

Hitler Unites With Austria

Troops Pour in; Action Viewed as Threat to Czechoslovakia

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see the truth here but also recognize it."

The new Nazi chancellor of Austria, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, greeted Hitler by proclaiming annulment of the treaty of St. Germain, which forbade union of Germany and Austria.

Hitler backed his dramatic union of the two German-speaking peoples with the Reich's military might thrusting its gray ranks into every part of Austria and bringing German troops face to face with Italy at the Brenner pass.

Beyond the pass Benito Mussolini gave silent benediction to the triumph of an expanding Reich, his ally of the Rome-Berlin axis. Nazification swept all Austria.

They pointed out that German troops, encircling half of Czechoslovakia, form a powerful threat of a pincer-like action to that country, in whose 3,500,000 Germans Hitler has expressed an interest.

As the first troops marched unopposed into Austria, Nazis took over all government posts from provincial governments down. In cities they assumed control of telegraph, telephone and radio communications. Strict censorship was imposed.

Newspapers immediately felt the Nazi fist which thrust into all phases of Austrian life.

Many Are Arrested In-German Ex-Premier

German warplanes swooped down on Vienna, bringing more than a thousand infantrymen to the command of the capital. Other squadrons scattered, and pronouncements of union while army trucks sped more thousands of German troops to strategic posts throughout Austria.

Hitler's choice as chancellor, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, flew to Linz to greet the troops at the provincial capital of upper Austria.

Vice-Chancellor Edmund Glöck-Horstenau went to pay him homage.

Austrian army troops not only stood by, but also fraternized with the invading legions.

A wave of arrests struck fear to thousands of Austrians—Catholics, Jews, socialists and former Austrian government chieftains alike.

Austria's frontiers were closed quickly to prevent a mass exodus of those who feared the Nazi.

The Nazi government forbade sending money outside the country under heavy penalties.

The chancellor Hitler forced out of office, Kurt Schuschnigg, was imprisoned in a palace surrounded by 2,000 storm troopers and 50 police. Nazis said "the guards were for his own protection."

Gabriel, V. Wieder Run, Water Board

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whether or not he would again be a candidate.

As a city councilman, Wieder served on the important water construction committee which worked with the water commission in devising the construction and financing program that has resulted in development of the new Stayton Island gravity water supply, construction of the new reservoir and improvement of the distribution system. He also headed the important street committee. His campaign platform will call for a conservative business administration and a cut in water rates when such action will not upset the water department's finances.

Senate Will Take Up Taxation Issue

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pected generally to fight abandonment of the principle of the undistributed profits tax, which many business spokesmen have blamed for the current economic slump. The house bill, which must be acted upon by the senate before it can become law, would modify this levy substantially and retain its principle for corporations making net incomes in excess of \$25,000 a year.

Harrison also mentioned the possibility of broadening the tax base to bring new taxpayers under the income levy, and of cutting some of the surtax rates on higher bracket individual incomes.

Apple Association To Replace Plant

HOOD RIVER, March 12—(AP)—A plan by the board of directors of the Apple Growers' association to replace the Cascade washing plant, destroyed in a \$250,000 fire in December, gained unanimous approval of 300 members today.

Officials said that despite poor returns last season, members would receive necessary financial aid through bank cooperatives and Federal agencies.

All board members were re-nominated.

Hoover Goes to Latvia WARSAW, March 12—(Sunday)—(AP)—Former Pres. Herbert Hoover left for Riga, Latvia, early today after attending a banquet given in his honor here by the Polish American society.

Mrs. Ledford Hears Accusation, Poisoning Case



St. Helens courtroom scene: Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford sits between her attorney, Glen Metsker, left, and her husband, George Ledford, during her trial on a charge of first degree murder involving the poison deaths of her stepdaughters, Ruth and Dorothy, whose funeral was held in Salem.—Associated Press photo.

Half Billion for Northwest Listed

Many Projects Included in Resources Committee Project Roundup

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ington development included: Flood control construction—Willamette, Tualatin and Santiam rivers, Ore., bank protection and channel clearing, \$1,760,000; Columbia county, Ore., Scappoose drainage district, levees and re-ventments, \$329,000; Multnomah, Ore., drainage district No. 1, levees and reventments, \$540,000; Rainier drainage district, Columbia county, Ore., levees and reventments, \$26,000; Clatsop county, Ore., Sauvie Island, levees and reventments, \$35,000; Multnomah county, Ore., peninsula drainage districts No. 1 and No. 2, levees and reventments, \$407,000; Multnomah county, Sandy drainage district, levees and reventments, \$92,000; Clatsop county, Ore., Westport drainage district, levees and reventments, \$27,000; Clatsop county, Ore., Knappa areas, levees and reventments, \$8,000; Columbia county, Ore., Deer Island areas, levees and reventments, \$232,000; Columbia county, Ore., Prescott areas, levees and reventments, \$28,000.

Pioneer Rancher Of Klamath Dies

KLAMATH FALLS, March 12—(AP)—Hiram F. Murdoch, 75, pioneer rancher and owner of Klamath county's first homestead, died yesterday at his home near Kelo, two days after he was treated for injuries suffered in an automobile accident here.

Death was attributed to heart failure. Funeral services will be held Monday.

Herman Miller, Head of St. Helens High, Quits To Take State Position

ST. HELENS, March 12—(AP)—Herman Miller, St. Helens high school principal, resigned today to accept a position in the state vocational educational department at Salem.

His post here, held since June 1, 1937, will be filled by Francis Gill, at present principal of the John Gunn grade school.

Flax Contracts Offered At Woodburn Feed Office

WOODBURN—Another meeting in the interest of the growing of flax was held here this week with George Merwin of the flax development committee of the state as the speaker. Announcements were made that contracts for the planting of flax may be obtained at the office of John Shaw at the Woodburn Feed and Supply Co. Nearly 200 acres have already been signed up.

Promoted by SP

A. T. Mercier, general manager of the Pacific Lines of the Southern Pacific company, who has been promoted to vice-president of the company, effective April 1. He has been connected with the Southern Pacific for 30 years.

Ballade of Today

By R. C. This is the week that the basketball champs from districts all over the state have their inning; rabid fans with hoarse voices will yell for their camps, but while all teams are good, only one can be winning.

Goes to Idaho on Nursing Position

ELDRIDGE—Miss Ruth Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Palmer, left last week for Idaho Falls, Idaho, where she has accepted a position as night superintendent of nurses.

Miss Palmer graduated from Gervais high school in 1930; and since completing a three-year course at the Multnomah hospital in Portland has followed the nurse's profession.

Missionary to Speak Mrs. Laura Trachsel, a returned missionary to China, will speak at 11 o'clock Sunday morning following the regular lesson study at Eldridge.

An interesting talk was given last Sunday at Eldridge by Miss Esther Hunt, returned missionary to Bolivia.

P. O. Epley, president of Middle Grove Sunday school convention, visited here Sunday.

Lou Arel of St. Paul visited recently at the B. J. Miller home.

Blake low Bidder On Revetment Job

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12—(AP)—The United States engineers said Harold Blake, Portland, had submitted a low bid of \$51,299 for constructing 8900 feet of riprap revetment near Brownsmead on the Columbia river.

The Tideland company, Astoria, was low at \$13,808.50 on a bid to riprap 5,100 feet of levee embankment on Tenasillahe island, near Clifton.

Attendance Is Small At Lyons PTA Meeting

LYONS—The Lyons PTA held its regular meeting Monday night with a small attendance. A committee was chosen to go ahead with the PTA play, which had been delayed. They hope to present it in the near future.

Mrs. Emma Lyons, Mrs. Anna Hiett and Mr. Bert Lyons attended the funeral of Pete Sager at Molalla Wednesday. Mrs. Lyons will spend several days with her niece, Mrs. Sager who lives at Multno.

Mrs. Amos Wheeler and baby daughter returned home from a Portland hospital Friday. Mrs. Wheeler is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Hallin.

Mr. and Mrs. Loris Trask and children Donna and Billie visited Sunday at the Floyd Martin home in Cutler City, also at the Willard Lewis home in Williams.

Moran School Is Sold; Will Be Naval Academy

SEATTLE, March 12—(AP)—Sale of the Moran school for boys, on Bainbridge island, to "eastern interests" as a naval prep school, was announced today. The school, on 30 acres of land overlooking Puget Sound, was founded by Frank G. Moran in 1914. He opened a joint school at Atascadero, Calif. The island school has been closed for some time.

Construction Mounts

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12—(AP)—Heavy construction contracts in the 11 far western states ran up a total of \$68,511,790 in the first two months of this year, more than doubling the 1937 figure.

Naval School Has Fire

CULVER, Ind., March 12—(AP)—Fire swept through a building housing boats and equipment of the Culver summer naval school here today with an estimated loss of \$100,000.

Elderly Woman Killed PORTLAND, Ore., March 12—(AP)—Mrs. Amelia Peterson, 83, was fatally injured today when the car in which she was riding collided with another at an intersection.

Fifteen Teams Enter Tourney

Thurston, First Quintet Coached by Woman, to Enter Competition

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Bulldogs loomed in the aforementioned category also.

No team is expected to so completely dominate opponents in the 1938 meet as did Little Belknap last year, however. With the possible exception of Chiloquin, no "dark horse" team has been receiving nominations to walk off with the 19th annual gonfalon.

Beautiful Trophies On Display Here The 19th annual tourney is being pointed to by experts as going down as one of the closest, most bitterly fought playoff ever staged in the state.

Six beautiful trophies, to go to the teams placing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and to the basketkeepers who is voted the most valuable player in meet, were yesterday unveiled by Leslie Sparks, tourney director.

The championship award is a huge affair. It has a base 18 inches wide by 10 inches long, with a bronze figure of a hoopster atop the central pillar of a cluster of five. He is surrounded by eagles—the national birds—perched atop the other four pillars. On either side of the base, and outside the pillar-cluster, is the figure of another player.

Waiting for some gallant team to take that trophy. Who will it be? The answer will not be known until late next Saturday night.

McMinnville, Ore., March 12—(AP)—Dallas high school won the district 6 high school basketball title tonight, defeating Woodburn, 33 to 27.

Both teams will participate in the state tournament at Salem, Woodburn, as runner-up, entering in place of the Portland district 11 representative.

Portland schools were eliminated from the tournament following a controversy over the ninth term rule.

Friday night games: Woodburn (38) (20) Silverton Whitman 17 4 Peavy Clark 5 2 Torgerson Evenden 4 9 Peityjohn Shaw 9 Bee Shuremyer 3 5 Johnson

Dallas (15) (10) McMinnville Bennett 6 4 Guder Williams 2 Taylor Jackson 4 Frazier 2 Hager 2 Wide Substitutes: for McMinnville, Kreider 4.

Referee, Max Allen; umpire, Dick Weisgerber.

Vandenberg Lists Legislative Plan

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in payroll taxes and segregate security tax collections from general treasury funds.

Agriculture—Increase RFC funds for industrial use loans by \$700,000,000 to encourage the use of agricultural commodities in industry. Vandenberg said the proposal would provide a market for the produce of 50,000,000 acres in 10 years and relieve unemployment.

Relief—Federal grants to the states to be matched and administered locally.

Club Votes \$50 for Suits Of Hi School Band Boys; Fix Dates for Girls' Camp

LEBANON—The Lions' club, at its meeting Thursday voted \$50 to buy suits for the junior high band and appointed Ralph Reeves, Bill Robins, Dave Stritwater and Vera Reeves to take charge of the purchase. The Junior high team is composed of 7th, 8th and 9th graders and will compete with other teams of like grades in the valley.

Barbara Loot, nine years of age, is in the Lebanon hospital for treatment for a lacerated arm caused by falling on broken glass. Harry Johnson of Lacombe underwent an appendectomy at the hospital Friday.

From July 24 to August 7 the girl scouts will go to Firllan camp, a beautiful forest retreat on Crabtree creek east of Lacombe. Mary Clem Wood, of Portland, a former Lebanon Eaglet scout, will be director of the camp.

Five Firemen Are Killed As Charred Wall Topples

PATERSON, N. J., March 12—(AP)—Five firemen were killed and two injured tonight when they were crushed beneath a wall of brick that fell as they searched for possible victims in the smoldering ruins of a department store warehouse.

Cruiser Phoenix Launched

CAMDEN, N. J., March 12—(AP)—The USS Phoenix, latest of the 10,000-ton light cruisers authorized by congress in 1929, was launched today while 10,000 spectators cheered.

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Barbary Coast Revival Is Protested

Though Wickedness Eliminated; old Days Deplored By Uplift Societies of San Francisco

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Uplift organizations of San Francisco were in a fever last week over the proposal to install a replica of the old Barbary Coast as an attraction of that city's 1939 world's fair, on man-built Treasure Island in San Francisco bay.

Even more in fervor last week were the "Barbary Coast" raises shameful memories which San Francisco has been trying for many years to live down, spokesmen for some of these organizations said. Harris Connick, chief director of the exposition, who recently talked of putting up a replica of the Barbary Coast, assured the uplift people that nothing unseemly would be permitted.

The Barbary Coast as it was in San Francisco's lusty days has been almost forgotten. It had ceased to be even before the World war period, although this writer, on "23 1/2 hours leave" from the Presidio in 1918, had reason to doubt it momentarily.

When he was walking up Kearney street past Chinatown, he suddenly

Thompson Chosen To Make Address At National Meet

National recognition has been given to the work being done in the Marion county chapter of the American Institute of Banking. It is indicated by a letter directed to Elton H. Thompson inviting him to speak at the national convention to be held this year at Louisville, Ky., from June 6 to 10. Mr. Thompson will attend, and has chosen as the theme of his talk "Getting Speakers into Schools and Organizations."

The American Institute of Banking, which is the educational division of the American Bankers' association, is the largest single educational organization in the world, having more than 60,000 members on its rolls, of whom 34,000 are taking study courses this year.

Mr. Thompson will be accompanied on the trip by his wife, and they will visit relatives and friends in various southern states. Mr. Thompson is chief clerk at the Salem branch of the United States National Bank of Portland, and has been with that institution for the past 16 years.

Tongue Point Not Lost, Declaration

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Noted Engineer Dies

STAMFORD, Conn., March 12—(AP)—Col. Frederic A. Molitor, 69, widely known civil and military engineer, died here today. Molitor helped develop many railroads in the United States.

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Actress

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 12—(AP)—Lyda Roberti, 32, blonde film actress, died today in her apartment of a heart attack.

Miss Roberti had been in poor health for the past two years. The heart ailment she suffered caused her to retire from active screen work.

Her husband, Hugh Ernst, radio announcer, was with her when she died.

More Activity Due This Week

"Slim" Henry Will Hear Sentence, Testify at Trial in Eugene

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of interest to the state tax commission, which has charge of income tax matters. The commissioners here have made no comment on the presence of their men at Dallas.

Sergeants Carl Glenn and Ray Howard of the state police have been at the Polk county sheriff's office almost daily, bringing over a large assortment of statements and record slips. At times three or four tax operatives have also been at work there.

Only Rosser and A. N. "Al" Banks, former Salem teamster agent, of the seven men charged with terrorism crimes, are still in the jail at Dallas. Rosser, under \$100,000 bail requirement, probably will not be arraigned until current investigations are extended further, it was intimated there yesterday, although Dist. Atty. Spaulding late last month said he hoped to have Rosser brought to trial in April.

Grand Jury Here To Convene Again Banks, who has already pleaded guilty, is in jail with Rosser awaiting sentence. A formal plea for leniency entered by his attorney last month indicated he was furnishing evidence to the state.

With the Marion county grand jury expected to reconvene here this week, it is possible that body may dig further into the local window breaking cases, especially two that occurred last August and October at the Golden Pheasant restaurant. Banks implicated two Portland men in that affair.

Ralph E. Moody, newly-appointed legal adviser to the state police, said yesterday from his new offices in the supreme court building, that he was reading all statements taken in the Oregon labor violence investigations in order to post himself on matters in which he may assist district attorneys in the various counties. He had not yet gone into the Polk county situation, he said. His assignment from Governor Charles H. Martin is to serve as a coordinator to district attorneys handling labor controversy prosecutions.

McNary and Mott Seeking to Obtain 'Something' Chessman Reports

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