

Fire Fighters Present Improvement Demands

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ing accommodations were lacking for the greater number of spectators.

Events included hose coupling and rolling contests, chopping contests, water fight and numerous comedy stunts. Particularly pleasing to the large crowd were the laughable antics of Verne Miller, member of the Portland fire department, who as the "acrobatic" old lady featured in a "rescue" from the top of the Elks building kept the audience in an uproar.

The hose coupling contest, held as a qualifying round for the official competition today, was won by the team from West Linn in 3 minutes, 45 seconds. Baker was second with 3:15 with other teams finishing as follows: Capelle 3:22, Huntington 3:45, North Bend 3:58, Condon 4:30. In the wood chopping contest Capelle placed first, West Linn, second, and Huntington, third.

Baker Team Wins

In the annual hose coupling and ladder raising competition this morning, the Baker team wrested first place from West Linn, two time winners, by completing the evolution in one minute and 47 seconds. West Linn took second place with 1:58 1/2 minutes, and North Bend was third with 2:14 minutes. Other teams, Condon, Capelle and Huntington followed in order.

The drill team competition completed convention activities with the exception of the banquet tonight.

British Land Forces Raid Coastline Front of Nazis

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announced the four deaths and injury to 13 persons.

"No serious damage was caused," said the ministry.

The air ministry announced that three planes of a "much larger" German formation of 17 Messerschmitt fighting planes were shot down by a British patrol yesterday while reconnoitering Nazi air fields near the French coast.

Several other Messerschmitts were hit.

The British declared they lost no planes.

Nazi Dromes Raided

Another unit of the royal air force made a daylight attack yesterday on an airfield at Waalhaven, near Rotterdam, in the Netherlands, and still another raided an airfield at Bommen, near Bergen, Norway.

(The British mentioned no raids on Germany proper, but the German high command said there were attacks on non-military objectives during the night in northern and western Germany, causing at least four deaths.)

The air ministry said all the planes raiding Bommen and Waalhaven returned safely.

Reconnaissance planes had observed German construction of barracks at the airport at Bommen. The attack was said to have left buildings in flames there and 10 fires burning around the field.

After wrecking the runway with bombs, the pilots flew low and machine-gunned barracks huts and a nearby wood.

Many of the raiders attempting to break through defenses in eastern England were chased out to sea again after crossing the coast at a great height.

Scottish Suffers

In the Scottish attacks, incendiary bombs struck several buildings, including a school.

A midlands greyhound racing track was hit by five bombs which fired a wooden stand and kennels and killed one dog.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on two neighboring towns. A boy of four was killed and six persons injured in two houses which were wrecked.

A 65-year-old widow was killed in southern England, after returning to bed from shelter in a neighbor's home.

For Scotland it was the biggest raid of the war. Two Scots were killed in bed.

Two Germans were killed in one of the bombs dropped in Scotland. The survivors were taken prisoner.

Another bomber was believed to have been shot down in Wales.

Extensive raiding of the British Isles began last Wednesday. The civilian casualty figures follow:

Killed Injured
Wed., June 19 12 39
Thurs., June 20 6 60
Sat., June 22 3 3
Tues., June 25 1 13

The clashes between the heavily armed British land raiders, supported by the royal air force, and their Nazi foemen appeared to herald a far-flung guerrilla campaign to harass German coastal bases and obtain information on preparations for the invasion of Britain.

Reuters, British news agency, hinted at this in commenting on the strategic position of the Germans in the light of the raids—the German burden of patrolling and placing thousands of men on the European shores, from Norway to the Spanish coast, "to ward off the risk of raids made possible by dominant British sea power."

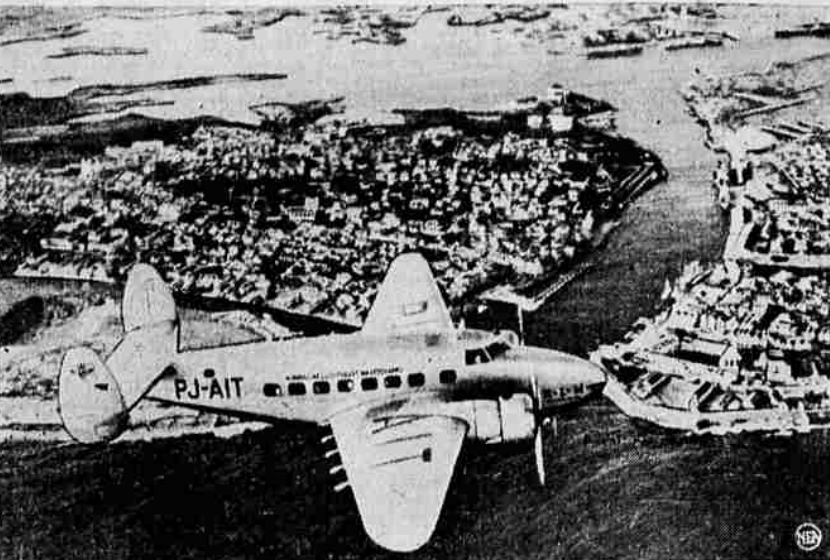
Contributing to Germany's disadvantage, Reuters said, was the depletion of German naval forces in past engagements with the allies and the wrecking of defensive works and harbor establishments by the British and French before they were yielded to the Nazis.

The British forays were described as "successful reconnaissance of enemy coastlines."

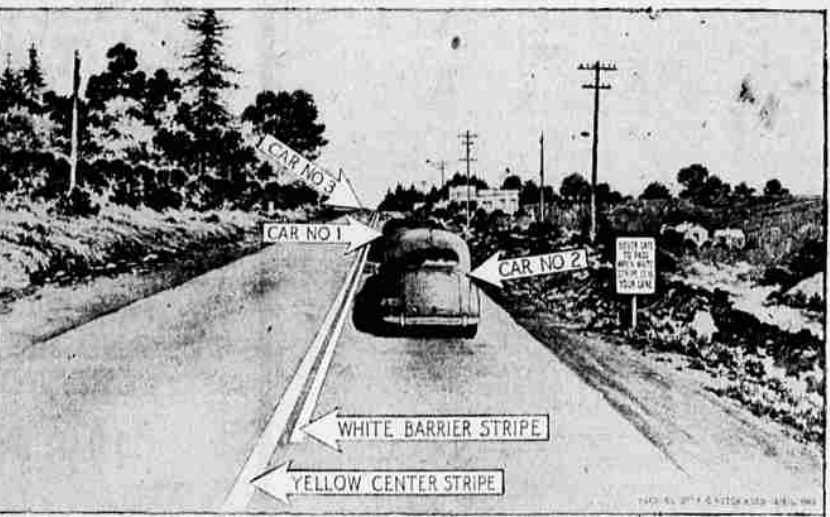
British Power Exemplified
Neutral military observers expressed belief that the coastal raids by British expeditionary force shock troops might become so action as to keep the German army's diverted from invasion of Britain.

No one regards the raids as preliminary to a large-scale thrust against the German army which

Dutch Possession in Western Hemisphere



A huge Dutch passenger plane swoops high over Willemstad Harbor on the Dutch West Indian island of Curacao, symbolically posing a problem for all Americas. What steps must western hemisphere nations take to protect these Indies, just off the Venezuelan coast, from foreign domination, since Germany invaded the Netherlands?



In the artist's sketch, car No. 2 has overtaken car No. 1 but the driver of car No. 2 is warned by the white barrier stripe that it is not safe to pass No. 1 without danger of colliding with car No. 3, which, for purpose of illustration may barely be discerned approaching over the crest of the hill.

now holds North sea, channel and Atlantic coastlines.

But these neutral sources emphasize the damage which the R. A. F. and to shock troops could do in repeated attacks.

ROME, June 26.—(AP)—(By Radio)—Twenty civilians were killed in a British air raid on Trapani, on the west coast of Sicily, the Rome radio announced today.

No damage was caused to military installations, the report said. The civilians killed were listed as 12 men above 40 years of age, four women and four children below 15. Seventeen were injured.

British Blow Up Bridges Bordering Hongkong Area

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dependent of reported French compliance with Japanese requests for a ban on transport of goods to aid General Chiang Kai-Shek. Determined to attain their objective, Japanese troops are strictly watching Indo-China's attitude.

A large French naval force, including cruisers and submarines, is stationed in Indo-China waters. It was generally believed here that these forces would resist any Japanese attempt to land on French soil.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson today announced the departure of the main United States fleet from Hawaii heightening uncertainty today over official intentions toward Japanese moves in the far east.

Japan meanwhile was reported preparing a sweeping pronouncement that would be tantamount to an Oriental Monroe doctrine. The Tokyo newspaper Asahi said that the proclamation would warn all powers against interference of any kind in all territories in East Asia.

Both white house and state department turned aside questions about the fleet with cryptic remarks that they had no news. Other sources were equally non-committal.

Undetermined was whether the big battle force was steaming toward the United States mainland, for South American waters, or farther out toward the Orient.

Some saw the possibility that western hemisphere defense had become so urgent that the administration had decided upon a large naval demonstration in South American waters.

OAKLAND, June 26.—Miss Martha Young departed Wednesday for Detroit where she will purchase a new car. Miss Young was accompanied as far as Spokane, Washington, by her mother, Mrs. Emily Young, whom she has been visiting with while here and her sister, Mrs. T. B. Garrison.

John Hankanson and Carl Bro-

zio returned Wednesday from a visit to Myrtle Point.

Carl Brownson was delivering loganberries to his local trade on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle V. Hogue of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Yoncalla visited friends in Oakland Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cain and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hearnson of Eugene returned Sunday from Coquille where they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Darby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and son, Duane, were in Ashland Friday. Mr. Jones' brother, George Jones, returned with them and will visit here a couple of weeks before returning to Ashland.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Carlson and three children and Mrs. Lillie D. Thomas and son, John, of Santa Rosa, California, stopped here Sunday on route to Cannon Beach, where Mrs. Thomas has a cottage. They will spend about six weeks there.

Miss Corah Land and Miss Ruth Squier returned late Friday evening from Portland, where they had been for several days.

Mrs. George Spencer returned last Saturday from Myrtle Point, where she was visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Hoffman. She was accompanied home by Delbert Spencer, who spent the week-end with his parents and then returned to Myrtle Point where he is working for his uncle.

Henry F. English, former principal of the local schools, and his daughter, Miss Dorothy English, of Union, Oregon, arrived here Thursday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tapp and Jim Leatherwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Fay Leatherwood at Portland Sunday. Mr. Leatherwood is ill at St. Vincent's hospital and is receiving medical care there.

Miss Virginia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith of Wilbur, has returned from Willamette university to spend the summer vacation at home.

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Foreign Policy Plank Slows G.O.P. Convention

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delegations. The forces of Senators Taft of Ohio and Vandenberg of Michigan, and Thomas E. Dewey of New York sought to hold fast to their delicate strength.

The Illinois delegation rejected a resolution which members interpreted as bidding it to Dewey. Nebraska, however, decided unanimously to vote for the New York on the first ballot.

Dewey won the Illinois preferential primary in which he was unopposed, but the results were not locally binding. He also carried Nebraska against Vandenberg.

Platform First
Chairman Joseph W. Martin announced that in accordance with convention rules, nominating speeches could not be made until after the platform is officially adopted. He asked all those contemplating such speeches to arrange them in proper order "so there will be no delay."

Reclamation Favored
Westerners said today the agricultural plank of the platform draft favored continuation of federal reclamation development of new projects "unit by unit as economically justified."

The statement was not as strong as the one advocated before the resolutions committee by irrigation state delegates, including their spokesman, former Governor Thomas E. Campbell of Arizona, but various westerners described it as cheering in view of the fact the Glenn Frank report questioned the wisdom of starting new projects inasmuch as the country had a surplus problem.

F. O. Hagg, manager of the national reclamation association, noted the 1936 platform omitted reference to reclamation and called the inclusion of this one "very gratifying."

Oregon Group Firm in Backing Senator McNary

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dent boom while Washington delegates remained cool to it.

Sprague "Reverses" Stand
Governor Sprague emphasized in his view that he still believed Senator McNary deserved the Oregon delegation's loyal support but he asserted the convention developments made indications of a second choice desirable.

He explained his support of Willkie was "a reversal of my former attitude toward him" but it was based on "careful appraisal of national situation and response his candidacy received."

"If he is nominated," he said, "it is important to have running mate of progressive views. Delegates must rise above narrow political attitudes and act to save the country as well as party."

"Dewey altogether too unseasoned for present crisis and Taft too colored to make effective candidate. Willkie has personality, imagination, courage and can challenge Roosevelt in own strength."

Hoover Receptive
Herbert Hoover left himself available for a possible presidential nomination today by declining to say whether he would accept the republican leadership if it were offered by the 1940 national convention.

Following up his convention plea of last night for the party to "save America for free men," the former president said that he was not seeking public office. But he said also there should be no "interference" with the selection of a nominee in a free and open manner.

This was indicated that the door was left open for an effort in his behalf without the active seeking of such a move.

Asked directly whether he would accept the nomination, Hoover declined to say. But the only living ex-president declared that he would support the 1940 nominee—whichever that might be.

Keynote Favors Willkie
Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, the convention keynote, told his state delegation that his vote would be cast for Wendell Willkie. The Minnesota group, which came to Philadelphia unopposed and has held no caucus on candidates, has 22 votes. It had been considered friendly to Vandenberg.

Simultaneously, an Alabama caucus voted to yield the state's first position in the convention roll call to New York for the nomination of Thomas E. Dewey.

This procedure would put the name of the 35-year-old district attorney before the delegates prior to those of Willkie and Senator

Direct Defense Program Units

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souri to Oregon a hundred years ago.

GRANTS PASS, June 26.—(AP)—Josephine county is going to watch the experiment of a cooperative logging colony within a few miles of Grants Pass whether or not it welcomes the migration of the "pioneer club" of Long Beach, Calif.

Directors of the Grants Pass and Josephine county chamber of

commerce, county officials and business leaders have declared they considered the logging colony doomed to failure and did not welcome it.

A Long Beach newspaper story received here told of signing of a contract of \$10,500 for purchase of 680 acres of timberland near Grants Pass from S. S. Montgomery, described as a Beverly Hills financier.

Deputy Assessor Alma Griffin reported here that Montgomery has 612 acres of land in the Pleasant valley district about eight miles north of Grants Pass on the Pacific highway. Miss Griffin said 10 acres of the land is described as tillable and is assessed for \$20 an acre. The rest of the tracts are assessed at \$5 and \$4 an acre.

Stock and Bond Averages

BONDS
Compiled by The Associated Press
June 26:

20 10 10 10
RI's Ind's U's Fcn.
Wednesday... 53.2 101.3 94.2 37.4
Prev. day... 53.6 101.4 94.4 37.4
Month ago... 48.5 98.0 90.7 36.4
Year ago... 56.1 100.2 95.9 61.2
1940 high... 59.9 103.6 97.5 53.5
1940 low... 48.3 98.9 90.3 35.1

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PAUSE — REFRESH AT CARL'S

AIR COOLED TAVERN GRILLE

Two recently-named executives in the national defense program are pictured above. At top is Dr. Vannevar Bush, president of Carnegie Institute, who will be chairman of the research commission.

Lower photo is that of Sydney Hillman, labor unionist, chosen for labor co-ordinator, a post which includes direction of compulsory military training. Hillman is the target of bitter attacks from congressmen, who challenge his fitness and contend that military training should be a function of the war department.

New Deal Flayed.
The delegates were intent upon Mr. Hoover when he took the platform last night. They shouted, blew whistles and marched up and down the aisles waving banners for eight and a half minutes after he had asked the question:

"Republicans, are you willing to go into this fight?"

He was referring to a fight to save America from the "suicide road" down which he said the new deal was taking the nation—the same "suicide road," he declared, that had led to loss of liberty and disaster in Europe.

The former president, speaking more than an hour, analyzed his view of what was wrong with President Roosevelt's policies.

Upon those policies he poured sarcasm and ridicule and such epithets as "stabilizing depression," "the flabbiness of the new deal," and "totalitarian liberals."

War Only If Attacked.
In a section dealing with foreign policy, prepared later than other portions of his address, Mr. Hoover asserted that "there is no such thing as our isolation from wars which envelop two-thirds of all the people in the world."

However, he said, "the most vital realism in all our relations requires that we keep out of these wars unless the western hemisphere is attacked."

Mr. Hoover discussed providing materials and munitions to these nations who are "fighting for their freedom," saying:

"My belief is that we should facilitate them in every way subject to two limitations. First, that it involves no action which takes us to war, and second, that as liberty lives by law we must act within the law."

MARKET REPORTS

PORTLAND, June 26.—(AP)—Butter, butterfat, cheese, eggs, country meats, live poultry, dressed turkeys, onions, new potatoes, hay, wool, mohair, cascara, hops, steady unchanged.

LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Cattle, S. Dept. Agr.—HOGS: Butcher steady to 10c higher since Tuesday's low close; top and bulk 170-225 lb. drive-ins \$6.00; medium-grade grades \$5.75-5.85; over and underweight butchers \$5.00-5.50; packing sows steady to 15c higher, mainly \$4.00-5.00; few smooth, light sows \$4.65.

CATTLE: Grass steers and heifers steady at recent downturn considering plain quality; beef cows continue under pressure; canner-cutter grades steady to weak; bullocks mostly 25c lower for week to date; calves and weaners fully steady; few medium feeder steers \$6.50-7.00; common light stockers \$5.50-6.00; common grass killer steers \$6.25-7.50; cutter dairy type steers down to \$5.25; odd common-medium heifers \$5.25-6.00; few beef cows \$5.00-5.25; canner-common cows \$3.75-4.75; common-medium bulks \$5.50-7.00; odd select yearlings \$5.50-7.00; mostly 20c down; sizeable lot choice 253 lb. slaughter calves \$9.25.

SHEEP: Fat lambs 15c to mostly 25c lower for two days; part dock good-choice 80 lb. springers top at \$7.85; bulk \$7.75; some medium-grade grades \$7.50; good feeders \$7.00; few plain kinds \$6.50; shorn slaughter ewes about steady at \$2.75 down.

WHEAT
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