

Britain Ready For Mock War

Entire Country Geared to War Conditions for Event

LONDON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The army, navy and air force sharpened their weapons tonight for vast maneuvers next week which will find virtually the entire country geared to war-time efficiency.

At the same time Britain will carry on over conference tables in Moscow and Tokyo her attempts to negotiate a tri-power mutual assistance pact and an end to the Tientsin dispute.

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Japanese Mobs Hoot at British Embassy in Tokyo



Thousands of Japanese jammed about the gates of the British embassy in Tokyo recently cheering for Japan and jeering at England and her stand in the orient. Banners with anti-British slogans were flaunted by the mob which clashed with police, tried to climb the embassy walls in the largest mass demonstration in Japan's history. Photo above shows start of an informal "heckling" parade gathering to march on the embassy. Soldier in foreground is shouting instructions through a megaphone to the crowd.—(U.N.).

Rev. Purdy Takes Over Duties Here

Methodist Superintendent Has Temporary Office at Willamette

Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, recently appointed Salem district superintendent of the Methodist church, has begun his duties and has an office temporarily in Eaton hall at Willamette university. This week he will attend the Epworth league institute at Falls City and next week will serve as dean at the Young Adult council gathering at Deception Pass, Wash., an organization he helped to found.

Rev. Purdy, who succeeds Dr. Louis Magin as superintendent of this district includes 70 churches in western Oregon, extending south to Eugene and north to Hillsboro, is already well acquainted in Salem, for he was district secretary for Willamette university for several years up to 1924. Later he was director of religious education for the Pacific northwest conference for seven years, and more recently has been a pastor in Moscow, Idaho, and Yakima, Wash.

The first district-wide activity in which he will participate will be the annual district meeting at Nelscott Bar, September 5, 6 and 7.

Rev. and Mrs. Purdy have not yet established their home in Salem but have virtually completed arrangements for a residence on Chetakea street. They have three children, two of whom will be with them here. The oldest son is a student at University of Washington.

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Oddities in the News

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—One of the last acts of congress today was to approve an appropriation of 38 cents "for Indian school buildings." No one seemed to know just what building the sum would be lavished.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Sheriff's deputies held an 11-year-old boy for observation to-night because the "tough little guy," they said, chased his parents out of their home with a butcher knife, stabbed an uncle in the hand and punched a deputy sheriff in the mouth.

They quoted the youngster as saying: "My parents can't handle me and neither can you cops."

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Violet E. Richter took it in silence when her husband, upon being asked to move the furniture, "flew into a rage," knocked her down, and threatened her with a gun.

But when he called her "the old woman" in front of her children, she sued for a divorce. She got it.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Susie, the Cincinnati zoo's prize gorilla, has a new hat. Bedecked with flowers and ribbons, as women's hats must be, it came as a gift for Susie's thirteenth birthday.

Bill Dressman, Susie's trainer, said she acted "almost human" when she got the champagne.

Cautiously, mincingly, she opened the hat box, unfolded the paper in which the creation of fashion was wrapped, fingered the ribbons lovingly, and placed it on her massive head.

GALLUP, N.M., Aug. 5.—(AP)—The birth of a colt to a mule last Sunday was reported today by government men who added the Hopi Indians had taken it as a sure sign the world was coming to an end.

Roman Hubbell of Gallup, confirmed the birth of a colt "looking like a donkey" to a mule owned by his brother, Lorenzo Hubbell, Indian trader at Oraibi, Ariz.

Homer Power, former McKinley county agent here, said the Texas State college possessed a rare animal resembling that described by Hubbell.

Pedestrians Have Bad Traffic Time

Sixty-nine per cent of the traffic fatalities in Portland during the first six months of 1939 involved pedestrians, Secretary of State Earl Snell declared Saturday.

Of the 29 traffic deaths there during that period 20 were pedestrians. Last year pedestrian deaths aggregated 58 per cent of the traffic deaths for the corresponding period.

Elderly persons were the most frequent victims, only one of the 20 persons killed being under 40 years of age. Eighty per cent were 55 years old or over and 45 per cent were over 65 years.

Seventeen per cent of the 316 pedestrians injured were in the 5 to 14 age group.

Restaurant Labor Trouble Foreseen

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Strike action appeared in the balance tonight as negotiations of Associated Restaurants, Inc. and union members broke down.

One walkout, not directly connected with the negotiations over contract renewals, was averted at the Bohemian restaurant when 75 union employees agreed to an arbitration meeting.

The Bohemian dispute involved the restaurant's decision to quit paying 22 cents carfare to waitresses employees on split shifts.

W. S. U'Ren, attorney for four unions seeking contract renewals, charged restaurant owners with lack of "good faith" in cutting wages while negotiations were in progress. Restaurants seek a 10-cent wage reduction in new contracts.

Butchers' Strike Is Seen Possible

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A demand that Swift and Co. live up to Pacific coast agreements on the same basis now agreed to by other meat packers was made here today by representatives of 30,000 Oregon, Washington and California meat cutters and butchers.

Union spokesmen foresaw possibility of meat cutters' strike against Swift plants in the San Francisco bay region spreading to the big north Portland plant.

Swift and Co. officials declared it had not violated union contracts and blamed the bay region strike on a union demand that the firm deduct union dues from pay checks. The company said such action would be in violation of the law.

Stings Cause Death

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Wasp stings caused the death today of Mrs. Opal E. Paulsen, 55.

Ham and Eggers Invading Oregon

\$30 Every Thursday Plan Explained to Group at Oldhi Meet

"Ham and eggs for Oregon," an asserted movement toward adoption of a "\$30 every Thursday" pension plan, came to Salem last night in the person of George B. Forrester, Portland promoter of the movement, who outlined the scheme to a reported audience of 77 persons in the old high school auditorium. Another meeting will be held there this morning, it was understood.

Naming his organization the Oregon National Pension plan, Forrester said it resembled California's "ham and eggs" proposition but went further to include blind persons and unemployables as well as all persons over 50 years of age as beneficiaries.

The Thursday \$30 payments would be in "self liquidating" warrants to be redeemed through a stamp plan. The holder of a \$1 warrant on a Thursday would be required to affix a two-cent redemption stamp upon it. The warrants thereby would raise \$1.04 in a year's time, leaving four cents above the face value for administrative expenses of the plan.

Hurst Is Turned Over to Hospital

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Found "legally sane" before he was convicted of assault with intent to kill, 19-year-old Jack Hurst was a patient in the state hospital at Salem today.

Hurst was sent to the penitentiary, Warden George Alexander, who announced his commitment in the hospital, said Hurst "apparently has been mentally balanced since his receipt here."

House Committee To Dedicate Base

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The chamber of commerce said Representative Homer D. Angell (R-Ore) advised it today members of the house rivers and harbors committee would arrive here Aug. 31 to dedicate the Tongue Point naval base.

The committee will arrive early in the morning and go on to Astoria for the ceremony.

German Sawmills Run at Capacity

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Germany's sawmill industry is doing fine except plants cannot hire enough workmen, Rolf Pökel, general manager of a mill at Muelrose, 50 miles east of Berlin, told an interviewer today.

Germany, he added, can not supply all the lumber it needs, importing much from Finland, Sweden and Norway.

Postmasters Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The senate today confirmed these Oregon postmasters: Marcus A. Hill, Bay City; Henry LeRoy Straley, Brownsville; Myrtle L. Elliott, Canyonville; Isaac R. Howard, Junction City; Harry E. Mahoney, Oakland; Pearl A. Lawson, Riddle, and George W. T. Doty, West Linn.

She's the Prettiest



Inez Munos, 22 months old, holds a doll almost as big as herself which was awarded her for winning the baby beauty contest of the Educational Alliance in New York. The little beauty with the puckered up face wouldn't say whether she is considering a Hollywood career.

Roosevelt Okehs Postmaster Act

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill to include 44,000 postmasters under the civil service retirement system.

Another provision entitles an employee, if he chooses, to reduce his own pension after retirement in order to provide a continuing payment to his widow in the event of his death. The employee also will be permitted to provide for a larger pension by increasing his contribution to the fund during active years.

Fruit, Vegetable Interests Protest

Eastern Oregonians Urge no Freight Rate Cut for Colorado Area

Protests were filed with State Utilities Commissioner Bean here Saturday by fruit and vegetable interests of eastern Oregon urging suspension of proposed freight rate reductions from the Colorado area, effective August 15.

Persons filing the protests contended that if the proposed railroad rate reductions were allowed, eastern Oregon producers should be included so that Oregon products may gain entrance into the southeastern and Mississippi valley markets in fair competition with the Colorado producer.

Frank T. Morgan, secretary of the Nyssa chamber of commerce, and George B. Aiken, mayor of Ontario, were among those filing protests.

Eastern Oregon ships annually 1000 carloads of potatoes, from 600 to 700 carloads of onions and at least 200 carloads of lettuce into the Mississippi valley area. Commissioner Bean said he was in sympathy with the eastern Oregon producers.

7 Die in Airship Tragedy in Spain

MADRID, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Civil guards in the town of Montroig reported today an airliner enroute from Toulouse, France, to Casablanca crashed in the Liaviera mountains in a heavy fog, killing seven persons aboard.

The plane was reported to have struck the highest peak of the mountains. The craft lost a wing, glided over the mountains and crashed.

Civil guards said papers found in wreckage of the tri-motored craft indicated it was a French plane. The names of the victims were not learned immediately.

La Hepburn Gets In Actors' Fight

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Katharine Hepburn, movie and stage star, entered the Theatrical union scrap revolving about Sophie Tucker today with a statement supporting the Associated Actors and Artists of America, an AFL affiliate.

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Mother Worried



Carol Lee Dermid

Missing for several days and believed to have been "kidnaped" by her father, Carol Lee Dermid, 16, is being sought by her mother, Mrs. W. A. Dermid of Wichita, Kan. Mrs. Dermid, who separated from her husband 13 years ago, told authorities she believes her husband had "kidnaped" the girl. The girl is believed to be on route to her father's home at San Gabriel, Cal., where she has lived with him at times.

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