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The Weather Generally cloudy today

France's Sea Power Leaves Home Base

FDR Defeated On Requested **Relief Money**

Senate Refuses 49 to 28 \$50,000,000 More for 1939 WPA

300,000 WPA Workers to Be Eliminated, Roosevelt Avers

WASHINGTON, April 11-(P)-The senate refused, by vote of 49 to 28 tonight, to add \$50,000,000 to the \$100,000,000 relief bill. It then approved the measure and sent it to the White House.

President Roosevelt had requested a \$150,000,000 appropriation to carry WPA through until the end of the fiscal year on July 1, and a group led by Senator Pepper (D. Fla.) worked vigorously to obtain that amount. The president wrote Pepper today that if only \$100,000,000 were voted, 300,000 or 400,000 relief jobs would be eliminated.

The final vote came after Majority Leader Barkley (D, Ky.) had vigorously defended an agreement by some administration supporters, economy bloc democrats and republicans for a \$100,-000,000 appropriation. Senate Increase Futile

As House Is Opposed Barkley told the senate he had positive knowledge the house would not consent to an increase in the allotment, and that it would be futile for the senate to vote more.

"However much I may regret the reduction," Barkley said, "and

to pass on this proposition,"

Pepper's proposal to add \$50,600,000 to the bill was supported
by 24 democrats, one republican, one farmer laborite, one progressive and one independent. Opposed were 31 democrats, 17 republicans and one farmer-laborite.

The senate quickly rejected a substitute measure proposed by Senator Vandenberg (R. Mich.) which would have permitted the WPA to continue relief rolls at their present level until June 7. In the meantime, congress would have investigated to determine what additional appropriation was

Also rejected was a proposal by Wash.) which would have prevented the WPA from dismissing any workers in actual need who could not procure other employ-

The \$100,000,000 appropriation will go to supplement funds already available for relief for the fiscal year ending June 30. It brings to \$2,163,000,000 funds appropriated for relief in this fiscal year.

Nation Advances In Ship Building

NEW YORK, April 11-(AP)-The United States advanced from fourth to second place in the world's merchant ship production during the first quarter of 1939, Lloyd's register of shipping announced today.

States increased 40 per cent over the previous quarter, Lloyd's said, while construction in Great Brit-ain and Izeland dropped 25 per

With a gain of 122,000 tons, the Portland Autoist Hurt United States replaced Germany in second position, but Great Brit-ain and Ireland retained first place despite a 182,000-ton loss. Germany came third, Japan

Ellis H. Parkers'

PHILADELPHIA, April 11-(P)

-The US circuit court of appeals upheld today the conviction of Ellis H. Parker, former Burling-ton county, N. J., detective, and his son, Ellis, jr., on charges of conspiracy to abduct a former Trenton, N. J., attorney and force a confession in the Lindbergh



Scene on the waterfront of Corfu, island belonging to Greece and a strategic point in any possible naval conflict in the Mediterranean. Rumored intention of Italy to seize Corfu was followed by a British declaration that any invasion of Greek territory would be a "casus belli"-cause for war.-IlN photo.

Business Upturn Here Keeps Pace

Salem Bank Debits Gains in '39 Compare Well With Other Cities

Salem's business upturn in the first quarter of 1939, reflected by bank debits indicating the money ied in the 12th federal reserve dis-

The gain in bank debits in lem over the first quarter of 1938 was slightly in excess of six per cent; from \$40,482,000 to \$42,-917,000. For the entire federal reserve district the gain was less country. than three per cent in March alone, which was the month of greatest gain for the district.

Reversing a condition which prevailed throughout last year, the three northwest states showed greater gains than California in the quarter just ended, ranking along with a few middle west states in recording the greatest Senator Schwellenbach (D. gain nationally, other surveys issued recently have revealed. Salem's gain for the quarter was about the same as that of Portland and Eugene, and greater than that of most other northwest cities with the exception of Boise Walla Walla, Yakima and Taco-

Eugene Traffic To Go Back to Good old Days

ma. Salem's bank debits are ap-

proximately double those of Eu-

EUGENE, April 11-(P)-Jay-walkers got walking orders today from the city council. After this, anyone caught flirting with traffic will be fined. Old timers remarked it was just getting back to the good old days when you these cases, 505 were of families couldn't cross the streets except and 255 of single persons. The toat the intersections. There was a tal expenditure included \$2428 in different reason in those days. cash grants, \$5352.10 in requisition relief, \$1912.16 for hospitalyou didn't dare take shortcuts.

On California Highway

EUREKA, Calif., April 11-(AP) Rupert V. Houser, Portland con-tractor, was removed to an Arcata hospital for treatment of possible internal injuries today after an automobile he was driving left the Redwood highway about two miles Appeals Rejected south of Trinidad and rolled over five times as it went down a 100-

Good Neighborly **Policies Deemed Neglect at Home**

PORTLAND, April 11.-(P)-President Roosevelt's "good neighbor" policy got a dusting-off today from former Governor Charles H. Martin, who told a junior league meeting:

"It's my opinion that the fellow who is always playing good neigh

called America's neutrality law a breeder of war because it would be amount of their claim in stands. force the country to take sides. He also asserted that conscription of capital, proposed by some lead-ers, would be the most disastrous thing that could happen to the

Decrease Is Seen

Direct Relief Case Load Lighter; Spring Work Is Given Credit

Marion county's direct reliet case load declined nearly 8 per cent in March from the February level and a similar drop is anticipated for April, M. E. Holcomb. public welfare administrator, an-

nounced yesterday. The administrator attributed the decline to the opening up of spring employment, aided by the recent good weather.

"We have been receiving a considerable number of letters from general assistance recipients thanking us for help given through the winter but advising us that the husband ir the family has gone to work and no further aid will be needed," Holcomb raid Seven hundred sixty cases, representing 2158 persons, were paid \$10,538.65 in cash or other forms of assistance during March. Of ization, \$692.45 for other medical

close of the month was 176. a reduction of 32 from March 1.

care and \$164 for burial expenses

The number of applications for

general assistance pending at the

MULLAN, Idaho, April 11-(AP)-plunge into the timber slide in the Morning mine here today killed John Talvi, 65, veteran employe of the Federal Mining and Smelting company. A neck frac-ture caused almost instant death.

Plunge Kills Miner

Soft Coal Operators Warned Of Strike Spread by Lewis

NEW YORK, April 11-(AP)- Lewis, president of the Con-John L. Lewis asserted tonight gress of Industrial Organizations,

Lewis, president of the Con-two provincial capitals.

Levis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and appealed from their conviction in federal court at Newark 1 June, 1937. The faster was sentenced to six years, the son to three.

Eclipse of Sun

Is Due April 19

Los Angeles, April 11-69

School Board Has Shortest Session

38-Minute Meeting Sees Compromise on Bill, Little Else Done

The Salem school board last night voted to make a compromise settlement of a \$135 bill presenthowever unsatisfactory it may be circulation, compares favorably and is to the president, there are with that of other cities in the sold morthwest, according to a report own business."

While it is a sold to be a bors neglects his family and I ed by the city council for channel terests, which think the law unfull settlement.

With little business before it. the board set a record for brief meetings when it adjourned after a 38-minute session.

The directors' only other actions were to grant the Church of the Latter Day Saints the privilege of holding meetings in the old high school and the same privilege to Donald Black for a class in arch-In County Relief eology, both to pay the cost to the district of keeping the rooms used available; appointment of Direct-ors L. E. Barrick and Mrs. David Wright to investigate complaints against use of the senior high cafeteria by outside groups, and granting of brief leaves with pay to T. T. Mackenzie, Floyd Sieg mund. John Ludvigson and C. A Guderian to attend the Junior Safety congress at Portland April 13-15 and to L. Mae Rauch and Gladys J. Humphrey to attend the Oregon Speech association conference at Portland April 14-15

Picket's Job Is Eased, Courtesy **Market Manager**

WENATCHEE, April 11-(AP)-The one-man picket at a local market is "taking life easy" through the courtesy of the man he's pic-

Store Manager John A. Zitting furnished him with a table, chair and radio today so he can sit down and enjoy his work.

Trucks driven by union men continued to unload produce at the market this afternoon, despite the sit-down picket after assur-ance from Glen Malim of the state department of public service that state-franchised trucks would lose licenses if they refused to pass the picket line as common carriers.

Canada Is Alert To War Sabotage

OTTAWA, April 11-(Canadian Press)-A Royal Canadian mounted police authority tonight said cautionary measures were being taken to guard vulnerable points in Canada against sabotage in case of war or a major inter-national crisis.

Officials would not comment on reports from Winnipeg and Regina that guards had been posted in legislative buildings of those

Remedy Need In Labor Act

Injure Employers

Suggests Employers Be Allowed to Ask for Vote in Dispute

WASHINGTON, April 11.-(AP)-Senator Wagner (D-NY) the author of the national labor relations act, reviewed the operation of that statute today and found it good-with a single exception, for which he urged a remedy.

Defending the law as a fair and effective instrument for the promotion of "economic peace and industrial justice," he nevertheless conceded the rights of some employers had been infringed by the struggle between embattled factions of labor.

He suggested that when the CIO and AFL are disputing over which is the proper collective bargaining agent, the employer be given the right to petition for an election. This right could be conferred, he thought, by an order of the national labor relations board, but he had no objection to giving it specifically by legislation.

Wagner appeared as the first witness at a hearing, conducted by the senate committee on education and labor, on proposed amendments to the law. Labor Board Members,

Jusiness Interests To Speak Members of the labor board will fairly weighted in favor of labor: after the birth of the crown prince for the AFL, which thinks the act in Tirana, Albanian capital.

Representatives of all these inerests were gathered in the senate caucus room today as Wagner (Turn to page 2, column 1)

US-Franco Open Relations Today

WASHINGTON, April 11-(AP)-The United States will establish morrow with General Franco's regime in Spain.

H. Freeman Matthews, first secretary of the American embassy in Paris, who has arrived in Spain, has cabled the state department that he will present himself to Franco's officials at Burgos

He will then proceed to San Sebastian, where diplomats are staying until Franco makes Madrid his capital. Living accommodations in Burgos are insufficient.

Umpqua, Siskiyou Fires Are Early

ROSEBURG, April 11-(AP)-Fire hit the Umpqua and Siskiyou forests today, well in advance of the usual danger season.

Officials said a blaze in Swede basin in the Siskiyou forest was incendiary. It covered 100 acres The other in the same forest was

held to 35 acres. A burning brush pile was blamed for a fire which swept over 300 acres of the Umpqua forest

CCC enrollees had it under con-

Jupe Returns, Portland PORTLAND, April 11 - (P) Long tardy Jupe Pluvius showed up in Portland today, bringing the first rain of any duration in several weeks. When the drizzle started, Portland was 4.63 inches under her rainfall average since

Late Sports

SACRAMENTO, April 11.-(P) With Manager Bennie Borgmann playing short to plug a large gap, Sacramento turned on Hollywood 12 to 0 here tonight to break a 16 game losing streak while register ing its first 1939 victory.

Wagner Cites Britain Offers Il Duce Last Chance for Peace

lon, France's main naval base on

the Mediterranean coast, came aft-

er the government had approved

extraordinary measures to protect

French territory in any eventual-

Special decrees necessary to

make the measures effective were

be presented to President Albert

The measures were character-

ized by informed sources as

"strong and sure," but details

remained a secret pending final

official approval. Premier Dala-

dier was believed to have acted to

It was understood the cabinet

approved extending to Greece the

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Never Heard of

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11-(AP)

Juvenile court authorities found

thrills in commonplace conven-

iences today as they demonstra-

ted them to a 16-year-old Missis-

sippi girl who said she had never

seen an electric light, never talked

over a telephone and didn't know

Alma Mardis cut two cords of

stovewood for \$8 to visit Memphis

from her farm in northeast Mis-

dssippi. She arrived here nearly

penniless and was taken to the

Alma said she could pick 150

pounds of cotton a day, but told

She'd never heard a radio; nev

r been higher than the second

floor of a building and neve;

heard of an elevator; never seen a

Christmas tree; didn't know the

significance of Easter; never eat-

en an ice cream cone; never seen

a motion picture; never owned a

silk dress-and never heard of

WASHINGTON, April 11.-(AP)-Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes spent his 77th birthday

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Hitler and Aussolini.

tribunal.

Roosevelt Heartity Okehs

Editorial's Call to Force

Justice Hughes

court officials:

juvenile court for temporary shel-

Franklin D. Roosevelt was presi-

Mississippi Girl

Lebrun for signature tomorrow.

Act Held Good, Except Mediterranean Fleet's Destination Is Veiled Of Italy not

Ships Steaming From big Base at Toulon Believed Joining British Men of War for Readiness; Secret Army Mobilization Possible

PARIS, April 11-(AP)-Most of the French Mediterranean fleet sailed tonight from the Toulon naval base for an unknown destination as France strengthened her defenses in the face of a troubled international situation.

Further information concerning the naval move was hidden, however, behind strict censorship on all military and o naval information.

Albanian Queen's **Condition Worse**

Removed to Hospital; Natives of Albania Still Do Battle

LARISSA, Greece, April 11-(AP)
-Queen Geraldine of Albania, too ll to see her infant son or exiled husband King Zog, was removed today from a private villa to a hos-

The condition of the beautiful, 23-year-old queen, of Hungarian-American parentage, was said to be serious. She was running a be heard later, and additional wit- high temperature as a result of nesses will speak for business in- her flight from the advancing Italian army Friday, only two days

ing Albanian mountain roads in a makeshift ambulance to the border and thence by railroad to this little industrial city.

BELGRADE, April 11-(AP)-Dis-patches from Albania tonight reported strong Albanian resistance to Italy's invading forces was continuing north of Scutari and in southern Albania along the Greek frontier.

Large numbers of refugees streamed into Yugoslavia ahead of the advancing Italians. Among complete diplomatic relations to- them were Albanian government officials and persons close to ex-

iled King Zog's court. (In Paris, the Albanian legation issued a communique saying that "violent fighting" was under way between Albanian and Italian forces in the mountainous hinter-

Japanese Bombing Protested by US

PEIPING, April 11 .- (AP)-The United States embassy lodged written representations at the Japanese embassy here today concerning two bombings of American mission property.

One was the American Catholic mission at Yingtan, Kiangsi province, April 4. Three Chinese children were injured. The other was the American

Northern Presbyterian mission at Hengyang, Hunan province. A residence was destroyed and other property was damaged on April 6.

about 38 miles east of here. Fifty Bonneville Plant Is not Given up

WASHINGTON, April 11-(AP)-Despite an adverse department of agriculture report, Congressman Walter M. Pierce, Oregon democrat, renewed his fight today for a government owned sodium chlorate plant at Bonneville dam. Although Secretary Wallace said the plant wiuld be well losaid the plant wiuld be well located for production and distribution, he added it apparently was not in accord with plans of the president and budget bureau.

There was no unusual observance of the birthday. Mr. Hughes took a brief walk this morning, as he usually does when weather and his health permit.

Accept Pledge To Grab More

Chamberlain Hopeful He Can Split Italia From Nazi Axis

Hungary Quits League to Throw Her Lot With Germany The fleet's departure from Tou-

(By The Associated Press) Great Britain, still hoping to split the Rome-Berlin axis, Tuesday was reported to have extended the hand of appeasement to Premier Mussolini by accepting Il Duce's assurances that Italy would go no farther into the Balkans approved by the cabinet and will than Albania.

Prime Minister Chamberlain. who definitely has abandoned his appeasement course toward Germany and is actively building a "stop Hitler" bloc in Europe, was reported to have decided to give Premier Mussolini "one more chance" to keep his promises and

bolster France's land and sea the peace of Europe. forces and to prepare the navy to These promises included, it was cooperate fully with the British understood, a pledge to take his navy on any steps taken in the Italian soldiers out of Spain soon. A date suggested was after May 2. After the cabinet meeting it was when a nationalist victory parade disclosed semi-officially that the is expected to be held in Madrid military measures, which were de-with the Italians participating. cided on by defense experts Sun-

Chancellor Hitler, meanwhi was pictured by an authoritative informant in Berlin as believing that France and Britain might decide this year is the best one for challenging expanding Germany and Italy.

Moslems' Ire Flares Over Albania Conquest Anti-Italian sentiment, stirred in the Islamic world by the occupation of Moslem Albania, flared Hitler, Mussolini into widespread demonstrations of

protest in Algeria. Thousands of Moslems were dispersed in Oran when they attempted to march on the Italian consulate.

The Italian government indicated its military manpower was at an "imposing level" sufficient to cope with the crisis. Foreign observers placed the number of Italians under arms at between

1,000,000 and 1,200,000. Bulgaria suddenly dissolved the German-supported national socialist party for what police charged was a plot to change the form of I the Bulgarian government. Police of Bulgaria, Germany's World war ally, said it had become necessary

to "take drastic measures." Diplomatic circles in Bucharest indicated Turkey had granted Rumania's demand that the Dardanelles straits, vital link between the Mediterranean and the Black seas, be kept open for passage of military and other supplies to Rumania in case of war.

Italian troops, meanwhile, extended their occupation of Albania to the Greek frontier at Biklishta. However, dispatches reaching neighboring Yugoslavia said strong resistance to the Italian forces was continuing both in southern Albania, along the Greek frontier, and in the north beyond

Hungary, resigning from the League of Nations in the midst of the crisis, indicated her loyalty to the Rome-Berlin axis. The move appeared to clarify her position concerning British-Polish attempts to enlist her in the "stop Hitler"

anniversary today hard at work is preparation for the next session of the supreme court, April 17. His secretary said the jurist who became ill March 4 after addressing a joint session of congress, now is "very well," and is working on litigation before the tribunal. Sheriff Defends Multnomah Jail

PORTLAND, April 11-(P)-The sheriff of Multnomah county said to the director of federal prisons today, "take your prisoners some place else if you don't like the way we run our fall."

we run our jail."

Sheriff Martin Pratt, replying to Director James V. Bennett's complaint the jail provisions paid for by the government for federal offenders were not all they should be, said the courthouse cells were "one of the cleanest institutions in the United States barring not even