

The Weather
Generally cloudy Saturday, possibly with light rain. Sunday unsettled, probably with rain. Cooler. Max. Temp. Friday 75, Min. 56. River 3 feet. SW wind.

Italian Troops Nearing Albania's Capital

Revised Water Drilling Plan Before Board

Guarantee Proposal not Changed but Figure on Cost Reduced

Two Inquiries on Supply for Outlying Areas Are Presented

Faced with a revised proposal by the Sterling Pump company to develop a supplementary well water supply on Stayton island, the Salem water commission last night directed a committee of three to investigate this and other well possibilities and make a recommendation for action at an early date. Chairman I. M. Doughton assigned Commissioners E. E. Grabenhorst, E. B. Gabriel and Van Winkle to the task.

The pump company, through its Stockton, Calif., office revised its offer submitted earlier in the year as to several specifications but continued its proposal to develop and equip up to five wells to produce a minimum total of 4,000,000 gallons of water per day, the city not to be bound to pay anything if that volume could not be supplied. Principal change in the offer was a reduction in price from slightly more than \$20,000 to \$18,950.

Water System Here Declared Outstanding

A. E. McLaughlin, Salem representative for the pump company, said the firm was convinced the well supply could be developed successfully and would prove an asset to the system at a great saving from the cost of a filtration plant. He also quoted for the commission's interest a personal letter he had received from E. W. Lundy, vice-president of the Sterling company, which said in part:

Dexter Rice Will Quit Game Board

Dexter Rice, chairman of the state game commission, will resign today at the commission's meeting in Portland. Rice was appointed in 1935 and was reappointed February 25, 1938 when his first term expired. He took the lead in the organization of the commission after Governor Martin had placed all new men therein.

Milk Production Record Is Broken

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Cherry, an eight-year-old Shorthorn cow, set in England today a new world's record for a year's milk production with a total output of 41,444½ pounds, or an average of 37 quart bottles a day.

Pea Vine Ridge Blase Said out of Control

McMINNVILLE, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—A spring slashing fire in the Pea Vine ridge section west of here got out of control today and was being fought tonight by a force of CCC boys. No estimates of the area it covered were available.

Van Winkle's Demurrer Over Validity of Picket Law

Plea That Unions' Complaint Covers too Much Ground Denied by Judges; Defendants Have Time for Possible Further Pleadings

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—The test of the constitutionality of Oregon's new union control law was nearer today after a three-judge court overruled a demurrer filed on behalf of State's Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle, one of the defendants.

Rain Upon Easter Millinery Feared

Day Is Dogged by Weather Jinx for Six Years, Due to Repeat

That nemesis of the Easter bonnet—April showers—will make Salem's Easter morning a soggy one less colorful tomorrow, if the weatherman's report can be trusted. The forecast is for rain which may start today.

Sunrise Services Set Easter Morn

Program Starts at 5:30; Rev. Robert Hutchinson Principal Speaker

The church youth of the city will present their traditional Easter sunrise service at Belcrest Memorial park, and if fair weather prevails this hour may bring to hundreds of local folk an opportunity not only to attend outdoor Easter services but to view the beauties of nature along the southern one of the two routes mapped out for Blossom week, opening day of which is Easter.

Use of Memorial For Concert Hit

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Senator Ellender (D-La.) protested on the senate floor today against permitting Marian Anderson, negro, to give an outdoor concert Sunday on the grounds of the Lincoln memorial.

Mayor Backs Blossom Week; Cherrians Start Drill Work

Enlivened by prospects for an unusually successful Blossom Week, Salem Cherrians turned out in the greatest number in 20 years for the first drill practice at the armory last night. King King Harold Busck announced. Forty-two marchers and 16 members of the Cherrian drum corps, which will accompany the drill team for the first time this year, worked on preliminary training under Drillmaster Lloyd Demarest and Corps Manager H. E. "Dave" Shade.

Germany Says She Will Back Italians' Coup

Still Working on Poland to Block Accord; Move of Duce Defended

Yugoslavia and Rumania Worried at Possible Closure of Seas

BERLIN, April 7.—(AP)—Germany today warned the western democracies she was standing behind Italy's invasion of Albania, leaving the inference that her aid would be in readiness if anyone tried to halt her axis partner.

Official German quarters regard news of the landing of Italian troops in Durazzo, said a broadcast official statement on Albania, "as an action within the letter and spirit of the Italo-Albanian friendship treaty of 1927 and also as an expression of deep Italian sympathy for the Albanian people."

Pendergast Held, Income Tax Case

Grand Jury Holds Tax Due on \$315,000 Received in Insurance Deal

KANSAS CITY, April 7.—(AP)—Boss Tom Pendergast, who has played a potent hand in state-atimes also in national—politics 28 years, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on charges of evading income taxes on more than \$315,000.

Requested Tests Explain Tragedy, Is Witness' View

SEATTLE, April 7.—(AP)—The civil aeronautics authority's air safety board closed its stratorliner wreck hearing today, after receiving testimony from a visiting Dutch engineer and another Dutch representative. P. G. Gilliland, witness, said the plane was undergoing stall tests before she fell.

Two Fliers Are Killed As Small Plane Crashes

AUBURN, Calif., April 7.—(AP)—Garrett Lowell, manager of the Travelers hotel here, and Winfred Kindopp, a high school student, were burned to death when the small training plane they were flying today in the American River canyon struck a high tension line and plunged into the mountainside.

Late Sports

SACRAMENTO, April 7.—(AP)—Sacramento went to its seventh consecutive defeat here tonight, as Los Angeles clinched the series to straight heats by winning 3 to 2. The Solons haven't won a game this year.

Domination of Balkan Area By Rome-Berlin Axis Feared

Britain Won't Take Effective Action, Belief

Coup Planned With Help of Goering on Visit to Italy, Is View

But Italian Envoy Says Occupation Will Be Only Temporary

LONDON, April 7.—(AP)—British officials feared tonight that Italy's invasion of Albania was a first step in a new Rome-Berlin plan to dominate the Balkans and smash Britain's projected grand alliance against aggression.

Washington Eyes Europe Situation

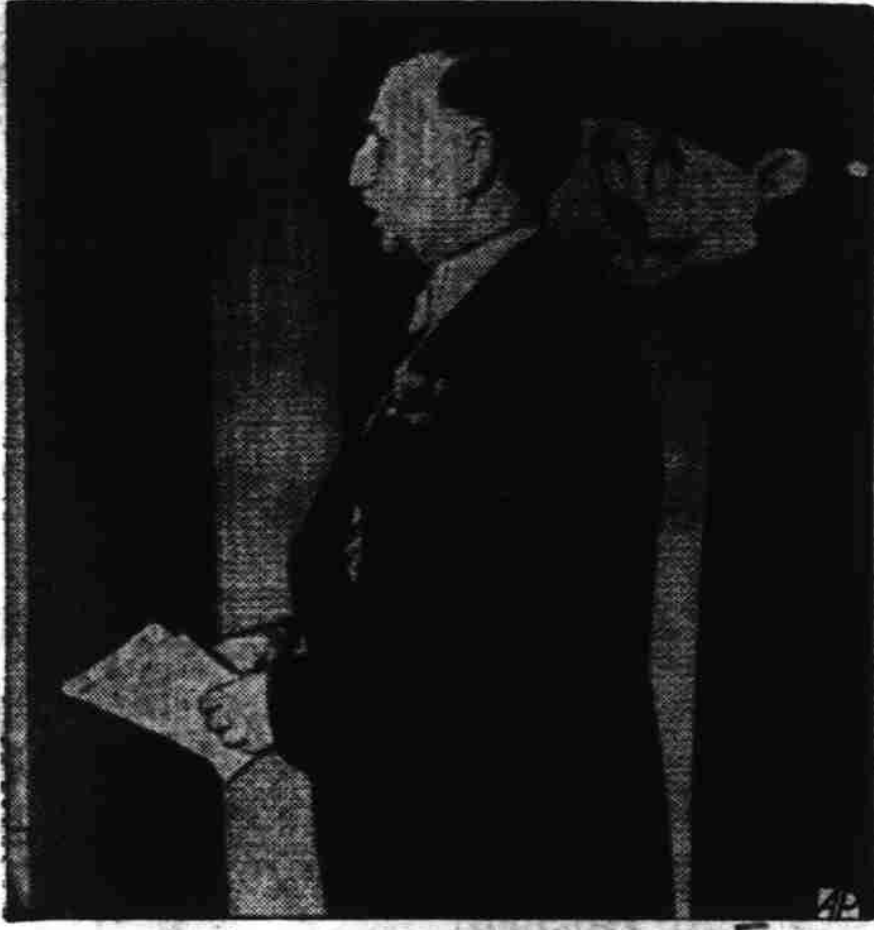
Kellogg Pact Protest Is Possible; No Economic Moves Anticipated

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The administration weighed tonight a series of actions that may be taken in consequence of Italy's invasion of Albania.

Italy Controls Adriatic if Grab Works

ST. JOHN, Wash., April 7.—(AP)—Alvin Harwood, 33-year-old ranch hand, was dragged to death tonight by a runaway work horse that he had been leading to water.

Perhaps It Was Dopey Who Said English Guns Had Been Manned



Earl Stanhope, first lord of the admiralty, is shown as he made the startling statement that because of the critical international situation, British anti-aircraft guns were being manned. The speech was made aboard the aircraft carrier Royal Ark, which had been decorated with pictures of the seven dwarfs of the Snow White story, and Dopey's head appears behind Stanhope. The picture was sent by radio from London to New York.—AP Telemat.

Albanian Tribes Battle Foe; Women Will Help

Outnumbered and Helpless Against Heavy Guns, They Repulse Landing Parties but Three or Four Towns Seized by Invaders

TIRANA, Albania, April 7.—(AP)—Hardy Albanian tribesmen fought desperately tonight to stem an Italian invasion backed up by bombing planes and naval guns.

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Zog to Blame, Is Propaganda From Invaders

King Flees; Took Money Sent by Italy, Says One Radio Speech

Plot to Get Italian Aid Against Yugoslavia Also Is Charged

ROME, April 8.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Italian troops were reported officially today to be advancing steadily toward the Albanian capital of Tirana in an invasion that fascist press declared was the answer of Italy and Germany to attempts to "encircle" them.

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Easter Programs On Air Numerous

NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—Stations of the radio networks are opening early again on Sunday to broadcast from the Vatican the first Easter benediction by the new pope, Pius XII. The time (Pacific standard) is 2 a. m., on WBS and 3 a. m. on NBC and CBS.

Fruit Crops Southwest Suffer Due to Frosts

KANSAS CITY, April 7.—(AP)—Fruit crops throughout the southwest suffered killing frosts last night.



How Italy would control the Adriatic sea if permitted to seize Albania, is shown in this map. Yugoslavia's only outlet would be across Greece—and the permanence of that outlet would be in doubt. Small arrow points to the Strait of Alexandretta in Syria, which Turkey has hinted she might occupy as the price for keeping the Dardanelles (large arrow) open to British-French fleets as a route to aid Rumania or Russia in case of war.—HN Service.