

England and France Maneuver for Peace

Close Battles Mark Opening State Tourney

East, Southern Quintets Loom as Favorites in Championship Race

B Title Will Be Decided Today; Large Crowds out Despite Rain

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Amity 42, Adams 30. Chiloquin 32, Thurston 28. University Hi 50, Woodburn 38. Mac Hi 25, Salem 23. Sandy 27, Dallas 24. Baker 31, Klamath Falls 29. St. Helens 39, Myrtle Point 19. Medford 39, Eugene 34.

TODAY'S GAMES: Consolation Series 9 a.m. Adams vs. Thurston. 10 a.m. Salem vs. Woodburn. 11 a.m. Dallas vs. Klam. Falls. 2 p.m. Myrtle Point vs. Eugene.

Championship Flight 3 p.m. Amity vs. Chiloquin. (State "B" Championship) 4 p.m. University Hi vs. Mac Hi. 7:30 p.m. Sandy vs. Baker. 8:30 p.m. St. Helens vs. Medf'd.

Not a soul was reported to have too acute a case of "stittis" as the curtain rang down on the first round of the 19th-annual OSHAA basketball tournament at 10:54 last night in the Willamette gymnasium.

General consensus of opinion of the throngs that crowded the place throughout the eight games was that the Baker Bulldogs and Golden Tide from University high of Eugene would eventually scrap it out for top honor.

Hardest played game of yesterday's eight was the Baker-Klamath Falls whirlwind tussle; toughest loss was that of Salem to McLoughlin, the district 2 titlist—the Pioneers plucking the winning points in an overtime, the only time they were ever in the lead; easiest win was the St. Helens gallop over Myrtle Point, 39-19.

With Daggert, sparkplug guard, directing the play and driving through the defense either for baskets of his own or for sharp passes to teammates for ultimate baskets, it was just a breeze for the Saints.

Daggert drove four field goals through the hoop and converted one from the keyhole stand to dominate the scoring with 9 points, despite playing but two-thirds of the fray.

Demend, lanky Myrtle Point pivot, was the only district 3 contributor to hit the hoop consistently. He hooped three afield and two from the gift mark for 8 tallies.

St. Helens Meets Medford Tonight: The Saints, by virtue of their win, walk into the driving Pearepickers from Medford tonight at 7:30.

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Oddities in the News: GALESVILLE, Wis., March 16.—(AP)—Casca Hudson, whose health was too frail to permit service in the Civil war, died today at the age of 98 after outliving every veteran of that war in this area. He died of heart disease.

WVI CHAMPS PL. SALEM THIS MORNING



The Woodburn Bulldogs, Willamette Valley Interscholastic league champions, went down to defeat before one of the strongest teams in the state tournament, University high, 50 to 38, but put up a hard battle and showed why they had run up such a long record of league victories. They play Salem high at 10 o'clock this morning.

Berries Contained No Poison, Claims

ST. HELENS, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—State Police Sgt. Ray G. Howard testified today in the murder trial of Mrs. Agnes Joan Ledford, 35, that he ate without ill effects blackberries from a patch where the defense contended two of her stepdaughters were poisoned.

Clyde Watson, owner of a potato field from which E. E. Fenner, Atty. Gen. Metaker asserted poison spray was blown to the berry patch, testified he had eaten without washing a dish of berries from another nearby patch.

Rickman Will Not Run, Water Board

J. M. Rickman, member of the Salem water commission since January 1, 1935, will not be a candidate for reelection, he announced last night.

Seadlund to Die In Electric Seat

CHICAGO, March 16.—(AP)—A federal court jury tonight condemned John Henry Seadlund to die in the electric chair for the \$50,000 ransom kidnaping of Charles S. Ross, Chicago manufacturer.

Benefits Paid to Convicted Goons' Families, Stated

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—Jacob Schlaht, acting business agent of local No. 162 of the AFL Teamsters union, testifying before a special master in federal court, said today that the local has paid families of members involved in labor terrorism cases benefits generally amounting to \$25 a week.

Swanson Opposes Columbia Defense

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—Secretary Swanson, writing the senate naval affairs committee, said today that "no additional naval aviation requirements are foreseen at present" and thus apparently spiked for the immediate future Oregon hopes for a naval base at Tongue Point on the Columbia river.

Linking of Power Markets Favored

SPokane, March 16.—(AP)—The power markets of the Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams on the Columbia river are one and the same and must be so treated, J. D. Ross, Bonneville power administrator, said at the public hearing on Bonneville rates here today.

Woodsawyers Who Quit AFL Rejoin

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—Fifty members of the Woodsawyers' union, who withdrew from the AFL and joined the CIO last summer, reaffiliated with the AFL this week.

Ross Declares Bonneville Not Rival of Coulee, Spokane Hearing

"We are working now to assure that there will be no conflict between the rates from the two projects, keeping in mind the navigation and reclamation features of the projects," he said.

Willis E. Mahoney Files for Senate

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—Willis E. Mahoney, former mayor of Klamath Falls indicted by the Spokane business man, the Bonneville commission had full cognizance of the reclamation needs at the Grand Coulee project after Heberd had testified "development of the 1,200,000 acres in the Grand Coulee project is our first interest. Power is secondary."

Severe Storm Causes Havoc In Northwest

Two Men Reported Lost off Troller; Oregon Rainfall Is Heavy

Death Toll in Tornadoes in Midwest Rises to 22 After Checkup

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—Rain and hail, thunder and a roaring March wind drenched western Oregon today, while snow fell in high areas to the east of the Cascades.

Shipping was disrupted at the mouth of the Columbia river when a 64-mile wind whipped the entire width of the bar. Nine ships stood outside and five inside awaiting moderation.

The coast guard cutter Onondaga, scheduled to convey a seal herd north, was unable to leave. Observers said the stormy condition of the bar, particularly the surge inside, was one of the worst they had seen.

Rainfall in the Astoria region was 4.93 inches; Portland, .99 inches; Newport, 1.79; Eugene 1.16; Albany 1.35; Salem 1.34, and Roseburg 1.18.

Snow fell at La Grande and Klamath Falls.

Hail, preceded by thunder and gusty winds, fell heavily but briefly on Portland, only to be succeeded by heavy rains.

At Grants Pass, a southbound Southern Pacific train arrived at Dillard. Rain in 14 hours amounted to .85 inches.

The Roseburg-Coos bay highway was closed by torrential rain.

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Mussolini Says Border Safe; Hitler Summons Reichstag Into Session

Speech of Il Duce Aimed at Quieting Fears; Says German Union Natural; Lithuanian-Polish Crisis one Problem for Fuehrer

ROME, March 16.—(AP)—Premier Benito Mussolini approved Adolf Hitler's absorption of Austria today, but warned any invasion of Italian frontiers would mean war.

"Our frontiers are sacred!" Il Duce shouted in a nationwide broadcast. "We will not discuss them. We will defend them!"

Two Plead Guilty To Forgery Count

Women Say Innocent, 4 Held to Grand Jury and Are in Jail

Andrew Sedar, 21, and Dan Zivanich, 22, pleaded guilty and their two women companions, Cleo Zivanich, 25, and Grace Nelson, 22, not guilty in justice court yesterday to charges of uttering a forged instrument.

The quartet was arrested by city police Tuesday night as the culmination of a hunt for the person who had passed several forged checks at local service stations.

The checks were signed with and made out to the fictitious names of Antonio Melich and Steve Strelch, respectively, police charged.

Police suspicions were aroused by the fact that both names appeared to be the same handwriting.

Sedar was identified by police as the one who passed the checks and Zivanich as the man who lived at Oak River, Ida., while Sedar, Grace Nelson were from Spokane, Wash.

Farley Mogan, state police sergeant, said he had located seven new inner tubes in the Hayesville district which he linked with the forgery utterance cases. Sedar was excused for cashing the checks bought inner tubes.

None of the four prisoners was able to post the \$350 bail required by Judge Miller B. Hayden.

Father Detained, Attempted Kidnap

NASSAU, Bahamas, March 16.—(AP)—Police records showed Forester Scott, Philadelphia attorney, and two fliers were detained today in connection with an attempted airplane abduction of Scott's two daughters.

Legion May Take Over Falls Camp For Boys' "State"

SILVERTON, March 16.—Plans of the Oregon American Legion to take over the Silver Falls CIO camp in case it is vacated by the government, and operate it as a "Beaver boy state" were announced here tonight by George L. Rauch of Portland.

Boycott Refused By Marine Union

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—C. W. Atkin, secretary of Columbia River Council No. 3, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, said today a CIO lumber workers' proposal for a retaliatory boycott on AFL lumber products had been tabled.

'Hitch Auto Thief' Strikes, Corvallis

CORVALLIS, March 16.—(AP)—A thief who abandoned a stolen automobile when it ran out of gasoline, both discussing phases of the new federal housing loans.

Halifax Warns Against Attack On Czech Land

Nations Plan to Defend Africa Route; Won't Take Hand, Spain

Insurgents Blast Caspe but Meet Resistance Upon Some Fronts

LONDON, March 16.—(AP)—Britain today thrust the issue of peace in Europe squarely before Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler.

She and France particularly were active in a sudden wave of war fears that involved most countries of Europe.

There was a crisis in the Spanish situation, tension between Poland and Lithuania, fresh alarm in Czechoslovakia, while in Italy Premier Benito Mussolini declared Germany was right in taking Austria.

Foreign Secy. Viscount Halifax, in a vigorous statement in the house of lords, called on Germany to respect assurances to Czechoslovakia that Austro-German union was not aimed at her.

A Polish-Lithuanian border incident suddenly added new danger to the German move against Czechoslovakia, France also, had sought British aid in event of action by Hitler to "liberate" the 3,500,000 Germans in the war-created republic.

France, alarmed by the presence of Italian and German in Spain, appealed to Britain for joint action to seek a Spanish armistice and won a British promise of concerted n.a.v.a.l. action should French communications with North Africa be threatened.

The price of the pledge was continued French non-intervention in the Spanish conflict.

Excited by the possibility of a German move against her ally, Czechoslovakia, France also, had sought British aid in event of action by Hitler to "liberate" the 3,500,000 Germans in the war-created republic.

Soviet Russia reaffirmed her pledge of armed aid to Czechoslovakia, her ally as well, in case of aggression.

PARIS, March 16.—(AP)—Great Britain promised France naval aid tonight if Italian and German forces in Spain menaced France's North African communications.

In return, Premier Leon Blum told his cabinet France would maintain non-intervention in Spain.

By this decision, France kept her border with government Spain shut to men and munitions and dropped her plans for an immediate effort with Britain to negotiate a Spanish truce.

That the Spanish government appeared to have stopped the insurgents' drive toward the Mediterranean, at least temporarily, also was cited as enabling France to keep her frontier shut.

HENDAYE, France, at the Spanish frontier, March 16.—(AP)—Insurgent field artillery blasted Caspe into ruins today in an effort to dislodge government troops menacing the left flank of the insurgent army marching toward the sea.

While trying to drive this stubborn government force northward across the Ebro river, the insurgents ranged widely through their 3000 square miles of newly-conquered territory, mopping up straggling government units and reestablishing lines of communication.

Gen. Francisco Franco's fast-moving troops, which in less than a week penetrated more than 60 miles into government territory east of the old Zaragoza-Teruel line, seized control of the important Montaban-Alecan highway and sent advance parties through the San Just mountains south-east of Montaban.

Early Income Tax Payments Record

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—Record-breaking income tax collections brightened the federal budget picture tonight.

The treasury announced that the unprecedented sum of \$15,947,718 was collected in the first 15 days of March, an increase of 18 per cent over the similar period last year.

If this rate of payment is maintained to the end of the fiscal year, the treasury will wind up with about \$170,000,000 more income tax money than was predicted in President Roosevelt's January estimates. This surplus would provide, officials intimated, a badly needed offset against the probable failure of excise taxes and customs duties to meet estimates.

Backstroke Record Set

TRENTON, N. J., March 16.—(AP)—Dick Hough, captain-elect of the Princeton university swimming team, clipped three and four-tenths seconds off his world's record for the 100-yard breast stroke tonight in a New Jersey amateur athletic union meet. The new mark is 1:04.2.

MILLIONS CHEER HITLER IN VIENNA



Adolf Hitler, pictured as he arrived in Vienna after his bloodless conquest of Austria. A huge throng of about a million people forced the Fuehrer to make a speech. Hitler declared he had been deceived by Schuschnigg and that a betrayal was something he would not tolerate.—LIN photo.