In Decreeing One Day to the Exclusive Sale of Spinach, Fuehrer Hitler Evidently Plans a Wallop a la Popeye as the Coup de Grace on the Allies in Norway.

**THE WEATHER**

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 46%
Highest temperature yesterday 69
Lowest temperature last night 45
Precipitation for 24 hours ..... .01
Precip. since first of month ..... .01
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 30.31
Excess since Sept. 1, 1939 ..... .86
Occasional Rain.


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**SQUEEZE**

That's what the allies in Norway appear to be facing, with German armies on their flanks. If the allies are crushed, it will probably mean the end of effective resistance in Norway. Watch NEWS-REVIEW for developments.


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# ALLIES THREATENED BY NAZI PINCER MOVE

## TORNADOES HIT MIDWEST, DIXIE; FOURTEEN KILLED

**Many Injured, Property Damage Heavy; Hail, Rain Come With Wind; One Town Flooded.**

By the Associated Press

Tornadic winds ripping across sections of southern Illinois, southeast Missouri and Arkansas and a cloudburst in east Texas killed at least 14 persons, injured many and caused thousands of dollars damage last night.

Six were killed and eight injured, one critically, near Benton, Ark., as a tornado cut a 75-foot swath through a sparsely settled rural section.

At least three were killed and an unestimated number were injured as tornadoes bounced over southeastern Missouri and southern Illinois. Seventeen persons from both states were taken to a Cairo, Ill., hospital. Six were hurt at Marion, Ill.

J. A. McNeese, 70, of Pickland, Tex., and their son, Cecil, 30, were killed when wind demolished their home. The 18-months-old daughter of Mrs. Ted Cook of Frankston, Tex., was torn from her mother's arms by a flood and drowned. A cloudburst washed the Cook family and others from beneath a culvert, where they had taken refuge.

**Crops Damaged**

Mrs. Ruby Hawks was killed when a building collapsed during a heavy rain and hail accompanied swirling winds in the mid-south, causing damage to crops. Water swept into stores at Thomasville, Ala.

A wind storm uprooted trees and unroofed several buildings at Owensboro, Ky.

Those dead in the Tull community near Benton, Ark., were Ben Hicks, 50; Mrs. Ben Hicks, 48; Edward Hicks, 20, their son; Elijah F. Hicks, 63, brother of Ben Hicks; Miss Elsie Hicks, 28,


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### Chicagoans Deprived of Milk in Drivers' Strike

CHICAGO, May 1.—(AP)—Several hundred thousand Chicago and suburban residents went without milk and cream for breakfast this morning.

A strike voted by the milk wagon drivers union halted virtually all home deliveries in the metropolitan area.

Drivers stopped work because of a dispute over a new wage contract with the associated milk dealers of Chicago. Their old contract expired at midnight last night.

Dealers sought a contract calling for a wage scale of $30 per week, plus commissions. The union held out for the old scale of $28, plus commissions.

Approximately 4,000 drivers were affected by the dispute.

The union will service hospitals, orphanages and similar institutions during the strike.

### McNary Aiding In Turkey Proposal

Full cooperation with the program of the Roseburg chamber of commerce in its effort to stimulate nation-wide consumption of turkeys was pledged today in a telegram received from Senator Charles L. McNary. W. C. Harding, secretary of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, recently wrote heads of the army, navy and civilian conservation corps, urging four or five turkey dinners for the men of those service organizations during the spring and summer months, and also requested the governors of the various states to have turkey dinners served at frequent intervals in all state institutions.

Senator McNary reported in his telegram that he already had personally conferred with army, navy, and CCC heads, and also had presented the letter to the surplus commodities corporation and he had been advised that the latter organization would make an immediate survey of the situation.

The program of the Roseburg chamber is directed toward cleaning up a record supply of storage birds prior to the fall marketing season.

### Copco Cuts Power Rates in Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(AP)—Rate reductions effecting a $37,455 a year saving to electric power users in extreme northern California served by the California Oregon Power company were ordered today by the state railroad commission.

The lower rates accompany similar reductions for Oregon communities served by the company.

The charge for the initial block of power was reduced from six cents to 4½ cents a kilowatt hour and the size of the block increased from 40 to 50 kilowatt hours. Minimum monthly charges will be $1 a month in towns of more than 1,000 population and $1.25 in smaller communities.

### Oregon Republican Lead in Registration Upped

SALEM, May 1.—(AP)—Official registration figures today showed republicans are leading the democrats 276,216 to 254,719, and that the total registration of 538,100 is an all-time primary record.

The total two years ago was 521,225, the republicans leading 265,132 to 248,169.

The official figures differ slightly from the unofficial totals reported two days ago because several county clerks made corrections.

Also included in this year's totals are 2,772 independents, 660 socialists, 283 prohibitionists and 3,390 others.

## Death Blow Given Hatch's Politics Bill

**Effort to Control Activities of Some Employes Tabled by House Group; Wage Law Issue Awaiting Decision.**

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The house judiciary committee killed today the senate-approved Hatch bill to regulate political activities of state employes paid with federal funds.

The committee ordered the bill "tabled," meaning that it will be stuffed away in a pigeonhole.

The vote was not announced and Chairman Sumners (D., Tex.) refused to discuss the matter beyond making the bare announcement of disposal of the measure.

In addition to restricting the political activities of state employes paid in whole or in part with federal funds, the measure also would have limited personal campaign contributions to $5,000.

Later some committee members said that the vote to table was 14 to 10.

Soon after the action was disclosed, Representative Dempsey (D. N. M.) announced that he would start a petition to take the measure away from the committee and bring it to the house floor for debate. Such a petition requires the signature of 218 members, a majority of the house.

Dempsey, house sponsor of the measure, was obviously angered and said he had been assured that the committee would act favorably on the legislation.

**Wage Act Still Embattled**

The house labor committee began today a drive to put its wage-hour law amendments through the house quickly and without substantial change.

Chairman Norton (D., N. J.) urged the chamber to approve only amendments which "improve the


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### Privately-Owned Utilities Rapped

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Paul J. Raver, Bonneville dam administrator, accused private power companies today of fighting "to preserve their empires against competition" even after voters have asked for establishment of public systems.

In a speech to Reed college students less than three weeks before Portland voters act on a proposal to establish a people's utility district in the city, Raver outlined the program of the Bonneville administration. He insisted he was not speaking for or against the PUD proposal.

Some private utilities, he said, have cooperated after the public has approved creation of utility districts.

"But in six mid-Columbia (Washington) and some western Oregon counties where PUD's have been set up, private companies have refused to negotiate the sale of their systems," he said. "These obstructive tactics not only thwart the expressed will of the people but they definitely are hindering the progress of the whole Bonneville program.

"In my opinion the best thing that the private utilities can do to reserve for themselves a favorable place in the public mind is to negotiate for a fair price for their properties and sell out wherever the people have indicated their desire for public ownership, rather than forcing PUD's, as has been the case in many instances in Washington, to resort to long-drawn-out and expensive condemnation suits."

### Sawmill Construction at Tiller Progressing

DAYS CREEK, May 1.—Work is progressing rapidly on the plant of the J. G. Sugar Pine company at Tiller, on what was formerly the rodeo grounds. The mill pond, water for which is taken from Salt creek, has been completed and construction on the mill is well under way. It is expected that it will be in operation by the middle of July with a capacity of 40,000 feet per day and furnish employment for about 40 men, including both those working in the mill and in logging operations. Sugar pine timber is being obtained from properties up river from the South Umpqua CCC camp and the logs are trucked to the mill site. After sawing, the lumber will be trucked to the railroad either at Myrtle Creek or Riddle. Elton Jackson is manager for the company.

## Pro-Dewey Slate Loses In Bay State

**Unpledged Delegation Chosen by Massachusetts G. O. P.; Democrats Favor Farley; Vote Less Than 10 Perct.**

BOSTON, May 1.—(AP)—An uninstructed republican delegation and a democratic slate almost entirely pledged to Postmaster General James A. Farley merged today from Massachusetts' presidential primaries—fulfilling in large measure the desires of the two party political organizations.

With Bay state voters showing scant consideration for insurgent groups, an old age pension slate supporting Thomas E. Dewey, without his authorization, was overwhelmed by the "official," unpledged G. O. P. delegation. Democrats gave but little more support to independents who backed their state committee's Farley delegation.

**Dewey Sure of 2 Votes.**

Although all of the state's 34 republican delegates will go to the national convention without formal commitment, Dewey was sure of at least two votes. Hardly had the ballot-counting ceased when two of the successful candidates announced for the first time that they were for the New York district attorney.

Of the 72 delegates elected by the democrats—12 of them having a third of a convention vote apiece and 60 others having half a vote—69 were pledged to Farley. The three others were unpledged.

One of the lightest presidential primary votes in the state's history—less than 10 per cent of the 2,000,000 total—resulted from the lack of clear-cut issues.

**ST. PAUL MAYOR LOSES TO RIVAL HE ONCE DEFEATED**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1.—(AP)—Labor-supported candidates won control of St. Paul's city govern-


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### Grants Pass Population Count Reveals Increase

GRANTS PASS, May 1.—(AP)—Tentative census figures for Grants Pass show an increase of 26 per cent over the 1930 figures, Supervisor Stuart of Eugene revealed today. On that basis, the population is tentatively set at 5,789 compared to 4,666 ten years ago. An enumerator will be stationed in the chamber of commerce building here Tuesday to count any city residents who may have been missed.

## *New Blow Expected to Follow Clutch Of German Army on Central Norway*

## Attitude Of Italy Draws U. S. Inquiry

**Envoy Asks Il Duce's Plans as Pro-Nazi Sentiment Flares; British Divert Shipping From Mediterranean Sea.**

**ROME, May 1.—(AP)—United States Ambassador William Phillips was understood today to have been personally assured by Premier Mussolini that no war move is contemplated by Italy at present.**

**Political circles regarded Phillips' visit to Mussolini as particularly timely for the opportunity it provided to obtain a clarified view of the Italian policy in the face of the strained Mediterranean situation.**

ROME, May 1.—(AP)—United States Ambassador William Phillips today called upon Premier Mussolini to receive first hand information on Italy's position and intentions in view of recent developments in the international situation.

Political circles regarded the visit as particularly timely for the opportunity provided to obtain a clarified view of the Italian policy on the face of the strained Mediterranean situation and constant rumors concerning possible future developments.

The impression prevailed in political quarters that no change in Italy's policy of non-belligerency was in prospect.

The first word of the British di-


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### Jury Fails to Agree in Farm Shooting Case

SALEM, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—After deliberating nine hours and reporting a hopeless deadlock, the jury trying William F. Weddle, Jefferson farmer, on a charge of shooting a neighbor, Albert F. Costelow, was discharged at 12:15 a. m. today.

The state charged Weddle was guilty of assault when he shot Costelow in the legs January 19 during a right of way dispute, and the defense contended Weddle shot in self defense.

## Million Dollar Reward for Capture of Adolf Hitler Recalls Futile Attempt To Kidnap Kaiser From Dutch Refuge

NEW YORK, May 1.—(AP)—A Pittsburgh group offered today to pay a million dollar reward for the capture of Adolf Hitler, unhurt, but specified that the German fuehrer must be delivered into the custody of the League of Nations before the end of May.

Samuel Harden Church, president of the $28,000,000 Carnegie institute, announced the offer on behalf of an unnamed group, which he said was acting "in good faith," in a letter to the New York Times.

The unusual proposal brought back recollections of a daring post-world war scheme of a group of American soldiers to kidnap the German kaiser from his refuge in Holland.

In his letter, Church said that Hitler should be delivered "for trial before a high court of justice for his crimes against the peace and dignity of the world."

Church said in a telephone interview with the Times that the proposal had been discussed for some time among some members of the Duquesne club of Pittsburgh after private advices reached them saying Hitler planned an attempt to break through on the western front soon.

**Plot of 1918 Recalled.**

Shortly after the armistice of 1918 a band of Americans who had served with the A. E. F., among them Col. Luke Lea of Tennessee and Larry MacPhail, now president of the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National baseball league, secretly entered Holland and traveled to Kaiser Wilhelm's "haven."

According to legend surrounding the adventure, which the participants were reluctant to discuss in later years, the party actually entered Wilhelm's home, but fled when surprised by Dutch guards.

Samuel Harden Church

Complaints were made with the state department and Lea and his comrades were placed under military arrest. Disposition of the case never was revealed, but all were released.

Church said his group was not over-optimistic about its chances of achieving its end, but it thought the possibility was worth encouraging.

"I believe in my heart," he continued, "that Mr. Hitler should be held as the common enemy of mankind and brought to justice accordingly."

Church is a retired vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad and an officer of the French Legion of Honor.

## Give-and-Take Battle Waged By Air Forces

**Norwegians Reported to Have Recaptured Storen, Vital Rail Point; Nazi Bomber Crashes in British City.**

By the Associated Press

Peril to the security of their flanks in northern and southern Europe had the allied war leaders plainly worried today.

The menace in the north, where fast-driving German columns apparently had clamped a stranglehold on central Norway, was acknowledged by a British military spokesmen.

He admitted that nazi advances there had put the allies in a "dangerous and very obscure" position.

A British war office communique announced that British troops had withdrawn to "prepared positions" after resisting German attacks in the Dombas area, 100 miles south of Trondheim. It called the situation at Namsos, 100 miles north of Trondheim, "unchanged" and that at Narvik, Norway's Arctic iron ore port, "satisfactory."

At Stockholm tonight, however, unconfirmed reports said Norwegian forces had reoccupied Storen, vital railroad junction 35 miles south of Trondheim, and also Roros, 50 miles farther southeast on the railroad from Oslo. The moves might have been made possible by the withdrawal of German vanguards to await reinforcements.

The German withdrawals, however, were said to have been in line with the nazi tactics of striking with lighting speed to smash allied communications and then of waiting for reinforcements before taking firm hold of advanced positions.

**Nazis Deal Blows at Sea**

Germany, meanwhile, rained new aerial bombs on Britain's sea forces.

The German high command, reporting continued progress in Nor-


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### G. L. Flint, Former S. P. Engineer, Passes Away

Word was received here this morning of the sudden death in Portland early today of Guy L. Flint, for many years a resident of Roseburg. Mr. Flint, employed out of Roseburg for a long period of time as a locomotive engineer, was retired about four years ago by the Southern Pacific company because of ill health. Prior to his retirement he was serving as road foreman of engines at Portland.

Surviving are his wife, who has been suffering from injuries suffered several weeks ago when she was struck by an automobile, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Crumpacker, who is employed with radio station KGW at Portland.

## B. F. Irvine, Noted Blind Editor, Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—B. F. Irvine, 77, noted blind editor of the Oregon Journal, died at his home here today after a long illness.

The editor, convalescing from a major operation, was rescued by firemen and carried down a ladder from the burning second story of his home ten days ago. Physicians said the incident retarded chances for recovery.

Irvine, a native of pioneer Oregon, was known for nearly half a century as a "fighting editor."

His long career traversed a diversity of occupations — miner, teacher, farmer, editor, publisher, politician and educator. The editor's early life was complicated by a courageous struggle against failing eyesight but remarkable will-power carried him to the zenith of his work after an injury in a youthful boxing match resulted in blindness.

Mrs. Irvine and two children, Ward of Portland, and Edna of San Francisco, survive.

### Drunken Driving Charge Jails Priest at Spokane

SPOKANE, May 1.—(AP)—A man hooked as Daniel Stack, 55, "cabinet maker," also identified by police as the Rev. Father Daniel Stack, pastor of St. Aloysius Catholic church, was arrested at 2:05 a. m., today and held in the city jail on a drunken driving charge.

Six hours later, $250 cash bond was posted and he was released.

Police Officer J. E. Somers, who made the arrest, said the man's automobile leaped a curb and nearly crashed into a building.

The address given for the "cabinet maker" is also the address of St. Aloysius rectory.

Father Stack was one of the three assisting priests at funeral services for Supreme Justice James M. Geraghty this morning.

### County Home Head Fined, Jailed as Drunk Driver

Fred Parrott, manager of the county home, who was arrested Monday on a charge of drunken driving, pleaded guilty in justice court today. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a fine of $100.

### "Paper Bag Burglar" Robs Portland Safeway Store

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—The "paper bag burglar" filled a sack with the receipts of a Safeway store last night and escaped.

Clerk Owen Tabrum of the west side store said the robber was armed. His description tallied with that of other storekeeper victims.

The marauder "borrowed" a paper sack and carried off the loot.

### Stream Closure to Save Steelhead Is Requested

TILLAMOOK, May 1.—(AP)—The Tillamook Isaak Walton league approved a resolution yesterday asking closure of all coastal Oregon streams except the Columbia river annually from November 30 to June 1 to conserve steelhead.

The resolution will be presented the Oregon Wildlife federation in Portland Thursday.

## I SAW

**By Paul Jenkins**

RYCE WILSON, 732 W. Lane street, as he pointed out the advantages over existing equipment, of a load-balancing logging bunk which he has invented, and recently patented. The device is installed for purpose of demonstration on the logging truck of Loyal Wilson, contract hauler for the Roseburg Lumber company.

A bunk on a logging truck corresponds to the bolster of a wagon, one being mounted on the truck proper, and another on the trailer. At each end of the bunk a "chuck" is inserted, to keep the logs of the lower tier of the load from spreading. All the logs, before transit, are chained to keep them from rolling.

With existing equipment, using stationary bunks, it is practically impossible to load logs, and at the same time secure an even distribution of weight; in other words, one which is balanced equally upon the tires of each side of the truck.

The Wilson equalizer, utilizing a moving H-beam under a primary channel, using a screw principle, News-Review Photo and Engraving enables an operator equipped with a tubular socket wrench to move the entire load of logs to one side of the truck, or the other, in just a few minutes time without disturbing at all the "lie" of the load, or its chain fastenings. The bunk is adjustable from either side of the truck. Mr. Wilson states that the assembly of his bunk has twice the strength of those now in use.

It has been stated that 90% of the trouble encountered through shifting during truck-hauling of logs is caused by an unbalanced load. The Wilson device is designed to eliminate this tendency.

Indorsing the equalizer, a prominent tire dealer here states its use automatically will reduce tire blowouts on logging trucks 75%.

Its principle bears the hearty approval of the state highway commission and the public utilities department, Mr. Wilson reports.

In association with his partner in the enterprise, Al Lounsbury, Mr. Wilson plans the erection of a shop in Roseburg for the manufacture of the load-balancer in the near future.

## *Editorials on the Day's News*

By FRANK JENKINS

HITLER issues a decree recognizing the existence of a state of war between Germany and Norway.

"We didn't mean to fight the Norwegians when we took their country," he explains. "Our purpose was merely to protect them against the wicked and designing British."

(The unspeakable Norwegians, it appears from Hitler's decree, provoked the state of war by resisting the kind and fatherly Germans. So Hitler washes his hands of them. Whatever happens to them is their own fault.)

IT was under the same false-faced and fraudulent claim that Japan waded into China—she was merely protecting the Chinese against themselves, to hear her tell it.

"Talk nice and act dirty" is the dictators' rule No. 1 for war.

HITLER, you will note, always pans the British but never mentions the French, except in a kindly and tolerant way.

That is probably a screen for the bribery, corruption and treason squads the nazis undoubtedly have working under cover in France.

The only sure thing is that Hitler's mealy-mouthed attitude toward France isn't sincere.

IN Italy, Dino Grandi says to what passes for a parliament there: "Italy is fully aware of her responsibilities and duties in the European war."

Responsibility to whom? Why, TO ITALY, of course.

Duty to whom? To Italy, naturally.

EUROPE is doing a lot of talking about ideals and responsibilities and duties.

Paste this in your hat:

In all this guff that is issuing from European capitals, there isn't


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● SERIAL STORY

## BLACKOUT

BY RUTH AYERS


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**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

MARY CARROLL — American fashion expert, in London during wartime.

VINCENT GREGG—soldier of fortune, in love with Mary.

CARLA MARCHETTA—a mysterious London socialite.

DR. GILBERT LENOX—surgeon, serving with British army.

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CHAPTER ONE

Blackout in London!

Outside, the shaft in Trafalgar square loomed like a ghost, towering and dim.

Inside, in a restaurant on a nearby street, blue bulbs cast eerie shadows on two figures.

You could see at a glance that Mary Carroll and Vincent Gregg were Americans, and Americans in love.

"Maybe this time next week we'll be back in New York," Mary said. "I'll be heavenly to see Broadway blazing in lights after all these weeks of blind man's buff. I've had enough war to last a lifetime."

Vincent chuckled. "Well, we'll have something to tell our grandchildren—yours and mine, I mean. You and I fleeing like refugees from Paris and being here in London in blackouts. It'll be quite a yarn to spin from a rocking chair."

Mary smiled slowly. "Funny, isn't it," she mused. "You're already talking about our grandchildren and a few months ago we hadn't even met. It was all so strange, our meeting in Paris. I never could have believed that first day that you, my dashing, romantic soldier of fortune, would ever want to settle down."

"But I do," he said convincingly. "Never thought myself that I'd love a gal more than a war. But here you see the evidence before you. Our passports in order, our tickets bought for the Moravia. And all I want now is to get back to New York and marry you. I'll find a job making planes instead of flying them. You'll live in a little house with a rose garden and forget all about what the well-dressed woman is wearing."

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Mary Carroll was 23. She'd been one of the most promising stylists ever sent to Paris by a New York firm. It had been a thrilling assignment. Orphaned at


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