlands Indies but in the entire Pacific are."

**Jap Grab "Possible."**

As he issued his pronouncement, British, French and American fleet authorities said in Shanghai that a Japanese attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies in the event of a German invasion of The Netherlands was a "serious possibility."

Secretary Hull mentioned no nation specifically, but he prefixed his statement with a reference to one made by Japanese Foreign Minister Arita on Monday expressing the deep concern of the Japanese government for the maintenance of the islands' status q uo.

Official comment at Tokyo was that Hull's statement coincided with the foreign minister's views on the subject. An admiralty spokesman declared that Japan had "no territorial designs" on the Dutch possessions.

The Netherlands has been the rul-


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### No Protection Wanted, Dutch Advise Japanese

THE HAGUE, April 18.—(AP)—The Netherlands government has informed Japan that it neither will ask any foreign government to protect the Netherlands East Indies in case the war should spread to Holland nor accept an offer of protection if it is made, it was announced today.

Meanwhile the Dutch received with guarded satisfaction the statement by United States Secretary of State Hull insisting that "the interests of many countries" would be affected by any attempt to intervene in the affairs of the Indies.

There was no official comment on Hull's statement.

### Allies To Protect Dutch East Indies

**Forces in Far East Prepared to Frustrate Any Jap Move to Invade Coveted Islands.**

SHANGHAI, April 18.—(AP)—British and French forces in the far east were making ready today for any eventuality—including the chance of a Japanese attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies in event of a German invasion of The Netherlands.

Authorities of the American fleet in Asiatic waters joined the allies in the comment that such action by Japan is a "serious possibility."

A neutral naval observer here declared that a thrust by Japan into the Dutch East Indies would result in Japan's entering the war on the side of Germany.

"If the Japanese decide that the probabilities favor their success they may occupy the islands, using the same excuse as Adolf Hitler used in Denmark and Norway," this observer said, referring to the German explanation that the Scandinavian countries were invaded for their own "protection."

**Uncertain of Russia.**

"If Japan could be certain that Russia would not jump on her back, it is highly possible that the Japanese would act," he said.

Naval officials said several factors favor the possibility of a lightning Japanese stroke to parallel any German drive into The Netherlands.

They contended, it is Japan's "unconcealed ambition" to gain control of the East Indies' oil, rubber and tin supplies to achieve independence of other sources of supply.

"If the East Indies could be grabbed in a swift, successful stroke, Japan's dream of dominating the western Pacific and the ousting of European colonial powers would be well on the way toward realization overnight," one observer said.

The Japanese navy, in contrast to the Japanese army, this source went on, has not been weakened directly by the war in China. The navy was pictured as "cocky and full of fight" and as believing that its "easy landings in China could be duplicated in the East Indies."

### Proposal for Guam Island Navy Base, Previously Rejected to Appease Japan, Renewed Before Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The navy renewed today its advocacy of a major air and submarine base at Guam, tiny American island outpost 1,500 miles from Tokyo.

A Guam base strong enough to make enemy operations against it a formidable undertaking, the navy department said, would tend to "stabilize the political situation in the far east."

At the same time, the department rejected as "fantastic" any suggestion that the United States permanently station a fleet superior to Japan's in far eastern waters. The idea of a "two-ocean" battle force was likewise dismissed.

The statements were incorporated in a series of answers to questions propounded by Chairman Walsh (D-Mass.) of the senate naval committee, which is holding hearings on legislation authorizing an 11 per cent expansion in fleet strength.

**Former Proposals Slain**

Previous proposals for fortification of Guam have met defeat in congress after sharp debate. Foes of such a program declared that it would be "a dagger pointed at the throat of Japan." Japanese naval officers have called the plans an "unfriendly gesture" and a "moral threat" to their country.

Opposition to the Guam project recently caused the house to eliminate a proposed $1,000,00 harbor improvement expenditure for the island, an action upheld by the senate appropriations committee in its refusal to include the item in the $963,767,478 navy supply bill which went before the senate today. Chances that the senate would order it restored were considered small.

Convinced that Japan is building at least 43,000-ton battleships, Admiral Harold R. Stark said today that the navy contemplated future construction of superdreadnaughts of 50,000 to 52,000 tons.

The chief of naval operations told the senate naval affairs committee that he believed Japan was building eight of the large type vessels.

### Rod-Gun Club to Discuss Wildlife Legislation

Harris Ellsworth, president of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club, today announced a special meeting of the club to be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at the chamber of commerce office to consider special legislative matters. Mr. Ellsworth recently represented the club at a meeting in Portland of the Oregon Wildlife federation, where a discussion was held pertaining to proposed changes in the setup of the state game commission and law enforcement. A measure, which would create a wildlife commission in place of the present game commission, taking the department out of politics and at the same time reestablishing the "game warden system of law enforcement, has been proposed and is to be considered by various affected organizations throughout the state. Matters pertaining to possible legislative changes affecting commercial fishing on the Umpqua river also are to be placed before the club for consideration at Tuesday's meeting, Mr. Ellsworth announces.

### Bids on Tiller-Trail Cutoff Work Solicited

Bids on further improvement of the Tiller-Trail cutoff road in southern Douglas county will be among proposals on 19 road projects to be opened in Portland by the state highway commission May 2 and 3. The project on the Tiller-Trail road calls for surfacing and oiling 7.12 miles of the Canyonville-Days Creek section and the construction of a 124-foot log bridge on the Days Creek section.

### Former Vienna Beauty, Emperor's Friend, Die

VIENNA, April 18.—(AP)—Katherina Schratt, a friend of Emperor Franz Josef in the days when she was a celebrated beauty and later a friend of Vienna beggars, died last night at the age of 87 in her modest home near the Hapsburg palace, Schonbrunn, whose spacious parks and salons she once knew so well.

### New Sewer System Work In Last Stage

**Roseburg's Project May be in Operation About July 1st, Supt. Couey Says; Tunnel Job Proving Difficult.**

Present indications are that Roseburg's intercepting sewer system and sewage disposal plant, now in the final stages of construction, will be in operation about July 1, Charles Couey, assistant superintendent, announced today. The work now is progressing toward the last phases, which, however, are difficult and will require much time to complete.

In the south end of town workmen now are engaged in digging a tunnel between Short and Mill streets. This tunnel, when completed, will be 400 feet in length, seven feet high and six feet wide. Workmen have encountered unexpected trouble in connection with this work due to the rock formation, which is hard on the bottom and soft on top and cut through with numerous seams. Extra precautions are required to prevent injury to workmen, and so far the work has proceeded without serious mishap. The tunnel has been built for a distance of about 150 feet and work is in progress from both ends. It is expected that completion will require at least 30 more days of work.

**Piling Being Emplaced**

At the foot of Oak street a pile driver is being used to emplace poles to be used as a foundation for the pipe line across a fresh fill. A rock fill has been laid for a distance of about 180 feet adjoining the river bank and 50 poles, each 25 feet in length, will be driven into the fill. The piling will bind the fill together and, as a foundation for the concrete sewer pipe, will, it is expected, keep the sewer in alignment even though the fill should settle.

The original plan called for a tunnel under the approach to the Oak street bridge, but the new plan of a rock fill and piling foundation is expected to save approximately $4,000 over the project originally outlined.

**Receiving Tank Finished**

At the disposal plant construction work is proceeding rapidly. The largest concrete structures are nearly finished and work is well advanced on the remaining units. The large concrete receiving tank is finished. The pump house has been completed and is ready for installation of equipment. Workmen today are putting the finishing touches on the beams and concrete slab which form a roof for the huge digester tank, the largest structure connected with the plant. Excavation has been finished for the primary and secondary filters, and forms are being built in preparation for concrete work.

The project is being handled by the city in cooperation with the WPA. The federal agency is furnishing all labor and has made a grant of materials amounting to approximately $12,000. John Dawson of Eugene, is superintendent, with Charles Couey of Roseburg


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### Girl Stretches To Win Flying Course

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—(AP)—The s-t-r-e-t-c-h girl has her wings.

Kathleen Hildebrand, 19-year-old red-head who had to add an inch to her height in a month to meet requirements for federal aviation student training, took her first solo flight this morning.

"The nicest solo I've ever seen for a beginner," said her instructor, James F. Selby, after the eight-minute hop.

It's been five months since Kathleen finally won her s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g battle by pulling on doors, taking special exercises to lengthen her spine and consulting a chiropodist and chiropractor.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—A proposal to encourage student flyers by awarding bonuses of $50 when they make their first solo flight and an equal sum when they have logged 10 hours has been made by Senator Clark (D-Idaho).

He introduced yesterday a bill authorizing an annual appropriation of $10,000,000 for payment of such awards.

### To Be Keynoter At G. O. P. Meet

Giving emphasis to youth and liberalism in campaign plans, Harold E. Stassen, above, 33-year-old governor of Minnesota, has been chosen for keynote speaker at the national republican convention, to be held in Philadelphia June 24. Born in a farm house, law graduate of the University of Minnesota, Stassen was elected attorney of Dakota county at 23 and held that office until being chosen for governor.

### Funds Apportioned to Douglas County Schools

The semi-annual apportionment of school taxes was completed today and funds are being placed to the credit of the various districts of the county, Stella Quine, county school superintendent, announced. From the county school fund, distributed on a basis of school census, the sum of $55,136.17 has been apportioned to the various districts. The elementary school fund is based on teacher units and the total distribution amounts to $25,862.71. The school tax apportionments usually are made on May 1 and Nov 1, but a recent early turnover of tax receipts has enabled the school superintendent to get funds out to the districts two weeks ahead of the usual date, Mrs. Quine states.

### Tornado Demolishes 30 Louisiana Farm Houses

ALEXANDRIA, La., April 18.—(AP)—About 30 rural houses were demolished by a tornado that struck several small communities 40 miles south of here early today, but no deaths or serious injuries were reported.

Other sections of Louisiana were lashed by wind and rain as a disturbance moved eastward along the gulf coast. Nearly three inches of rain fell here last night and Lake Charles reported 4.82 inches.

Small craft warnings were raised from New Orleans to Florida.

### Judge Norton Refuses to Ban Dam Near Gold Hill

MEDFORD, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—The application of the Oregon state fish commission for a restraining order prohibiting the Beaver-Portland cement company from constructing and operating a hydro-electric dam in Rogue river near Gold Hill was denied in findings handed down Thursday by Circuit Judge Norton.

The fish commission claimed the dam would prevent the travels of migratory fish and be injurious in other ways.

### Bandits Get $19,000 in Railway Station Holdup

LITTLE FALLS, N. J., April 18.—(AP)—Three men, one armed with a sub-machine gun and two with revolvers, seized the Erie railroad stationmaster as a shield today and robbed two postal employes of funds being transferred from a train to a mail truck.

Police said the loot totaled $19,500.

### BULLETIN!

**WASHINGTON, April 18.—(AP)—The senate passed today a $963,797,478 navy appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The sum was $48,437,229 more than this year's expenditures but $123,514,099 under President Roosevelt's budget estimates.**

**The measure carrying the appropriation now goes to the house for action on senate amendments.**

### Attack Only Question Of Hours, Report

**British Troops Join Norway's Forces, London Announces; Warning Issued to Italy to Behave as Neutral.**

STOCKHOLM, April 18.—(AP)—Reports reaching here from the Norwegian frontier said today it was only a question of hours before a Norwegian-British attack started against German positions in the Trondheim district.

Swedish newspaper correspondents said the allied forces were concentrated at Steinkjar, on the inner part of Trondheim fjord, and at a railroad junction connecting with Namsos, about 100 miles further north on the coast.

These reports said it was believed the British had landed at Nanmsos, which they called the Britons' best base for sending reinforcements to the Norwegians in the Trondheim area.

Five German planes were reported destroyed in British air raids on German west coast positions yesterday.

LONDON, April 18.—(AP)—The war office announced tonight that British troops had made contact with Norwegian forces in Norway and that "operations are proceeding."

"The landing of British troops in Norway continues," a communique said.

The admiralty announced tonight that a German transport and a submarine had been hit in the Norwegian port of Bergen during an attack by British planes.

**Italy Warned**

Prime Minister Chamberlain today gave assurances against any allied menace to southeastern European nations while in the north Britain's forces by land, sea and air fought to break Germany's hold on Norway. This followed a hint to non-belligerent Italy by Minister of Economic Warfare Ronald H. Cross to watch her step and to Sweden that she might be the next target of nazi lightning.

In a speech last night Cross declared that Italy "must behave as a neutral" if she wished to be treated as one.

And warning Sweden that Germany might attack her within the next month to grab vital Swedish iron ore, Cross said "Let Sweden ace to it that she is not taken by surprise."

"We are ready," he added, "to give any help if she is attacked, but we must ask her to do everything possible to help herself."

**Balkans Woo Russia**

This warning was sent out as doubts concerning Premier Mussolini's intentions were raised by the increasingly pro-German attitude of the Italian press and rumors of new Italian military measures.

Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia, apparently cooling in their dependence upon Italy to help them keep the war out of the Balkans, were reported trying to win Russia's help to maintain peace in their backyards on the theory that Russia is opposed to any German advance in this direction.

**Bremen Said Sunk**

Exchange Telegraph, British news agency, today quoted a Norwegian survivor of the torpedoed British steamer Stancliff as saying


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### Kid McCoy, Former Pug, Found Dead

DETROIT, April 18.—(AP)—Norman Selby, the Kid McCoy of the ring, was found dead today in a downtown hotel and Deputy Coroner Lyle C. King said he had taken an overdose of sleeping medicine.

McCoy claimed the world middleweight title early in the century after he defeated Tommy Ryan. He had fought all over the world, including South Africa.

The Kid was 66 years old. He was born in Moscow, Ind., and was married nine times.

McCoy in recent years was employed by the service department of the Ford Motor company.

The kid made and lost a fortune in his fighting days.

In the later years he came to grief and in 1924 he was sentenced to 20 years in San Quentin prison for killing Mrs. Theresa Mora of Los Angeles. He was paroled, however, and obtained a job through Harry Bennett, Ford personnel chief. McCoy first met Bennett when the latter was a young boxer in the navy.

McCoy was credited with invention of the so-called corkscrew punch.

## I SAW

By Paul Jenkins

MERLE AUSTIN, Roseburg florist, in one of the greenhouses at his farm near Green, displaying a banana tree which is fruiting there.

One doesn't find many banana trees growing in Oregon, even in greenhouses.

The bananas start as a little circular fringe on "hands," growing around the substance which later becomes the bunch as you and I are familiar with in grocery stores. As each fringe grows and forms little finger-shaped fruit, another fringe starts below it, and this keeps up until perhaps two dozen encircling and fruit-bearing "hands" have matured.

The fruit is cut green to mature when marketed. It is an extremely perishable crop when it commences to ripen.

I've an idea that a grower from the "Banana Republics," reading this sketchy and haphazard description of the fruit which means so much happiness or despair in the economics of his life, would smile condescendingly at the limitations of my knowledge concerning my subject. But anyhow, it kind of serves to give you an idea.

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Several years of nurturing also has produced an orange tree at the Austin greenhouses, which in its turn has produced a lot of ripe, delicious fruit. When I saw it some time ago it had both ripe and green oranges, the latter of varying sizes, and blossoms, which were very fragrant.

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The greenhouses were full to overflowing with flower blossoms of many kinds and varieties, and the plants of many popular garden vegetables. Of the former, the carnations particularly caught my eye—and my nose. Of the vegetables, the towering tomatoes seemed to rouse my fancy and enthusiasm.

### Steamboat CCC Personnel Upped

Sixty-two enrollees from Alabama and Mississippi have arrived at Steamboat CCC camp, bringing the total strength to 202 men, V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest reported today. Of the new men received in camp, 32 have received previous CCC experience. Forest service officers are well pleased with the appearance of the new men and expect that their presence will materially strengthen the camp's work program, Mr. Harpham states.

Although Steamboat camp is among 18 in Oregon scheduled to be discontinued at the close of the fiscal year, it is believed that the order will eventually be rescinded and the camp permitted to remain in its present location. Additional funds to keep the civilian conservation corps at full strength were voted by the lower house of congress but still await concurrence by the senate. Even if a reduction should be made in the funds provided for the CCC, efforts will be continued to retain the Steamboat camp. Messages received by the Roseburg chamber of commerce from Senator Charles L. McNary indicate that he is still working to keep the camp at its present location.

### Wedded 60 Years, Man of 90 Sues for Divorce

SALEM, April 18.—(AP)—After 60 years of marriage, John P. Murphy, 90, filed suit for divorce from his 76-year-old wife, charging cruel and inhuman treatment.

Murphy accused his wife of threatening him with violence and with ordering him to leave the house permanently.

In his wife's answer asking the court to dismiss the complaint, she said she is almost helpless because of advancing blindness and because she never recovered from a hip fracture eight years ago.

### Barefoot Burglar's Loot Bared by WPA Shovels

PORTLAND, April 18.—(AP)—WPA shovels uncovered $500 worth of stolen material hidden under leaves on S. W. Taylor's ferry road by the elusive, uncaptured barefoot burglar.

Police, at least were ready to believe the guns, watches and jewelry were placed in the tin box by the shoeless intruder who audaciously pattered about Portland homes in 1938 and 1939.

Sheriff's deputies said the recovered articles would be checked with reports of goods stolen from houses and automobiles.

The unshod burglar has not reappeared since a shot was fired at him several months ago.

### Delake Girl Kills Self With Bullet From Rifle

TOLEDO, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—Alice Lataurell, 19, DeLake, died yesterday, a few hours after shooting herself in the head with a rifle, Coroner Thompson reported. A neighbor found her near death at home.