

The Statesman takes pride in making its sports news pages foremost in coverage as well as first in point of time. As a result its sports readers are legion.

Overcast with occasional rain today and Thursday; max. temp. Tuesday 62, min. 40, river 3 feet, cloudy, southwesterly winds.

Valley Project Reported in Flood Measure

South China Province Attacked

Nippon's Naval Forces Invade Amoy Province

Bombardments Precede Entry; Foreigners Warned From Air

Chinese Counter Attack to North, Claiming Important Gains

SHANGHAI, May 11.—(Wednesday)—Japanese naval forces have invaded south China for the first time in the 10-month-old war in an attack on Amoy, rich Fukien province port 150 miles west of the Japanese-occupied island of Formosa.

The new attack started early yesterday with airplane and warship bombardment and apparently was designed to draw a portion of Chinese armies away from the stalemate central front.

Japanese Repulsed On Other Fronts

Chinese announced today their forces had countered the southern invasion by repulsing Japanese on all other fronts of the widespread war zone.

One of China's finest harbors, Amoy has a population of more than 200,000. Fifteen Americans, including Vice Consul Leland C. Altaffer, were known to be there. A Japanese naval force landed after the heavy bombardment, which spread panic through the city.

Japanese announced the capture of the eastern half of Amoy island and said fighting was in progress for the native city, on the western half. Much of the native city was said to be in flames.

Thousands of Chinese were seeking to reach the safety of Kulungu island, Amoy's foreign settlement. Foreign residents were warned by leaflets dropped from Japanese airplanes to leave the port.

Japanese Beaten Back On Lanchow Offense

The Chinese reports of central front successes told of Chinese forces beating back Japanese attempts to drive north from Nanking against the Lunghai railroad, long the target of Japan's central China campaign.

In northern Awei province, Chinese said, Japanese were repulsed with heavy losses after 10 bayonet charges near Mengcheng, 80 miles southwest of Suichow, core of Chinese resistance on the east central front.

Another Japanese column was said to have been stopped near Chaohsten, in central Anhwei, by guerrilla raiders who recaptured five villages, and wiped out Japanese garrisons which totaled 600 men.

Huge Expansion Of TVA Rumored

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—The New York Times says that the federal government, through the Tennessee Valley Authority, is considering the creation of a vast electric power distributing network covering Tennessee and parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. The project would include, says the Times, the purchase of private utilities in those areas by the TVA directly or for municipalities and might result in limiting federal enterprise to a specified area.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 10.—(AP)—David E. Lillenthal, power director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, said tonight he was awaiting the result of an audit of Commonwealth and Southern Electric properties in connection with proposed TVA power distribution development in the southeast.

He said, however, that published reports of a "vast" network were "inaccurate," but did not deny that extension of present facilities were contemplated.

79 Miners Killed In Gas Explosion

DUCKMANTON, Derbyshire, England, May 10.—(AP)—Two gas explosions killed 79 miners and injured more than 40 at the Markham coal mine here today.

The disaster, which trapped an entire shift in the mine, struck into virtually every home in this little village. As first it had been feared a number of miners had been buried—alive or dead—but late tonight officials announced the whole pit had been examined and all men accounted for.

Chicago Baby May Escape Life Of Blindness, Doctors Decide



Her life or her eyesight despaired of less than a week ago, Baby Helaine Colan, shown with her nurse in a Chicago hospital, may have both, surgeons decided yesterday after examining her following removal of the left eye to avert death from glioma, a malignant tumor which attacks the optic nerve.

Hope for Colan's Child Bolstered

Rallies From Operation's Shock, Takes Formula Meals on Schedule

CHICAGO, May 10.—(AP)—A new examination today bolstered hopes that Baby Helaine Colan could be saved from a life of total blindness.

Dr. Robert H. Good, who removed the infant's left eye yesterday to avert death from glioma, opined she had a "good chance" to retain the sight of her right eye despite the presence of a similar growth.

The girl, five and a half weeks old, rallied from the shock of the operation. Physicians reported she was "bright and alert" and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Old Postoffice's Journey Near End

Anyone interested in building a railroad might see E. W. Lebeck, contractor who is completing the task of moving the old postoffice building to the Willamette university campus. He has ties enough to build about two miles of railroad track.

When work halted Tuesday afternoon, the building which is to house Willamette's law school was within 15 feet of its destination and there was a possibility that its travels would be ended by tonight—except for being lowered to the desired level.

In order to move the building through the basement excavation, it was necessary to build solid cribs of timbers and railroad ties, and Lebeck had to scour the countryside for enough of them. The cribs contain approximately 5000 ties in addition to many heavier timbers.

Weniger, Adams Elected to Head State Baptist Groups

Nearly 550 delegates and visitors were registered yesterday for the opening day of the annual meeting of the Oregon Baptist state convention, in session through Thursday at the First Baptist church here. The convention crowd is one of the largest on record.

Last night 284 women enjoyed the women's pioneer banquet, highlight of the day for the Women's Baptist Mission society. This women's group, Dr. Irving A. Fox, host pastor, pointed out in his address of welcome at the opening convention session proper, was organized in the church here 60 years ago.

Mrs. Elam J. Anderson of Linfield college, McMinnville, brought a highly inspirational address to the women's banquet, held at the First Presbyterian church with the theme, "Oregon Covered Bridges." The women's society, faced with a long banquet program, last

night continued election of officers and reports until later in the convention. At the Oregon council of Baptist men's banquet at the First Methodist church dining room last night, 250 ministers and laymen gathered. They elected Dr. K. K. Adams of Salem president of this group; James Howard, Oregon City, vice-president; George Waldo, Corvallis, secretary; and John H. Broer, The Dalles, treasurer. Dr. L. J. Hulianel, pastor of the San Francisco First Baptist church, delivered his initial address of the annual meeting at the men's banquet, speaking on "Man's Religion," which he avowed must be a personal religion, a transforming religion and a challenging religion. Toasts on "What the Church Needs" were given as follows: "Men of Energy," D. A. Emerson, Salem; "Men of Preparation," (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Spending Bill Denounced in House Debate

"Shameful Waste," Aver Republican Speakers in Bitter Attack

Administration Claiming More Than Sufficient Votes to Succeed

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Bristling house republicans heaped their denunciations upon the Roosevelt spending program today while administration leaders, claiming "votes to spare," confidently awaited the outcome.

Led by Representative Taber (R-N.Y.), the ranking minority member of the republican national committee, the republicans condemned the program as "shameful waste" and a repetition of "mistakes" already made. "Oplate" to Keep People "Fooled," Asserts Taber

"It is an oplate," said Taber. "It is designed to keep the people fooled until after the next election."

Representative Engel (R-Mich.), whose prepared speech in the house was distributed to the press by the republican national committee, predicted "national disaster." Conditions "may improve for a time, perhaps for a few months," he said, "but the final result will be financial and economic disaster."

Pending was a bill to appropriate \$5,000,000 for work relief and public works projects, an integral part of the \$4,500,000,000 lending-spending campaign against the depression recently recommended by President Roosevelt.

Despite the vigorous nature of the republican attack, none of its leaders would venture a prediction that the appropriations would be rejected. To be victorious, as they were in defeating the reorganization bill, the republicans had to attract to their side of the argument large numbers of democrats. Democratic leaders asserted that wholesale democratic desertions were lacking this time.

Chicken Dinner Ends Child Feud

Solomon-Like Judge Sends True, Foster Parents Away as Friends

LOS ANGELES, May 10.—(AP)—Judge Robert H. Scott settled a custody fight today between the real mother of a five-year-old girl and the foster mother by having them agree to sharing custody.

Mrs. Harvey Weatherford, the real mother of Barbara Jean, sought to take the child from Mrs. Claude Baxter, who has cared for her since she was nine months old.

After the two mothers and their husbands had haggled and become embittered, Judge Scott took them into his chambers. "I am going to settle this case on the Christian principles," he said.

"While it is true real parents relinquished the moral right to this child by neglecting to take her back from the foster parents, still they are the legal parents of the child.

"However, I cannot bring myself to tear this child away from those who have come to love her as their own.

"I will order you to set aside your own selfish natures," continued (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Portland Clerks Agree on Terms

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—The grocery clerks union accepted employer proposals for new food store contracts tonight, paving the way for an end to three months of negotiations that had threatened a strike.

Food employers, Inc., representing chain stores and larger groups, submitted the contractual basis to the union. Independent grocers said the terms were acceptable to them.

The agreements will provide a 51-hour week instead of 54 last year, 11 p.m. closing on weekdays, Sunday closing, slight pay increases for women employees and retention of managers, but as non-active members of the union.

Eire Peace Ratified

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—The house of commons tonight approved Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's "peace with Eire" agreement at the third and final reading without a vote.

Selassie Goes To Push Cause Before League

Powers Forced to Defer Action on Ethiopian Question for Day

Koo Upsets Plans When He Demands Aid in Defending China

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—Exiled Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia left London for Geneva tonight to plead in person his forlorn cause against British and French determination to wipe his ancient empire off the map of Africa.

The Negus, a tragic little figure in his familiar long blue cloak, made his dramatic departure suddenly. It was not until he was almost boarding his train that his legation announced.

"The emperor of Ethiopia is on his way to Geneva to join the Ethiopian representatives at the council of the League of Nations."

GENEVA, May 10.—(AP)—Red tape today delayed the efforts of Great Britain and France to win freedom for league of Nations members to recognize Italy's conquest of Ethiopia.

Recognition of Italy's Conquest Held Assured

The carefully-laid plans of the league powers, which virtually would erase Ethiopia from the list of nations and from league membership, however, appeared assured of ultimate success.

Attempts by the British and French ministers, Viscount HOLLAND (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Four Instructors Elected by Board

Next School Year to Run From September 12 Through May 26

Adoption of recommendations of the employment committee for the hiring of three primary teachers and one home economics teacher for the next school year was the principal business accomplished by the Salem school board last night.

Hired by the board to fill vacancies next year in the primary grades were Opal June Yates and Edith M. Fanning, both of Salem, and Elphie Pedersen of Spokane. Miss Yates has taught at Molalla while Miss Fanning and Miss Pedersen have been connected with the Corvallis school system.

Among seven applicants for a home economics teaching position at Parrish junior high school, only one was an experienced teacher, so the employment committee recommended the hiring of a cadet teacher, Hope Chamberlain, who will graduate from Oregon State college this June.

A tentative calendar for the next school year, by which school (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Eugene Death on Highway Probed

EUGENE, May 10.—(AP)—The death of a man identified as John C. Baker, Grants Pass, still remained a mystery today as officers searched without success for definite clues to the cause of the tragedy.

Whether he was slain or run down remained an unanswered question.

Baker's body was found on the Pacific highway south of here Sunday night. There were eight cuts in his head and medical examiners expressed the belief they had been inflicted by a knife rather than caused by being struck by a hit-and-run driver, as police first thought.

A motorist told police today he thought he had seen Baker sitting alongside the highway, apparently asleep but he was not positive that the victim was the same man.

Missing Wallet Sent by Finder, Took Trip First

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Knut Lien's wallet—and \$11—was home tonight, via Detroit, Mich., after being lost on the Columbia River highway three weeks ago.

Harvey Hungary wrote apologetically because it hadn't been returned sooner. The money, he said, had been just enough to help him buy a train ticket to Detroit and claim the promised job. He returned it from his first pay check.

School Board Delays Teachers' Retirement Pending Legal Advice

State 65-Year Age Act Held Constitutional by Supreme Court; Local Case Will Follow Ruling; Four Instructors Affected

Four Salem teachers affected by the teacher's retirement law of the 1935 legislature, constitutionality of which was upheld by the supreme court yesterday in an opinion written by Justice Harry Belt, will probably continue to hold their jobs until the end of the school year, it was indicated at last night's school board meeting.

No immediate action will be taken by the board in enforcing the law, which provides that teachers having reached the age of 65 before February 1, 1938, shall be retired, pending advice by the district attorney.

The four Salem teachers, all plaintiffs in a suit to restrain the school board from enforcing the provisions of the act, are Edward A. Miller, Anna Fischer, Adona Cochran and LaMoine R. Clark. Ellen Curran, another plaintiff, has already submitted her resignation, effective next month.

The suit filed by the Salem teachers was similar to the action brought by A. A. Campbell, Portland teacher, against the Portland school board. The opinion of the supreme court yesterday on this case reversed Circuit Judge H. D. Norton of Multnomah county, who held parts of the act unconstitutional.

The Salem teachers by stipulation bound themselves to the supreme court decision. Constitutionality of the act. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Matanskans Go On Own in Fall

\$75 Month Income to End as Development Work Held Completed

PALMER, Alaska, May 10.—(AP)—Matanuska valley's widely publicized colonists, on the third anniversary of their government-sponsored experiment in beating the drought, faced tonight an order shutting off federal subsidies by next fall.

Director Leo B. Jacobs informed the 168 families they would be "on their own" starting next October 1 when their "security development" income of around \$75 a month will be discontinued. The amount had been paid on the basis of development work done.

The three years since the original 200 families were transported from midwest drought areas to the fertile Matanuska valley have been marked by mingled discord and progress praise and criticism.

About a fourth of the families have moved out, some of them with caustic comments on the project's management, the location and the debt burden which once was computed at \$4,000 a family.

Others told of ample crops, encouraging progress in home construction and a promising outlook for Alaska marketing of Matanuska produce.

Dr. H. M. Colvin, WPA legal counsel who called the colony happy and thriving, kept track of the birth rate—123 in three years.

Office to Assist Refugees Set up

GENEVA, May 10.—(AP)—Final agreement was reached today among league of nations members for creation of a single autonomous office to aid refugees of all nationalities and creeds. The United States will be asked to cooperate with the new office.

The agreement was reached, league officials said, after Russia withdrew objections to inclusion of white Russians among those to be aided.

The United States was kept informed of the progress of negotiations which were in charge of Dr. A. Costa de Reles of Bolivia, chairman of the committee for international assistance of refugees.

Under the agreement, a high commissioner will be named by the league to head the office, which it is hoped can be coordinated with President's plan for a permanent refugee committee.

Worthless Check Trail Ends in Albany Arrest

ALBANY, May 10.—(AP)—A trail of worthless checks starting in Arizona and ending through Nevada, Idaho and Oregon was pointed out today, state police sergeant Ernest Larios said, by John M. Allen, 54, whose alleged misdeeds ended here in his arrest on a forgery charge. With Allen was Mary Wilson, 18, who was held for possible return to Arizona.

The victim leaves a bride of six months and his parents, all of Stayton, and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be Thursday at 9 a.m. from the Stayton Catholic church, Father Siedon officiating, in charge of the Weddle funeral home.

Forecasts Indicate Record Wheat Surplus Is Impending

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—A forecast of the second largest winter wheat crop on record faced the agriculture department today with the prospect of a major farm surplus problem.

The crop reporting board said that conditions on May 1 indicated a yield this summer of 754,153,000 bushels of the bread grain. This was an increase of 28,446,000 bushels over last month's estimate. The largest yield on record was 817,962,000 in 1931.

Officials said that if the spring wheat area produced a normal crop of 20,000,000 bushels, the largest surplus on record would result and drastic reductions in planting for the 1939 wheat crop would be necessary. The tentative AAA wheat planting program calls for 50,000,000 acres, compared with about 50,000,000 this year.

Whether the record surplus develops, officials said, depends almost wholly on weather conditions in the winter wheat belt during the next 30 days.

400 Millions Proposed for Total Program

Sum Allocated to Local Works Not Known to Press Informant

Provides Government to Pay 70 Per Cent of Rail, Land Costs

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Representative Mondak C. Wallgrove (D-Wash.) said tonight that the confidential committee draft of the proposed flood control bill contained a recommendation for a Willamette valley project appropriation. He said he was uncertain of the exact amount.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Representative Seccrest (D-O) said today the house flood control committee would recommend a \$400,000,000 flood control program in line with the wishes of President Roosevelt.

Sum Sec Represents Compromise with President

Secrest, a committee member, added that this amount represented a compromise between a \$300,000,000 authorization he favored originally by the president and a \$460,000,000 proposal in congress.

The committee was said to have agreed that the federal government should pay for the actual construction of flood control reservoirs and should stand 70 per cent of the cost of acquiring land and relocating highways, railroads and utilities.

The latter provision would be a marked change from existing law, which requires local control of the cost of land purchases and relocations.

Agree Not to Ask Entire Cost

There was much sentiment in the committee for having the federal government assume the entire cost of national flood control programs, but Representative McClellan (D-Ark.) said the committee finally decided to retain the principle of local contributions on request of the war department and President Roosevelt.

The inclusion of any appropriation sufficient to insure an adequate start on the Willamette valley project in the flood control bill is regarded as an important victory here in view of the report received several days ago from Congressman James Mott.

Approved Projects Exceed Sum, Likely

"As you probably know," Mott wrote in a letter to the Salem Chamber of Commerce, "there has been an understanding between the chairman of the house flood control committee and the president that no more than \$300,000,000 worth of flood control projects shall be included in the 1938 bill. The cost of the approved projects now before the flood control committee amounts to more than \$300,000,000.

It is obvious, therefore, that two-thirds of the approved projects will have to be slimmed down. I may be assured that we will leave nothing undone in the way of persuading the flood control committee that the Willamette valley project should be included in the preferred schedule."

Stayton Man Hit By Log Rig Dies

STAYTON, May 10.—Edward Linderman, 24, of Stayton, was instantly killed Monday afternoon when he was struck by a logging trailer that got out of control on the road between here and Foster.

Linderman with two companions workers of the Galner Brothers Logging company leaped from the truck cab. The trailer caught Linderman as it overturned while the others were uninjured.

The victim leaves a bride of six months and his parents, all of Stayton, and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be Thursday at 9 a.m. from the Stayton Catholic church, Father Siedon officiating, in charge of the Weddle funeral home.

Lestle Sparks Is Eyed, School Job

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Howard P. Hobson, University of Oregon basketball and baseball coach, and Ralph Coleman, Oregon State college baseball coach, were eliminated tonight in the Portland public school system's search for a director of physical education.

The field had narrowed to H. H. Hargreaves, vice-principal of Benson; Lestle Sparks, physical instructor at Willamette university; Eldon I. Jenne, Washington high athletic coach and instructor, and Leonard B. Mayfield, Grants Pass high school principal.

Groshong Sentenced to Jail for Coon Activity

PORTLAND, May 10.—(AP)—Leroy Groshong, 33, became the 32nd man to receive a sentence in Oregon's labor terrorism campaign when Circuit Judge James W. Crawford ordered him to serve seven months in jail, less the 28 days he already has been incarcerated.

Groshong was convicted of driving two men to an automobile display room, where they smashed in windows. The violence occurred in a dispute last fall between a union and automobile employers.