

Weather
Fair today and cooler Monday with higher humidity; Max. Temp. Saturday 88, Min. 48, river 2.7 feet, northerly wind.

Forest Fires in Oregon Continue to Spread

Peace Makers Face Delicate Situation now

Germany and Italy Balk at Some of Terms in new Patrol Plans

Russia Likely to Prove Stumbling Block if Concession Made

(By the Associated Press)
Great Britain's diplomats strove yesterday (Saturday) to salvage the international agreement for neutrality in the Spanish civil war, but prospects for immediate success appeared dim.

Both Germany and Italy were reported to have balked at one point in the British proposal to bring them back into the non-intervention committee after their withdrawal Monday.

It was understood they could not see eye to eye with Britain's Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on a stipulation which would require consultation among commanders of international patrol vessels before reprisal could be taken in case a patrol ship were attacked.

Points on which the two nations were said to agree with Britain called for establishment of zones of security for neutral warships in Spanish waters and reciprocal undertakings not to indulge in further provocation.

Satisfying Russia
Eden problem included: to satisfy Russia which does not want the neutrality group to make any considerable concessions to Italy and Germany; to keep France lined up with Britain, Germany and Italy. France is anxious that Russia, her military ally, not be slighted or put on the opposite side of the fence.

Closer to the war scene, France ordered her warships attached to the port of Saint Jean de Luz to protect French fishing boats near there after insurgents halted and searched the fisherman "Croix de Jour." The insurgents explained they were seeking a boat recently built in Spain.

Basques Withstand Series of Attacks
On the northern front, Basque officials said the "iron ring" of defense for besieged Bilbao withstood a series of insurgent attacks. Basque troops were reported to have repulsed an insurgent drive to recapture Mount Lemona, six and one-half miles southeast of Bilbao.

An insurgent communique announced that five American-made planes had been shot down by insurgents. This the Basques denied.

Government warplanes shot down two insurgent planes which had participated in an air raid on Bilbao suburbs. A woman was killed and two children were seriously injured during the raid.

At Havana, 500 child refugees from Bilbao, Spain, their cheeks lumpy with candy, sailed away from Cuba for a haven in Mexico today. Immigration officials balked plans for the children to disembark from their ship.

Farm Laborer Is Crushed Fatally By Falling Tree

Robert Reed, 45-year old farm laborer, died at a local hospital here early yesterday afternoon from injuries he received at 11:30 a. m. when he was crushed by a falling tree on the W. F. Gruchow place near the Salem airport.

Grant Gruchow, with whom Reed was working on the farm wood lot, said Reed was attempting to grab a water jug from the path of the falling tree when it struck him. The blow broke both of Reed's legs and his back.

Little was known of Reed other than that he had worked for Gruchow for 11 years and had come here from Montevideo, Minn. A telegram was addressed to that city in an effort to locate relatives.

The body was taken to the Clough-Barrick mortuary.

56-Inch Iris now Leads in Contest

The iris contest, started recently by an editorial in The Statesman saying that an Oregon iris had grown to the remarkable height of 49 inches, has taken on the proportions of a marathon. Mrs. S. E. Hardcastle of 379 South 19th street, the challenger is still undefeated, champion with two 56 inch specimens to her credit.

Mrs. C. W. Noble is runner-up with a 54 inch entry. Mrs. W. T. Hogg reported several 47 inch iris in her garden.

River Claims Canoeist Who Dares Rapids

SPOKANE, Wash., June 5-(AP)—Herman Snyder, Jr., 28, who with a companion embarked for Portland, Ore., in a canoe, drowned in Spokane river a few miles below Spokane a few hours after they started this afternoon.

Herbert Steward, 18, Spokane amateur photographer, the companion, was snapping pictures as the light canvas pontoon-equipped canoe dashed through the bowl and pitcher rapids. Several friends, including Steward's mother, saw the frail craft overturn and Snyder fall into the stream.

He clung to the boat through the rapids, but just beyond he lost his grip. A life preserver attached to his belt held him above water until nearly three quarters of a mile below the rapids. Then he was lost from view, and witnesses who ran along the turbulent stream for nearly a mile said they did not see him again.

Snyder, who lived at 2615 N.E. 43rd street, Portland, built the boat in Portland. He and Steward carried greetings from the Spokane chamber of commerce to Mayor Joseph Carson and the Rose Festival committee.

Witnesses to the tragedy told of the grim and courageous battle Snyder made against the river, and of warning him his slight craft would not negotiate the turbulent waters of the bowl and pitcher.

T. M. Pollard, a friend of Snyder who saw him start, said after they launched their boat he drove ahead and waited above the entrance to the rapids.

"As they came into view, I knew they were in trouble and shouted for them to come ashore," he said.

"I offered to help portage around the rapids but Snyder refused. We emptied all equipment from the boat. He removed his shoes and ordered Steward to take pictures of him in the fast water."

"At the first stretch of rough water the boat overturned. He seemed cool and climbed on top of the boat, but within a hundred feet the raging current pulled him under again."

When he appeared again a small life preserver tied to his belt was torn loose. Then he went down to stay."

Violence Threat In Steel Dispute

"Bloody Things Ahead" Is Warning of Union Man; Courts Take Action

(By the Associated Press)
A swift tide of events on the steel strike has yesterday brought a warning from Union General Philip Murray that "sinister and bloody things are in the offing."

Pickets in the Youngstown, O., area, incensed when a carload of food was shunted into the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company's plant, said they would not again permit their lines to be broken—"cost what it may." Police and sheriff's deputies drove the picket forces from a bridge near the plant.

Republic Steel Corp., only member of the strike-affected trio of producers attempting to operate, won a court victory at Warren, O., but met a reverse in Chicago, where it has 1,400 men camped in the South Chicago plant.

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Dancy's Successor Expected To Be Elected Monday Night

A busy session of the city council is due Monday night with election of an alderman, a hearing on a protested zone change, possible revisions of downtown traffic regulations and improvement of the old city auto park will be up for consideration.

A new candidate, Claude W. Jorgensen, was being mentioned yesterday for the council seat left vacant by the death of W. H. Dancy, although votes were reported lined up in support of Chandler P. Brown, young businessman. Jorgensen, who lives at 472 North Liberty street and is in the oil burner business, is understood to have some backing from labor elements. A third citizen who may be nominated is Clifford Daise, South Salem druggist.

Auto Camp Proposal
The planning and zoning commission's recent approval of a proposal by Ben Taylor to replace the bathhouses wrecked by snow last winter at his 21st and Mill creek beach with auto tourist cabins has aroused protest to the extent that an attorney has been reported hired by remonstrating nearby property owners. The council will hold a hearing

North Santiam Last Link Due For Bids

10.6 Miles of Surfacing and Bridge Items in Project

Route Will Be Good This Summer Though Detour Is Still Necessary

The federal bureau of public roads is expected to call for bids within the next four weeks for surfacing and bridge construction that will close the last link in the North Santiam highway, according to information obtained at the state highway department yesterday.

A \$125,000 allocation of funds has been set aside for this project, which will be 10.6 miles in length.

Because of the bridge construction involved, across the canyon of the upper North Santiam river, the new grade probably will remain under supervision of contractors all summer but may possibly be opened to limited travel, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs said when he was advised of the impending work.

Reinforcement of Sub-Grade Included
In addition to constructing the bridge, which will be located a short distance south of the present detour junction above Detroit, the federal project will include reinforcement of the new subgrade which was finished last year and application of a light course of surfacing material. This surfacing, highway officials believe, will serve until federal funds are available for standard heavy surfacing.

Travel over the North Santiam highway will be relatively easy this summer despite the existence of the long detour from Marlon creek to the north and south roads' junction, Engineer Hubbs predicted. Last season he made the trip from Salem to Sisters in three hours without difficulty, he said.

Completion of the 10.6-mile section of the north road will leave but three miles of construction to be carried out before the road is available for standard highway system is open throughout on new grades. The three miles, however, are through rough mountain country and may require two or three years longer for construction because of the heavy cost entailed.

Concrete Laying Ends This Month

The last of the concrete pipe manufactured here for use in constructing the Salem-Stayton city water supply line will be removed from the storage grounds at 12th and Howard streets this week and laying of the concrete section of the line will be completed before the end of June, Water Manager Cuyler VanPatten said yesterday. About one mile of concrete pipe remains to be laid to finish the five-mile section of the pipeline constructed of that material.

VanPatten said water was being run into the steel pipeline along Rural avenue preparatory to being put under pressure and promised the arena would be cleaned up as quickly as possible.

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CUTTING A PIECE OF CAKE FOR 10,000 GUESTS



And they all testified that it was tasty. Carol Dirrett, Lebanon strawberry festival queen, is shown wielding the official sabre as she cuts this 5000-pound strawberry shortcake to provide 10,000 luscious helpings for festival guests.—Ben Maxwell photo.

Gold Medal Cows Noted, Polk Show

Leadership in Jerseys Is Emphasized; World's Records Are Held

INDEPENDENCE, June 5.—Polk county Jersey Breeders, holding their annual spring Jersey show in the hop bowl here today, showed their leadership in the Jersey field when they presented 12 gold medal cows in one class, the group representing four-ninths of the world's fat records.

Average fat production for the 12 Polk gold medal cows is about 160 pounds, compared to top estimate of 150 pounds on the average for the United States. The Polk gold medal group ranged from 883.61 pounds to 1273.49 pounds fat.

S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent, and judge for the show here today, in which 78 head of cattle competed, awarded first place in the gold medal class to L. A. Hulbert, on Sybil Lena, who also won for him senior and grand champion female. Junior female went to M. N. Tibbles. Hulbert showed five, M. N. Tibbles six and Cliff & Son one of the gold medal Jerseys.

Hulbert also carried away highest honor on bulls, taking senior and grand champion bull, with junior champion going to C. J. Jenkins of Independence.

Six hundred farmers and dairymen were served dinner at Sloper's hall, this feature of the Jersey show being sponsored by the Independence chamber of commerce. Assisting President L. A. (Turn to Page 5, Col. 6)

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Strawberry Festival Is Success; Big Cake Cut

Parades Are Highlights of Annual Show; Awards for Strawberry Exhibits Are Announced; Future Farmers Make Good Showing

LEBANON, June 5.—Touched off by the cutting of the enormous 5000 pound shortcake yesterday, the holiday spirit ran rampant here today as Queen Carol brought her reign over the annual Strawberry Festival to a close.

Portions of the shortcake, doused in cream, were served to several thousand people who jammed this community for the colorful tribute to the strawberry crop.

The cake-cutting followed a big parade which was pronounced the best in many years. Another parade featuring children was a highlight today.

Friday afternoon was given to stage programs by the valley towns, street sports, band music and dancing. A massed band of 100 pieces played Friday night.

Albany defeated Lebanon 13 to 12 and Harrisburg beat Halsey 5 to 3 in the semi-finals of the annual Linn county baseball tournament, staged in conjunction with the strawberry festival.

J. E. Wall of Seilo won first prize of \$9 in the berry exhibit in which 66 crates of fine strawberries were shown. Other prize winners were: Bill Wag, \$8; Mrs. V. C. Ray, \$7; Delmar Bates, \$6; Ella Mae Pitzing, \$5; V. E. Ray, \$4; Clifford Ray, \$3; Cletus Ray, \$2; and E. Swink, \$1.

Wall also won first award for plates of berries, taking a \$3 prize. Frank Pitzing was given the second award of \$2. All berries exhibited were of the Marshall variety.

The Future Farmers of America had a creditable display, developed by their study with Ira H. Forrey, Smith-Hughes instructor in the high school.

The floral exhibit featured roses, peonies, columbines, delphiniums and wild flowers and were in charge of Mrs. Joel C. Mayer, Mrs. Ruth Haek and Mrs. Phil Lanning.

The baskets and artificial flowers exhibited by the adult handwork class taught by Grace Geist was a new and highly attractive feature of the exhibits.

The art club work of Lacombe attracted hundreds of visitors.

Cascara Contract Granted to Walsh

The state forestry department Saturday tentatively awarded a contract for cascara bark on state owned timber land in the Elliott State forest in Lane and Douglas counties to J. A. Walsh of Marshfield on his bid of 2 1/2 cents a pound.

Crowds Turn out As Store Opened

Skiffs First to Purchase Merchandise at Ward's new Establishment

Demonstrating that they believe in reciprocity when it comes to financial dealings, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Skiff made the first purchase at the new Montgomery Ward store in Salem when it was formally opened for public inspection Saturday morning. It was Dr. and Mrs. Skiff who sold the large merchandising firm the property on which the store building was erected.

Fitting to the occasion also was the fact that this first sale of merchandise in the new store was made by Regina Kerber, who was an employee of the company when its previous store was opened here.

Thousands of people from Salem and the territory around thronged to the new store on the opening day and the four floors were comfortably crowded with visitors and shoppers all day.

Though many came merely to see and admire, the store reported a surprisingly large volume of business.

"With this fine response to our opening day invitation, I am more than happy to feel that the people of Salem and surrounding territory have appreciated our efforts. The opening day crowd exceeded our expectations," Barkley A. Newman, manager, declared.

Visiting officials of the Montgomery Ward company said the Salem store was the finest of any of its establishments on the Pacific coast.

Marble Board Issues Raised Again; Injunction is Sought

A new round in the litigation over operation of marble boards in Marion county began yesterday afternoon when J. H. Campbell through his attorney, Guy O. Smith, filed suit in circuit court here for an injunction restraining Sheriff A. C. Burk and other authorities from interfering with operation of 14 of the machines.

The complaint was accompanied by a temporary restraining order granted by Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling.

The court's order set Tuesday, June 15, at 10 a. m. as time for a hearing on plaintiff's demand that the injunction be made permanent.

Statute of Previous Case is in Doubt
Appeal briefs in a similar suit instituted by N. J. Arnold last fall against the same officials were to have been filed with the supreme court June 1 under agreement with Ralph Moody, special prosecutor. The briefs were not filed, Moody was in Washington, D. C., and status of the appeal was uncertain.

The Multnomah county circuit court had ruled in the Arnold case that marble boards were lotteries and therefore violated the state's gambling law.

In the new action, Campbell asserts his machines are worth \$1200 and are intended for and used particularly in the playing of games for pastime and amusement in which the board is operated by the player.

In addition to declaring the boards have been operated by plaintiff in various places of business throughout Marion county, "particularly outside of municipal limits," the complaint asserts they have not been "licensed, limited, regulated, or prohibited," and mentions the grand jury gambling investigation of 1935-36 in which the jury was charged with ascertaining if games were being run in violation of the law.

The complaint demands a decree enjoining the defendants from seizing, injuring or destroying any of plaintiff's marble boards, from attempting to prevent their operation and from prosecuting plaintiff or players using his machines.

Other defendants named are I. H. VanWinkle, attorney general; Ralph Moody, assistant; Lyle Page, district attorney.

Conditions at Valsetz Held More Hopeful

Humidity Rises and Wind Changes, Settlement Is Not in Danger

5000 Acres Are Covered by Scappoose Blaze; Homes Threatened

The fire in the Cobbs-Mitchell holdings near Valsetz was still spreading at 6 o'clock last night but conditions had improved and the mill village did not appear to be in danger, The Statesman was advised by telephone.

The humidity had risen noticeably. The wind changed late in the afternoon to south southwest.

At the Valsetz telephone office it was declared the flames were for the most part confined to logged-off areas. It was estimated between 1500 and 200 acres of land had been burned over.

Three hundred Valsetz residents were working on the fire lines in relays and as far as The Statesman's informant knew, no CCC enrollees had been called in to aid.

Earlier yesterday the state forestry department reported hope the fire would be under control by tonight.

The fire broke out Friday afternoon. Reports of its origin varied from a stump blasting fuse to sparks from friction caused by a logging cable rubbing a tinder-dry snag.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 5-(AP)—More than 300 firefighters battled in vain today to control Oregon's first major forest fire of the season which had burned over nearly 5,000 acres near Scappoose.

Additional crews, mostly CCC men, were being brought in tonight.

Swept by a strong wind and aided by low humidity and high temperatures, the fire spread rapidly to the northwest toward logged-off lands containing many settlers' dwellings.

The forest fire patrol association, directing the fight, reported it impossible to hold lines in front of the spreading flames.

The Gissah home for old men, threatened for a time Friday, was reported out of danger due to a change in the wind.

Slashing fires in Ingham Lumber Co. operations in Glendale in southern Oregon destroyed another million feet of logs, tools and equipment.

Hope for relief from the fire hazard was seen in the weather bureau's prediction of cooler temperatures and higher humidity for Sunday.

Four Are Burned After Car Upsets

UMATILLA, Ore., June 5-(AP)—Four members of the Henry Dexter family burned to death this afternoon when their auto overturned and caught fire in the east outskirts of Umatilla.

The dead:
Henry Dexter, rancher residing three miles west of Umatilla.
Mrs. Henry Dexter.
Their 21-year-old daughter.
Their young son.

The operator of a filling station near which the tragedy occurred, said Dexter had attempted to avoid colliding with an approaching auto. His car overturned and gasoline exploded, making a fiery blizzard of the vehicle and thwarting attempts at rescue. Intense heat kept witnesses at a distance.

Snowdrifts Pile High In Black Hills Region

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 5.—(AP)—Snowdrifts three to four feet deep and roads blocked by snow and fallen trees were reported from Black Hills territory tonight in the wake of a capricious spring storm that piled 10 inches of snow on some mining communities and temporarily isolated several small towns.

BALLADE of TODAY
By R. C.

To smack a homer in the pinch or start a snappy double play are feats that each red-blooded boy delights to dream of, night or day, and dozens of them hope to learn each fundamental playing rule; they'll turn out Monday and attend the Legion-Statesman baseball school.