

Political News

Primary elections in a number of states are continuing the campaign. The morning newspaper is always first with election news.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

The Weather
Fair today and Thursday, normal temperature; Max. Temp. Tuesday 70, Min. 44, river 3.7 feet, northwest-westerly winds.

Tourney Will Reach Second Round Tonight

War Clouds in Europe Lower; Add to Armies

Germany Builds Up Force and Scolds Russians; French Fearful

Four Rebel Officers are Executed; Attacks on Cities Continued

(By the Associated Press)
Europe worked last night to soften some of the grave potentialities of the Spanish civil war as France sought means to meet Germany's new military challenge.

French parliamentarians, apprehensive lest Adolf Hitler's increase in arm fighting forces to more than 1,000,000 soldiers meant he was preparing for war, anxiously sought a way of increasing the size of their own army.

Ramifications of the struggle in Spain were apparent even in this as French socialists sympathetic to the Madrid loyalist government and fearful France might in some way become involved, abandoned their objections to increasing France's two year military training period.

Bombs Made Outside Of Spain, Charged
The mesh of European potential entanglements in Spain's warfare was further marred by the expressed "conviction" of the Spanish premier Jose Giral Pereira that bombs dropped by rebel planes on the Madrid airport were made in some other European country.

The war between the rebel fascists and government forces in Spain itself yesterday centered around a government purge of fascist sympathizers within Madrid.

Four rebel officers were put to death by the new "popular front" tribunal for allegedly firing the Madrid jail in an attempted break. The aged Father Montana, erstwhile confessor to the Spanish royal family, was among those arrested in the government's relentless campaign to rid Madrid of enemies.

On the northern Spanish front, incessant rebel bombardments of the Irun-San Sebastian sectors was believed to presage a new major offensive to capture the two cities from the government defenders.

In France observers warned that Hitler's increase of his standing army might split Europe into two camps—one of fascist sympathizers and the other socialist or communist adherents.

Russia Excuse for German Arming

Hitler, whose national-socialist regime is more harmonious with fascist than with socialist or communism, might attract smaller nations in Europe to his banner in the role of a protector, it was said in France.

Thus, aligned against him and the nazis would be France and Russia—the country whose border fortifications and huge army had been built up since 1918.

Execute Four For Fostering Revolt

BARCELONA, Spain, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Four Spanish rebel officers were executed by a firing squad here today after conviction by court martial.

The four, convicted of fostering rebellion against the socialist government, were Commander Lopez Amar and Capt. Lopez Belva, Lopez Varela and Liviada De La Rosa.

The Catalan government, continuing its purge of fascist sympathizers, approved creation of a "People's Committee of Public Safety."

The government decided to abolish all existing lawyers' organizations and to commandeer short wave radio stations in Catalonia.

A correspondent of the French communist newspaper l'Humanite was brought here critically wounded with a bullet through the lungs and a broken arm.

Wisconsin Man Found Lying Gravely Ill on Parking; Receives Aid

Theodore Berette, Bad River, Wisconsin, was found lying ill on the parking at the corner of Winter and State streets at 11:30 o'clock last night.

He was taken to the police station. A diagnosis there by Dr. Bird, city physician, was taken to the Deaconess hospital for observation. His condition was considered serious.

Will Carry on Work of Olson



Halmar Peterson, newspaper editor and native of Denmark, who was sworn in as governor of Minnesota Monday succeeding Governor Floyd Olson who died last Saturday. Governor Peterson is an enthusiastic Farmer-Labor party worker and is expected to carry on the policies of his predecessor.

Tule Lake Floods Over Grain Land

Loss Already \$50,000 and 500 Men Working as Break Enlarged

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Water from the Tule lake sump was spreading rapidly over hundreds of acres of rich grain land tonight while 500 men worked frantically with 150 trucks to move sacked barley and wheat.

Large quantities of standing grain have already been ruined with losses estimated at more than \$50,000.

The break in the sump dike occurred at 4 p. m. today and water immediately began pouring through a 35-foot breach. The pressure on the dike has been increasingly heavy as irrigation drainage water was poured into the sump, but the break at this point was unexpected.

Half Field Cut But Grain Still There

Water immediately poured into the 1100 acre wheat and barley field leased from the government.

Secretary of War Fighting For Life

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Secretary of War Dorn was fighting for his life in Walter Reed general hospital tonight after a serious setback in his long illness from influenza.

War department officials said the 64-year-old secretary's condition was "alarming" with heart and kidney complications. John Dorn, the only member of the family not here, was called from Chicago to be at his father's bedside.

The White House disclosed that President Roosevelt, apprehensive over Dorn's condition, was receiving frequent reports from the hospital. The president visited Dorn at the hospital two weeks ago before leaving on his survey of the Pennsylvania and New York flood areas.

Republican Policies Appeal To Youth, Bradley Declares

Dining accommodations at the Marion hotel were taxed Tuesday to care for the large crowd which wanted to hear J. Kenneth Bradley, chairman of the national federation of republican clubs, and Miss Kathryn Ford, co-chairman.

Mr. Bradley is senator in the Connecticut legislature, leader of the republican majority. Miss Ford resides at Oak Park, Ill. Besides the Marion county folk who gathered for the luncheon a number of party leaders from Portland came to accompany Mr. Bradley and Miss Ford.

Harold Pruitt, secretary of the Marion county club, presided, and Lowell Paget, state president, introduced the speakers.

Later Opening Date Voted by School Board

Delay in Completion of Bush and Leslie Work Cause for Change

Closing to Be Same Time as Planned; E. Arnold Added to Faculty

Salem school children are going to have a week longer vacation than they planned. The school board, on recommendation of Superintendent Silas Gaiser, at a meeting last night voted to postpone the opening of school from September 14 to 21.

The delay was caused by the inability of contractors to have the new Bush grade school building and the Leslie junior high school ready for occupancy by the earlier date.

The contractors were handicapped by a PWA ruling that carpenters can work only 150 hours each month. Requests for extension to 160 hours for August were refused by officials. The rest of the work necessary in the two buildings will be done in September.

Wants All Work to Start Same Time

In making his recommendation that school opening be delayed a week, Superintendent Gaiser pointed out that the two schools will accommodate 20 per cent of the school population and that it would be better to have the whole program running on the same schedule rather than to have such a large group a week behind the rest.

The week's delay will still allow school to close June 4, Gaiser said. There will be a seven day holiday at Christmas, two days at Easter and Thanksgiving and one day for Armistice and Memorial day.

The board last night elected Esther Arnold as physical education director at Leslie junior high for one year. She will fill the place of Eleanor Tonsing who was granted a year's leave of absence to take graduate work at the University of Oregon. Miss Arnold is a graduate of Willamette university and has been in charge of swimming programs at the Salem Y. M. C. A.

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Itch Case on File in Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The supreme court was asked today for a ruling on whether the second mate of the vessel "Covina" contracted the itch from the ship's cook.

The Hammond Lumber company, owner of the vessel which operates between Pacific coast and Gulf of Mexico ports, appealed from a ruling by the Oregon supreme court awarding Ralph Compton, the mate, \$1000.

State courts held the ship owner should have made a physical examination of the crew before the vessel sailed to ascertain if anyone had a contagious disease.

In its petition to the supreme court here, the lumber company asserted: "There was no evidence that Compton had the itch; "There was no evidence that Compton got it from the cook; "Or that, if the cook had the itch, the ship owner knew of it before the ship left port so he could do anything about it."

The court will announce in October whether it will review the controversy.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Former heavyweight champion Max Baer left the ring here tonight with a six round decision over Cecil Myatt, Los Angeles, and 5000 Portland boxing fans left Multnomah stadium with a sour taste in their mouths.

The Livermore larraper jabbed and slapped at Myatt almost at will during the entire fight but failed to impress. Myatt showed nothing. Baer weighed 219, Myatt 216 1/2.

Brother Buddy was equally unimpressive, though he knocked out Bill Devers, San Francisco, after seven seconds of the second round of their scheduled six round set-to. A right to the button did the work. Devers weighed the scales at 200, forty less than Buddy.

Jack Curley, 132, Portland, defeated Don Crowe, 134 1/2, Portland, Ore., took an easy decision from Ralph Norwood, 135, Oakland, and Kid Thornley, Silverton, came back to win a nod over Harry Kinsey, Portland.

Seattle Mayor Lashes Hearst In Big Meeting

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Addressing a wildly cheering crowd estimated by police at more than 2000 persons, Mayor John F. Dore tonight termed the strike of the Seattle chapter of the American newspaper guild at the Post-Intelligencer as a battle of all wage earners of the community.

"Whether the citizens of this city are going to run this town or whether William Randolph Hearst is going to run it is the main issue at stake in the strike of the newspaper," Dore said.

"As to radio reports of mob violence, there has been no mob violence since I became mayor and there never will be," he said.

The mayor said if "Hearst brings his gang of gorillas into Seattle we will make it hotter than hell for him."

East Salem Drain Project Probable

Little Doubt of Approval Seen After Conference With WPA Official

Prospects for the laying of a new sewer and drainage pipe along D street were bright yesterday as a result of a conference between city representatives and WPA officials. Alderman Brazier Small, chairman of the sewer committee of the city council; Hugh Rogers, city engineer; J. E. Smith, WPA district director, and W. M. Bartlett, WPA director of operations, discussed the possibility of making the improvement a WPA project.

Bartlett said that there was a little doubt that the project would be approved for immediate installation. The proposal to make the WPA application is to be submitted to the council at its next meeting.

11,000 Feet of Pipe, Project Estimate

No definite estimate of the cost of the project has yet been obtained. The city will have to obtain its share of the funds from the sale of \$22,000 sewer bonds authorized by the voters of the city three years ago.

There will be 11,000 feet of pipe laid. The project goes through the city. This includes the main and lateral lines.

Need for the enlargement of the drainage lines will be enhanced as soon as the new high school is connected to the line, residents of the section have declared in asking that the improvement be made. The district served by the D street connection is one section of the city which still suffers from flooded basements during the wet seasons. The new improvement will alleviate this condition and allow for the connection of the high school building with no damage to the district, engineers believe.

Search Made For Chief of 'Legion'

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 25.—(AP)—The state highway patrol broadcast a general alarm tonight for the arrest of Virgil F. Effinger, named by Prosecutor Duncan C. McRea of Detroit as national commander of the hooded Black Legion.

The broadcast followed by a few hours Effinger's disappearance from an apparently unfavorable extradition hearing just as Franklin county (Columbus) deputies sought to detain him for Michigan authorities, who have charged him with criminal syndicalism and possession of bombs.

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Townsendites Score Victory In California

Eight OARP Candidates Leading There But Five Fall Behind

Byrnes and Harrison Get Safe Margins Upon Early Figures

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Townsend-approved candidates held leads over their opponents in eight districts but were trailing in five other instances tonight on the face of incomplete returns from the state primary.

Sheridan Downey, attorney for Dr. F. E. Townsend, was running behind Representative Frank H. Buck for the democratic nomination in the third district, where the pension plan membership waged a vigorous campaign.

Representative John S. McGroarty, who introduced the first Townsend's pension bill in congress but who broke with the organization several months ago, held an apparently comfortable lead for the democratic renomination.

A. I. Stewart, Townsend-endorsed republican, was trailing Carl Hinshaw in incomplete returns.

Three Incumbents Lead Their Fields

Rep. John H. Hoepfel, democrat, recently convicted of conspiracy to sell a West Point appointment, was well behind W. R. Peeler, Townsendite, in first returns. There were 14 candidates in the field for the republican and democratic honors.

Reps. Harry L. Englebright, Richard J. Walsh, Albert E. Carter and E. W. Gearhart, republicans with Townsend endorsement, led their fields.

Democratic Congressman John (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Assessed Values in County Lower

Two Million Drop Viewed Probable; Complaints Facing Board Few

Marion county's total assessed value this year will show a decrease of upwards of \$2,000,000, Roscoe "Tad" Shelton, assessor, estimated yesterday as the conclusion of the annual assessment period for the year neared. The tax rolls are being written up by the assessor's office force and will be concluded within a fortnight.

Principal single reason for the decline is the elimination of the plant of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company in Salem from the rolls, resulting in a drop of nearly \$500,000. Writing down markedly the values on prairie lands, some reductions in agricultural districts in the county and a scaling down of assessment on some business property, depreciated by changes in business trends in Salem, accounts for a sizeable amount of the remaining losses in assessed value.

Assessor's Forecast

Another year will see some upturn in assessed values for the first time since depression started, Dr. Shelton opined. Residence construction in Salem, marked by the issuance of the 54th permit for a new house in Salem this week, will be reflected in next year's assessments. The low mark has probably been reached in farm valuations, too, and further

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Youth Snoozes in Theatre, Awakens Early in Morning

The show was good and the seat was comfortable so George Parsons, jr., 12, curled up and had a good time. He didn't realize what a good time he was having until he woke up at 12:30 Tuesday morning to find the show over, the audience gone and the theatre locked up.

At 12:38 o'clock police were notified that someone was in the Grand theatre. A key was obtained and the Parsons boy released from his darkened prison. Officers took him home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Parsons, 1057 Saginaw street. As the police were taking the boy home, his mother, worried over his absence, passed them on the way to town to try to locate him.

Landon Is Greeted by Pioneer As He Revisits Old Home Town



During a brief visit to his boyhood home at Conneautville, Pa., Governor Alfred M. Landon, republican presidential candidate, shakes hands and chats with a pioneer resident of the community, 90-year-old Mrs. John T. Klingensmith.

Japanese Answer Charges of China

Neighbor Too Suspicious, Declared; No Territory Ambitions, Is Pledge

YOSEMITE, Calif., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Countenances that China was "unfriendly" and sometimes "violent" toward Japan marked a Japanese answer before the Institute of Pacific Relations today to repeated assertions that the Tokyo government practiced "aggression."

In an "emergency" plenary session requested by Japanese representatives to reply to criticism of Japan's conduct in China, Ken-ichi Yoshizawa, former Japanese minister to Nanking, asserted the only remedy for the situation was more conciliation on both sides.

Yesterday the institute, an unofficial body of statesmen and economists, heard Dr. Hu Shih of the National university of Peking assert Japan was to blame for much of China's troubles and the Chinese were ready to fight for their "existence."

Hopes of Peace Are Reviewed by Talks

The remarks of the usual pacifistic Dr. Hu, on top of last week's discussion concerning Japan's drive for a place in the world's markets, stirred Japanese representatives to ask for the "emergency" plenary meeting in which to reply.

Toshizawa's speech combined with conciliatory Japanese advice.

Two Fires Fought in Woods of Coos

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Fifty employees of the Moore Mill and Lumber company were battling a 50-acre fire in slashings near Riverton today.

A small amount of timber was endangered by the blaze, one of the worst in this region since the city of Powers was threatened last fall.

Forty men were fighting another 100 acre fire four miles north of Coquille.

New York Campaign Plans Engage Landon and Aides

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Governor Alf M. Landon reached the final speaking stop of his eastern campaign swing today and plunged immediately into conferences on party strategy for winning New York's 47 electoral votes which included a chat with Theodore Roosevelt, jr.

In a crowded day, the presidential nominee drove four miles through Buffalo streets waving greetings to onlookers, lunched with Erie and Niagara county republican officials, met numerous other party leaders, told a peace delegation that war is "the greatest threat to democracy," attended a reception of western republican women, and dined with friends at the home of Edward H. Butler, publisher of the Buffalo Evening News, before retiring there for the night.

Between times, the Kansan took a last look at the speech on government finance he will deliver tomorrow night. It will be the last of three major eastern talks.

Conference Hears Of Mission Tasks

United Brethren Session Under Way; Shoop Is Speaker First Day

Rev. C. W. Shoop, professor of religious education at Union Theological seminary at Canton, China, addressing the 83rd annual conference of the United Brethren church, meeting at the Englewood church last night on "Our Task in China" emphasized the growth of Christian missions during the last century.

The speaker traced the history of Christian missions since Robert Morrison went to China in 1804. He told how it was Morrison's hope after he had received his first convert to Christianity that there would be 100 Christians inside of the following century. A year ago the 100th anniversary.

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Will Ask For Bids On Undercrossing

Mayor V. E. Kuhn, chairman of the special water construction committee of the city council, announced yesterday that the committee would meet tonight at the Salem water office to go over specifications and prepare a call for bids on underground crossings for the new pipeline which will bring the mountain water supply to Salem. The crossings are under the millrace above Turner.

The committee will also receive reports from R. E. Koon, engineer in charge of the project, on the progress that has been made on the work.

Mayor Kuhn also announced that the delayed hearing on the different types of proposed pipe for the line will be held next week. The definite date for the meeting has not been set. Representatives of the various types of pipe considered practical for the use on the project will have an opportunity to present the merits of their products to the committee at the time, Kuhn said.

High School Shop Building Assured

Construction of new shops at the new Salem high school is assured, Lee S. Ross, school accountant of the PWA work program said yesterday. The new shops were made possible by the additional allotment of PWA funds recently granted the school district.

The new shop building will be 90 by 100 feet and will be two stories high. It will house the agricultural, work, wood, automobile and machine shops. The shops will be built under a change order arrangement, with bids to be asked on certain phases of the construction, Ross said. This method will simplify the record of construction and yet allow the board to get the work done on a competitive basis, he said.

Construction of the new building cannot start until the condemnation suit of the school district against Clyde O. Stege has been settled, Ross stated. The case was tried several weeks ago and a value of \$5000 was set for the property. The case is now pending in circuit court on a motion for a new trial. A part of the property in litigation is to be used as the site for the new shops.

Salem's Hopes Are Narrowed To One Entry

Electricians Impressive in Win Over Astoria by 18-0 Runaway

Radio Men Fall; 2 Tilts Tonight to Conclude Preliminary Tests

Scores Last Night

Mt. Angel 7, Atwater-Kent 2.
Milwaukie 11, Lebanon 1.
Hogg Bros. 18, Astoria 0.

Games Tonight

7:30—Albany vs. Toledo.
8:30—Dallas vs. Rotary Bred (Portland).
9:30—Tillamook vs. M. & M.

By PAUL HAUSER
There was only one Salem team left in the race toward the state softball championship when the fans went home from Sweetland field last night and that team was Hogg Bros., victors over Astoria 18 to 0, for Atwater-Kent had been the victims of the first big upset of the tourney in the opening game.

Three teams, Astoria, Lebanon and Atwater-Kent, fell out of the basket last night and of these Atwater-Kent fell the hardest. The Salem city champions were among the teams favored to cop the trophy but they met a trim, smart team from Mt. Angel that upset them by a score of 7 to 2 and left them a woeful bunch of softball players.

Hogg Bros., Milwaukie and Mt. Angel, winners in their first games, thus advanced to the quarter-finals and will play again in Thursday night's program.

Atwater-Kent never a slugging bunch, couldn't solve the blinding delivery of May, Mt. Angel's towhead hurler, and just didn't get enough hits. That one of Mt. Angel's hits was a home run with bases loaded didn't help matters any for Atwater-Kent.

It was tough luck for Lu and Henry Slinger who have been trying to pilot a team into the state championship for four years. Twice hard luck kept them out of the tournament and once, in the first state playoff, they lost out in the final game.

Last Two Tuesday Games One-Sided

The last two games were runaway affairs as Milwaukie trounced Lebanon 11 to 1 and Hogg Bros. gave Astoria its second consecutive state tournament shut-out 18 to 0.

Parks, Milwaukie's tournament veteran, pitched three-hit ball to send Lebanon kiting home. The last two first round games and the first game of the quarter-finals will be run off tonight. Albany will meet Toledo at 7:30 and Rotary Bred, defending state champion, play Dallas at 8:30 in the two remaining first round contests.

Tillamook, first round victors over McMinnville and the Portland tilts, M & M Woodworkers will start off second round play in the final game.

Last night's crowd of 2500 is expected to be equalled or bettered tonight with a huge Portland delegation down to see the two Rose City nines in action. Astoria has been coming to the tournament for three years and

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