

# Italian Occupation of Albania Imminent

## Three Vetoes Are Recorded; One Bill Left

### Firemen's Pension Fund Source Is Dangerous Precedent, View

### District Attorneys' Pay Increase, Local Option Bills Disapproved

Three legislative enactments were vetoed late yesterday by Governor Charles A. Sprague and when the day was ended only one measure of the 574 bills passed by the 40th legislative assembly remained for gubernatorial decision. That bill authorizes the creation of soil erosion districts and will be disposed of today.

Measures the governor disapproved were the enactment authorizing cities to levy up to 2 per cent on insurance premiums in order to provide pension funds for firemen, a salary increase bill for district attorneys and a bill to increase to 30 per cent the number of signatures required to validate petitions for a local option election.

The firemen's pension bill, introduced by Senator Dorothy Lee of Multnomah county, was a substitute for a measure which would have called for an additional state-collected tax on fire insurance premiums to be paid out for firemen's pensions. The vetoed measure authorized the levy by separate cities of such a tax. The money would have been earmarked in the cities levying the tax for a firemen's pension fund.

The governor said he was loathe to reject the appeals of firemen for whose effective work he had high regard. His veto, he explained, was based on a "rather serious danger if we start earmarking specific sources for the payment of pensions of specific groups."

"The firemen feel they can justify tax insurance companies for a pension fund. What class of well-feathered geese may other groups pick, such groups as the police, waterworks employees, city hall workers, street and park employees and county and state workers? This soon would become a game of tag with some of the less lucky groups losing out."

Refusing to approve salary increases for district attorneys the governor said that he realized the salaries of district attorneys in Oregon were modest but the incomes of citizens were also below the average of many other states.

"When there is a rising level of general prosperity then salary increases such as this bill contemplate for district attorneys should be in order," the governor declared.

The so-called local option bill, vetoed by the governor, raised the present requirement that 10 per cent of the voters sign a petition for a local option election to a requirement that 30 per cent request such a vote.

The governor declared that the increase in percentage was unduly high and would tend to make it difficult to obtain a free expression of citizens on the question of local option.

## Legislator's Life Panned by Grant

BAKER, April 5.—Rep. A. E. Grant, a democrat, announced today he was "through" as a lawmaker and claimed the legislature would still be in session if its critics had to take the place of senators and representatives.

He said he resented "criticism and abuse" because after trying to perform the necessary functions of a legislator he had to dig into his own pocket to pay for the "privilege" of remaining at Salem 26 days without compensation after the constitutional limit of 40 days.

The accused Salem merchants of increasing prices before the legislature a year ago and reducing them after adjournment.

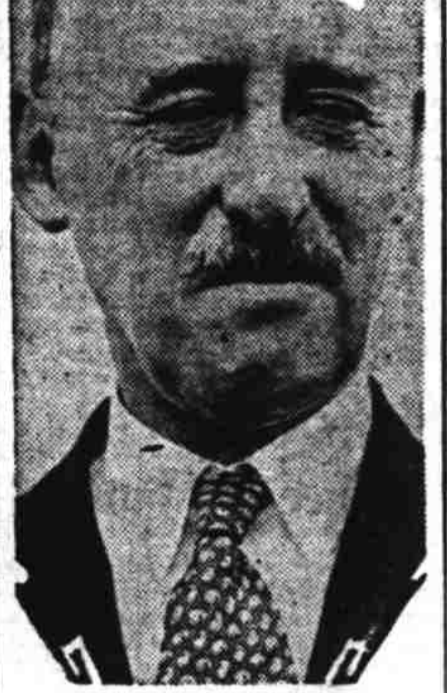
Grant, addressing a civic club, complimented Governor Charles A. Sprague as a man of "great courage."

## Two Are Injured In Traffic Crash

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Churchill, 145 North 21st street, were injured last night when the car in which they were riding collided with a truck at High and Union streets.

The Churchills were treated for bruises and severe cuts by attendants of the Salem first aid car. The Churchill machine was pushed into a telephone pole by the impact with the truck.

## Favors Change Neutrality Law



HENRY L. STIMSON

## Elephant Blocks Portland Traffic

### Mona Gets two Tickets as She Fails to Stop for Red Light

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—Patrolman C. S. Schad was pouring his heat today looking for illegal parkers, jaywalkers or other offenders against the statutes of the city or the orders of the police commission, when he walked right smack into an elephant.

The elephant was seated right smack in the middle of the intersection at southwest Sixth avenue and Morrison street.

All four streets entering the intersection were jammed with buses, streetcars, autos and pedestrians. Patrolman Schad saw at a glance that practically every traffic rule in the book was being pulverized.

Patrolman Schad approached warily from the stern and demanded, pointing at the recumbent pachyderm, "who owns that?"

A man hovering at the edge of the elephant said it belonged to the circus, its name was Mona, and that it had been taken down with spring fever.

"At this throbbing juncture Police Inspector Leon V. Jenkins arrived and looked things over." "Come, come, Schar," he said. "The department can't tolerate a thing like this. Get him out of here."

"It's a her," said the unhappy Schad, "name of Mona."

"I don't care what it is," retorted Jenkins seizing the elephant's tail and heaving lustily. Mona flapped her cabbage-leaf.

CHelsea, Okla., April 5.—(AP)—A 240-pound one-time member of the Irish O'Malley gang, a band of midwestern bank robbers, was found shot to death today, his body crumpled in a creek bed near here.

The body of the former Indian desperado, Jack Miller, 40, was identified by Police Chief Fred Hall.

Miller was given immunity from prosecution when he appeared as a government witness against other members of the gang who were tried for the robbery of two Okemah, Okla., banks Dec. 22, 1934.

## Erstwhile Bandit Discovered Slain

## Inheritance Tax Huge

## Salem One of Worst Cities In Fire Risk, Writer's View

Often scolded as a bad fire risk, Salem just received a new black mark, a listing as one of "twelve cities (in the United States) among those with worst risks of conflagrations."

An exhaustive discussion of fire, fire prevention and prevention agencies in Portland magazine gives Oregon's capital city this highly unfavorable rating. An accompanying "fire danger map" depicts a burning house labeled "Salem," one of but three such fire risky cities on the Pacific coast. The other two are Seattle and San Francisco.

Salem deserves its black mark, according to the National Fire Protection Association, because: 1. It has an inadequate fire department.

## Stimson Urges Economic Curb On Aggressors

### Argument on Neutrality Amendment Under Way, Senate Committee

### Borah-Johnson View Put Forth in Opposing Further Powers

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—Henry L. Stimson, former republican secretary of state, demanded today that the United States, for its own protection, reserve the right to name and boycott the aggressor in a foreign war.

"If I saw a dangerous situation approaching step by step," he asserted, sharply rapping his knuckles on the table of the senate foreign relations committee, "I wouldn't wait until it killed off the last nation that stood between us and safety before taking economic action."

Stimson, with this statement, opened what many expect to prove the session's bitterest congressional battle, a fight largely turning upon the question whether the neutrality act should be so amended that the president will have wide discretion in formulating this nation's policy toward a foreign conflict.

Stimson argued that he should. The present act, he said, had built up abroad the false psychology that Americans were incapable of cruelty and aggression and too timid to wish their government to make decisions which might be necessary to their future interest. The law, he said, had encouraged aggression by nations which have rejected the traditional code of national behavior.

To correct the situation, he suggested that most of the neutrality act be repealed, and that instead the president, in the case of a war which threatens American interests, be empowered to name the aggressor and stop commerce with the country named.

Senator Borah (R-Idaho) and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

## Nazi Chieftain in Argentina Is Held

### Threat to Involve Nation in War Is One Charge Following Probe

BUENOS AIRES, April 6.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Federal Judge Miguel Janias formally arraigned Alfred Mueller, chief agent in Argentina of the German Nazi party, today on a charge of threatening the sovereignty of Argentina and threatening to involve the nation in war.

Mueller was arraigned after 16 hours of questioning in an investigation conducted by President Roberto Ortiz.

The arraignment was the first definite court action after Enrique Juegas, a disaffected Nazi, in a letter to President Ortiz on March 20 charged German political agents with plotting to annex Patagonia, the southern tip of Argentina.

The Argentine government extended investigation into other provinces of the republic today after a series of raids in Buenos Aires in which, officials said, many documents recording Nazi party activities were seized "for examination."

## Bay Ocean Viewed By Federal Party

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Bay Ocean spit, badly eroded by recent storms, was surveyed today by members of the federal shore protection board and state officials.

Federal aid to repair the damage and guard against further destruction has been asked.

## Nazis Astonished At Polish Accord

## Angeworms Diet Sub for Goldfish At State College

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—The goldfish robbers have a first cousin at Oregon State college in Marion Sallisburg, sophomore from Burns, Ore., who today ate 139 live angeworms on a 55 bet and claimed the angeworm eating championship of the United States.

Sallisburg took down 53 big, juicy ones on the first gulp and inhaled the other 87 on the second.

The student, who planned to eat worms at a college rally dance, was prevented from doing so, ate his writhing repast before several witnesses. He said the worms tasted like bitter potato.

## Seven Are Killed In Traffic Crash

WESTMORELAND, Calif., April 5.—(AP)—Seven persons were killed tonight in a collision between a speeding automobile and a heavy truck and trailer, 15 miles west of Westmoreland, in Imperial county.

Killed were George A. Kerr, Marshall R. Null, L. D. Hurley, Mrs. Bettie Henry, all of Westmoreland; H. R. Whitman, 37, of Winslow, Ariz.; Reuben Lopez of Westmoreland and Mrs. Lena Henry Milnes.

## Elected Again Amidst Crisis



ALBERT LEBRUN

## Lebrun Reelected For Second Term

### Evidence of Solidarity Is Marred by Shouts of Extreme Leftists

VERSAILLES, April 5.—(AP)—A tumultuous national assembly today elected President Albert Lebrun to a second seven-year term despite opposition of leftists struggling against the semi-dictatorial Daladier government.

Premier Daladier's campaign to make the election a demonstration of national unity during the present European tension fell short of the mark when violent socialist and communist uproar greeted the result. Shouts of "Resign! Resign!" followed announcement of Lebrun's selection.

Jules Jeanneney, president of the senate and presiding officer of the national assembly, the senate and the chamber of deputies—had to close the meeting because of the uproar without giving the complete official list of the voters.

With no serious rivals, 67-year-old Lebrun received 506 of the 510 votes cast, the remainder being distributed among party factions.

The only other president ever re-elected, Jules Grevy, resigned in 1887 in the second year of his second term.

The election safely behind, Daladier (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

## Relief Figure To Remain as Set by House

### Senate Committee Puts It at \$100,000,000 After Conference

### Compromise Also Looms Upon Farm Measure if FDR Willing

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—Administration forces and economy advocates in the senate joined today in a compromise agreement to support an emergency relief appropriation of \$100,000,000.

A bill providing this amount—\$50,000,000 less than President Roosevelt had requested—was approved unanimously by the senate appropriations committee after a series of cloakroom discussions. The senate is scheduled to take it up tomorrow with approval apparently assured since most democratic and republican members have agreed to vote for it.

The \$100,000,000 figure already has been approved by the house. It is designed to supplement an emergency appropriation of \$725,000,000 appropriated by congress to carry WPA through the fiscal year ending June 30.

Administration lieutenants in the senate worked to obtain a compromise of \$125,000,000, but Senator Adams (D-Colo.) and other economy advocates rejected that figure.

Among the democrats, only Senator Pepper (D-Pa.) voiced a demand for the full \$150,000,000 figure. Senator Pepper said he would seek to increase the measure to that figure on the senate floor.

## Outside Bladder Operation Waits

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—(AP)—A decision to wait at least a year before making an effort to remedy the deformity of an Oregon baby, born with its bladder outside its body, was announced here tonight by Dr. C. A. Haines of Ashland, Ore.

Doctor Haines, who attended the birth of the baby girl in Ashland last Saturday, made the announcement after a long discussion with a prominent San Francisco plastic surgeon about a possible surgical operation on the child.

## Ten Million German Youths To Get Compulsory Training

BERLIN, April 5.—(AP)—Ten million German boys and girls will become part of the Nazi compulsory training school, the Hitler Youth organization, on Chancellor Hitler's 50th birthday anniversary April 20.

Nazi leaders thus strengthened their hold on the nation's youth today by decreeing compulsory membership for all between 10 and 18 years in the organization, which gives instruction in Nazi principles and pre-military training.

Eight million already are voluntary members, so the new increase will be about 2,000,000, excepting those "physically and morally unfit" and those whose parents recognize Poland or Denmark as their homeland.

The training from a tender age will be on the same basis as the labor service and military training.

## Britain Draws 'Ring' Tighter Around Hitler

### Accord With Poland now More Complete; Scare Story "Explained"

### Albania Crisis Watched Closely; Rumanian Question Viewed

LONDON, April 5.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain staved off a political crisis at home tonight and carried still further measures to throw an "anti-aggression ring" around Germany.

British officials watched closely reports of an impending military occupation of Albania by Italy. They admitted the possibility Italy might be working in harmony with Berlin in a new axis stroke designed to thwart Britain's "halt Hitler" plans.

An overnight war fright created by a speech by Earl Stanhope, first lord of the admiralty, indicating the British navy on Tuesday took emergency precautions against air raids, was dissipated in parliament by an apology and an explanation.

A request by Chamberlain that the speech be suppressed, parliamentary discussion and a subsequent announcement that "the speech may now be published" overshadowed for the moment the British-Polish negotiations for a defensive alliance.

Mutual Defense Pact Effective

Polish quarters said tonight the British-Polish mutual defense alliance (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5.)

## Demurrers Fail, Picket Law Case

### One Legal Point Remains Before Issue May Be Heard on Merits

PORTLAND, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—A three-judge court overruled demurrers today against organized labor's action to test the validity of Oregon's labor-control act.

Judges Robert Tucker of Portland; James T. Brand of Marshfield and Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview decided against the protest of defendant county, city and state officials the court lacked jurisdiction and that labor's complaint did not name a specific controversy.

The judges, however, withheld judgment whether a justifiable controversy existed under declaratory judgment law. The American Federation of Labor, railroad brotherhood and the congress for industrial organization had asked for a declaratory judgment.

Chris Boesen, labor counsel, said a union, to perform its duty, was compelled to do things forbidden by law and the statute was a constant threat to labor rather than a controversy involving a single specific case.

## Railroad's Chief Lauds C. H. Martin

PORTLAND, April 5.—(AP)—Men who took former Governor Charles Martin to heart when he waged his straight-from-the-shoulder crusades for law and order in Oregon haven't forgotten him in retirement.

The president of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad company dispensed with a routine interview in a hurry today to recall the ex-governor's political views.

"General Martin, in my opinion, is a great American," said L. C. Sprague. "He may not be an astute politician but he is an honest, forthright gentleman. The country needs more like him. In squelching labor racketeering in Oregon, he won commendation from the better class of citizens in other parts of the land."

## Sage Rats Eat up Telephone Cables

BAKER, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—The constant interference on the telephone and teletype circuits between the airport and the city limits was getting the engineers of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company down.

They searched, checked and rechecked and still they couldn't find the cause. When they finally discovered it, they felt even worse.

The trouble turned out to be sage rats which, following the line of least resistance, had burrowed alongside the 25,227 feet of rubber-covered wire, laid 14 inches underground, and every now and then stopped to take a bite out of the line.

Moisture completed the damage and engineers said the entire line would have to be replaced. This time they'll put in a wire that no rat will care to chew.

## Water District Is Created by Votes

Residents of the proposed Vista Heights water district south of Salem voted 100 to 3 in favor of incorporation at the special election held yesterday under provisions of the state law. The three men nominated for district commissioners, William R. Newmyer, Robert Tuttle and Paul Griebenow, were elected.

The district will serve approximately 150 families from a water system which, according to tentative plans, will be supplied from the Salem city system. The district starts in the Ohmart tracts and takes in parts of Ben Lomond adjacent, Smith Fruit Farms No. 2, the Tuttle tract, Ewald Farms, the Sticks property and Hansen.

## Japanese Extend Border Eastward

SHANGHAI, April 5.—(AP)—Japanese reported today that their forces had struck overland and through the air in a broadening campaign to extend the conquered area of central China.

A column based on Wuning, in northwestern Kiangsu province was said to have crossed the Siao river and driven 10 miles along the 180-mile route to Changsha Hunan province capital 200 miles south of Hankow and next major Japanese objective. Changsha also was subjected to an air raid.

One hundred miles northwest of Hankow, however, Chinese reported their troops had counterattacked Japanese at Chungsians and occupied a portion of that town, which lies along the Han river.

## Three Newspaper Plants Attacked

MEXICO CITY, April 5.—(AP)—Workers crying "down with fascism!" tonight stoned windows in the plants of three Mexico City newspapers.

The plants attacked were those of the newspapers Excelsior, Novedades and Universal. Police dispersed the mob.

Last night workers stoned the Spanish casino, a downtown social club of Spaniards in Mexico sympathetic to nationalist Spain.

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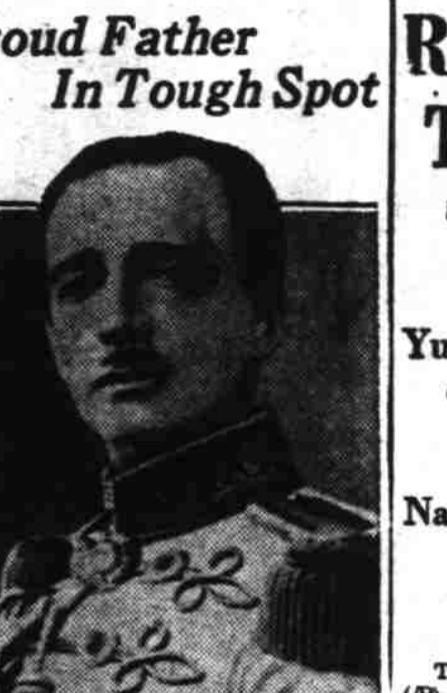
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## Proud Father In Tough Spot



KING ZOG

### Rome Reports Troops Ready To Move Soon

### Yugoslavia Is Informed of Plans to Occupy for Protection

### Nationalist Feeling Due to Birth of Heir Is Strong, Tirana

TIRANA, Albania, April 5.—(AP)—Albanian authorities said tonight that they had taken "suitable military precautions" to maintain the tiny kingdom's independence.

(In Belgrade, capital of neighboring Yugoslavia, reliable quarters heard reports Wednesday night that Italy had informed Yugoslavia of her intention to occupy defensive alliance Italy and under Italian protection to begin occupation during the night.)

King Zog and his cabinet sat up late tonight studying Italian plans for strengthening a 20-year defensive alliance Italy and Albania signed in 1927.

Foreigners here, learning that Italians were leaving Albania in large numbers, expressed considerable concern over the immediate situation.

Would Italian Any Italian Domains?

An heir to the throne was born this morning to Queen Geraldine, and this was accepted immediately by the country's simple inhabitants as an occasion for a tremendous wave of intense nationalist feeling.

"We are a small country, but proud of our independence," was a representative comment. "We are determined to preserve it at all costs."

The Italian proprietor of Tirana leading hotel and his Italian staff left the country after closing the building.

As the cabinet studied the Italian proposals, the belief spread that they exceeded any concessions Albania was prepared to make, and that the military precautions were taken on this account.

Albania, a wild and undeveloped country of 10,629 square miles and a population of one million, has been independent since 1912, but has long had been under Turkish rule. It lies directly across the Adriatic sea from Italy.

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