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The Weather
Generally cloudy today and Wednesday, probable rains. Moderate temperature. Max. temp. Monday 64 min. St. Helens River 3.1 feet. North wind.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

France's Sea Power Leaves Home Base

FDR Defeated On Requested Relief Money

Senate Refuses 49 to 23 \$50,000,000 More for 1939 WPA

300,000 WPA Workers to Be Eliminated, Roosevelt Avers

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—The senate refused by vote of 49 to 23 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 however unsatisfactory it may be and is to the president, there are 531 members of congress and 530 of them besides me have the right to pass on this proposition."

Pepper's proposal to add \$50,000,000 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 necessary.

Also rejected was a proposal by Senator Schwelienbach (D. Wash.) which would have prevented the WPA from dismissing any workers in actual need who could not procure other employment.

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.

Construction in the United States increased 40 per cent over the previous quarter, Lloyd's said, while construction in Great Britain and Ireland dropped 25 per cent.

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

Ellis H. Parkers' Appeals Rejected

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—(AP)—The US circuit court of appeals upheld today the conviction of Ellis H. Parker, former Burlington 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 baby kidnapping.

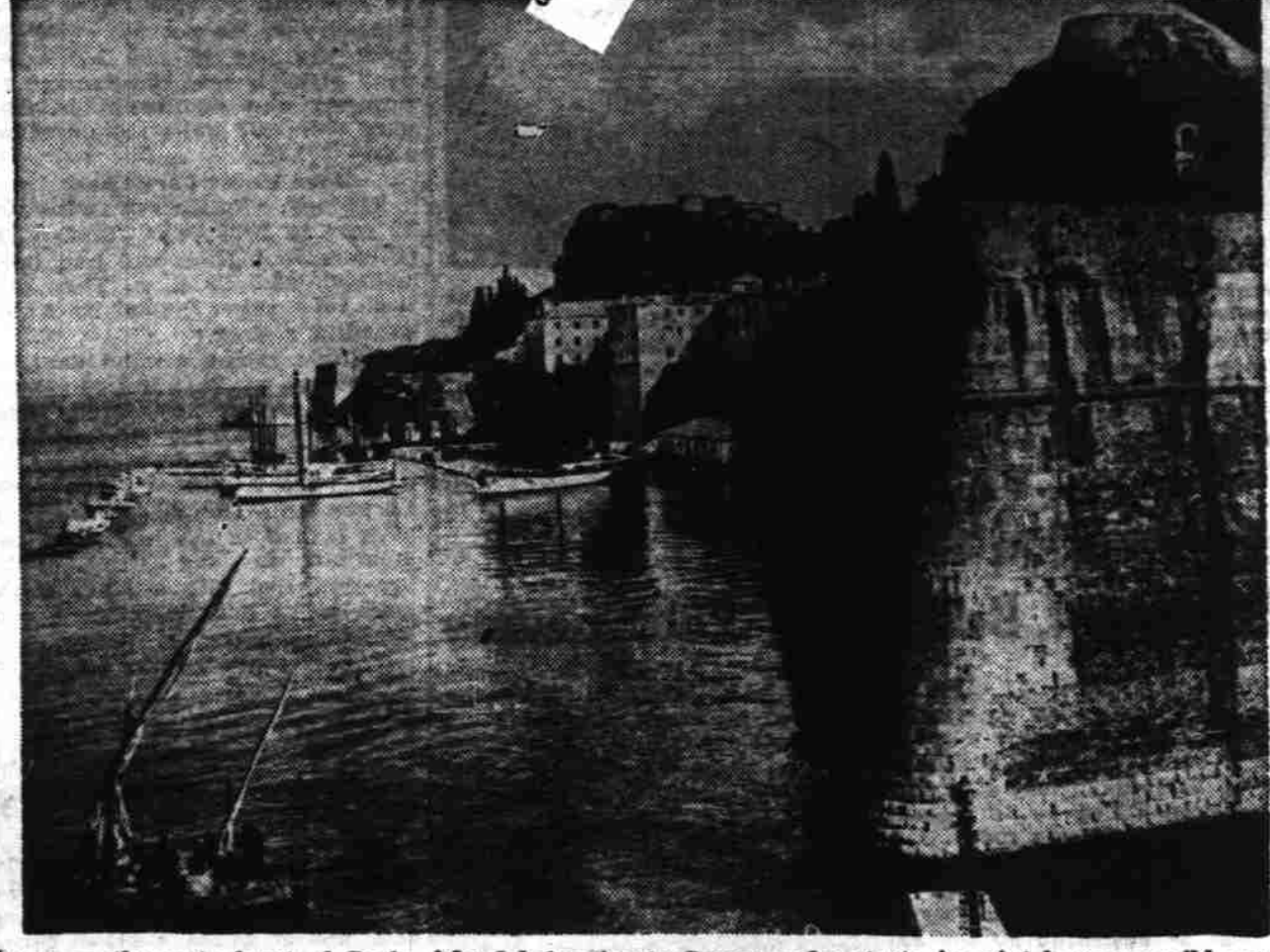
The Parkers had appealed from their conviction in federal court at Newark 1 June, 1937. The father was sentenced to six years, the son to three.

Eclipse of Sun Is Due April 19

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—(AP)—Residents of the Pacific coast will get up early enough April 19 to see an eclipse of the sun. Dr. Dinsmore Alter, director of Griffith observatory, said today.

The moon will block out 48 per cent of the sun's surface, as observed from here, beginning at 6:36 a. m. and the eclipse will reach maximum here at 7:49 and end at 8:40 a. m.

CENTER OF EUROPE LATEST WAR SCARE



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.—IIN 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 circulation, compares favorably with that of other cities in the northwest, according to a report compiled for the 30 principal cities in the 12th federal reserve district.

The gain in bank debits in Salem 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 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 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 Tacoma. Salem's bank debits are approximately double those of Eugene.

Eugene Traffic To Go Back To Good Old Days

EUGENE, April 11.—(AP)—Jaywalkers got walking orders today from the city council. After this, anyone caught flitting with traffic will be fined. Old timers remarked it was just getting back to the good old days when you couldn't cross the streets except at the intersections. There was a different reason in those days. The mud and water was so deep you didn't dare take shortcuts.

Portland Autoist Hurt On California Highway

EUREKA, Calif., April 11.—(AP)—Rupert V. Houser, Portland contractor, 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 south of Trinidad and rolled over five times as it went down a 100-foot embankment.

Soft Coal Operators Warned Of Strike Spread by Lewis

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—John L. Lewis asserted tonight that if the "bituminous operators will be satisfied with nothing but war in the industry the United Mine Workers of America will be able to accommodate them and protect themselves."

As the operators expressed willingness to renew the old wage and hour contract for two years and end the suspension of operations in the Appalachian area, the union president threatened to suspend operations in all coal fields.

No coal has been produced in the Appalachian area, heart of this soft coal industry, since March 31 when the old 2-year contract expired and left 335,000 miners idle. The rest of the industry has continued to work under special agreement pending signing of a new Appalachian agreement.

Wagner Cites Remedy Need In Labor Act

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Suggests Employers Be Allowed to Ask for Vote in Dispute

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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.

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Britain Offers II Duce Last Chance for Peace

Mediterranean Fleet's Destination Is Veiled

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 naval information.

The fleet's departure from Toulon, France's main naval base on the Mediterranean coast, came after the government had approved extraordinary measures to protect French territory in any eventualities.

Special decrees necessary to make the measures effective were approved by the cabinet and will be presented to President Albert Lebrun for signature tomorrow.

The measures were characterized by informed sources as "strong and sure," but details remained a secret pending final official approval. Premier Daladier was believed to have acted to bolster France's land and sea forces and to prepare the navy to cooperate fully with the British navy on any steps taken in the Mediterranean.

After the cabinet meeting it was disclosed semi-officially that the military measures, which were decided on by defense experts Sunday, already were being carried out.

It was understood the cabinet approved extending to Greece the (Turn to page 2, column 1)

MISSISSIPPI GIRL NEVER HEARD OF HITLER, MUSSOLINI

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11.—(AP)—Juvenile court authorities found thrills in commonplace conveniences today as they demonstrated them to a 16-year-old Mississippi girl who said she had never seen an electric light, never talked over a telephone and didn't know Franklin D. Roosevelt was president.

Alma Mardis cut two cords of stovewood for \$8 to visit Memphis from her farm in northeast Mississippi. She arrived here nearly blind and was taken to the juvenile court for temporary shelter.

Alma said she could pick 150 pounds of cotton a day, but told court officials: "I'll be back in the fall if we don't have a war."

She'd never heard a radio; never been higher than the second floor of a building and never heard of an elevator; never seen a Christmas tree; didn't know the significance of Easter; never eaten an ice cream cone; never heard a motion picture; never owned a silk dress—and never heard of Hitler and Mussolini.

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 Yingtang, 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.

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 chloride plant at Bonneville dam.

Although Secretary Wallace said the plant would be well located for production and distribution, he added it apparently was not in accord with plans of the president and budget bureau.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stamped with his hearty approval today a news-paper editorial calling for a "preponderant show of force" by democratic nations to halt the dictators and prevent war.

The editorial, appearing this morning in The Washington Post (Independent), said that world war "can still be averted if the free nations are willing to show that they will take a stand before it is too late."

The president ordered the editorial inserted in the minutes of his press conference, saying it was very good, very clear and very honest. He said it had not been inspired by him but that he had almost fallen out of bed when he read it this morning.

The Post article was based on Mr. Roosevelt's remark, as he left

Accept Pledge Of Italy not To Grab More

Chamberlain Hopeful He Can Split Italy From Nazi Axis

(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 "one more chance" to keep his promises and the peace of Europe.

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 the peace of Europe.

These promises included, it was understood, a pledge to take his Italian soldiers out of Spain soon. A date suggested was after May 7, when a nationalist victory parade is expected to be held in Madrid with the Italians participating.

Chancellor Hitler, meanwhile, 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 Albanian Conquest

Anti-Islamic sentiment, stirred in the Islamic world by the occupation of Moslem Albania, flared 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 Italian 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 the Bulgarian government. Police of Bulgaria, Germany's World 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 Bikhliata. 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 Scutari.

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" bloc.

Sheriff Defends Multnomah Jail

PORTLAND, April 11.—(AP)—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 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 your own pampered federal prisons."

Coast Must Bid For Shipbuilding

PORTLAND, April 11.—(AP)—Portland was informed by E. E. Lane, chairman of the federal maritime commission today that there would be no allocation of shipbuilding to the Pacific coast.

In a letter to City Auditor W. E. Gibson in answer to a city council resolution asking allocation of ship construction to the coast, Lane said 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 your own pampered federal prisons."

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