

News Breaks
The Associated Press enabled The Statesman to be first in this area with printed word of the Second World War. Alert correspondents assure graphic continued coverage.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

British Planes Bomb German Warships; France "In Contact" With Her Enemies

Air, Land Force Is Striking

Double Flanking Move Aim to Miss Wall

Relieves Pressure on Pole Ally Strategy

PARIS, Sept. 4.—(AP)—(By Telephone to New York)—France struck with her land and air forces along the western front today in what military observers described as a double flanking movement to relieve pressure of the German armies in Poland. Two official communiques issued during the day indicated the "entire force" of the French army was making "progressive contacts" with the enemy along the western front.

At the same time, France's ally, Poland, was reported by military circles in Paris to have launched a most vigorous offensive against Germany on the eastern front.

France's military machine of 8,000,000 men was reported by military observers to be attacking from its Maginot line positions against both flanks of Germany's Siegfried line.

The air force was said by the same observers to have winged its way over Germany scouting fortified positions and communications lines.

Navy Seaman To Assigned Job

The navy was taking up positions, these experts said, in the western Mediterranean to guard strategic lines of communication of the French empire with North Africa, while the powerful allied British fleet moved into battle positions in the English channel and neighboring Atlantic waters.

A terse communique issued in mid-morning by the war ministry, left the impression that fighting was general all along the Rhine frontier, where the French Maginot line faces the German Siegfried fortifications or "west wall."

Although the exact nature of the military operations, several staff secret, well-informed private sources said, they believed the brunt of the French attack was delivered along the "Burgun" (Turn to page 2, column 4)

What to Do At Fair Today

- TUESDAY'S PROGRAM**
8:30 a. m.—4H demonstration begins.
9 a. m.—Judging of Jerseys, draft horses, sheep and swine.
10 a. m.—Wendland show opens.
11 a. m.—Concert Salem band.
1 p. m.—Orgatron concert, art building.
1:30 p. m.—Post time, pari-mutuel races.
2 p. m.—Music concert honoring state fair pioneers, art building.
4 p. m.—Concert by Salem musicians, art building.
5 p. m.—Orgatron concert.
7:30 p. m.—Life members' meetings.
8 p. m.—Night horse show, stadium.
8 p. m.—All-American Review, grandstand.
9:30 p. m.—Leon Molica's orchestra.

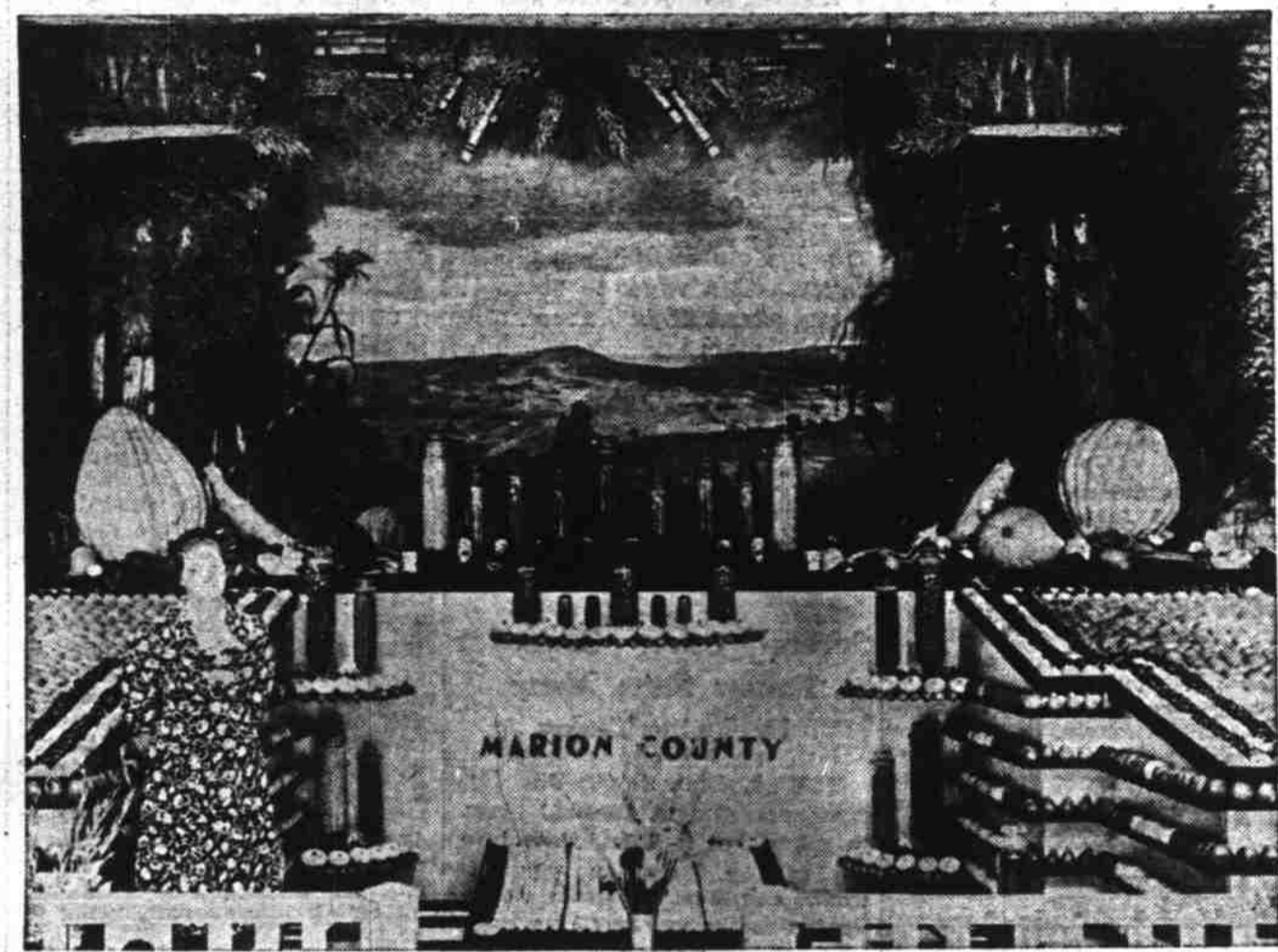
Dr. Buchman Arrives Here, MRA Head Hope Undimmed

Moral Rearmament may keep America out of war although it failed to prevent war in Europe. Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, leader of the world-wide MRA, declared on his arrival here last night for a visit with Senator and Mrs. Charles L. McNary today.

The peoples of Europe as well as their leaders are responsible for the present conflict, Dr. Buchman declared. The MRA leader and his party will present their message at a public reception at the McNary home, Fircone, north of Salem, on the River road, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting is open to all persons interested.

The visitors also have a booth on the mezzanine floor of the agricultural pavilion at the state fair at their disposal. Dr. Buchman was welcomed yesterday by Mayor W. W. Chas-

COUNTY BOOTH AT BIG FAIR



Marion county emptied its horn of plenty this week to provide attractive products of soil, shrub and tree in decorating the county's booth at the state fair. Banks of tomatoes, bordered with green peppers and peaches, formed major display of the booth, with prunes, nuts, grains, eggs, onions and squash providing the trimmings. Mrs. Roy Rice, in photo, is in charge.

78th Fair Is Launched As 29,000 Crowd Seen

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR.

Leo Spitzbart, who spends half the year worrying whether the Oregon state fair will be another "biggest and best" and the other half saying it will, is a man of his word. The fair has a good start toward being the biggest. A record crowd of 29,000 teemed over the fairgrounds, packed the grandstand until there wasn't even a squeezing room and filled the horse show stadium to capacity.

It was a crowd 2360 larger than the previous record of 26,640 set on opening day of 1937. The total gate from paid admissions was \$35,650.

Everybody had a fine time. No one was seriously hurt. No one was arrested.

Several people lost a little money at the races. Several people won a little money at the races. There was a "handle" of \$25,566 at the parimutuel windows for a new track record. It was \$2,762 more than the previous record of \$23,804 set on a Saturday in 1937.

An estimated crowd of 8000 watched the races. The night shows also drew heavily with 4,700 estimated for the horse show and an equal number for the All-American Revue with Eddie Peabody and Zoe Dell Yantis.

Meanwhile the real business of the fair, selecting champion cows and pigs and horses, took the eyes of people to whom a fair is something more than a holiday. Judging of livestock was slowed somewhat by the large number of exhibits.

The agricultural pavilion, with 13 counties exhibiting, was thronged throughout the day. Business was rushing on the Midway, despite the absence of games of chance.

The junior members of the fair exhibitors got away with a rush. The 4H club work program got through its important judging team contests and will open demonstration work at 9 o'clock this (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Hard-Riding California Posse Is Highlight of Evening Horse Show

The hard-riding sheriff's posse from San Francisco was the favorite event at the opening performance of the night horse show at the Oregon state fair last night. This group of men from the south displayed horsemanship in the good old western fashion, in contrast to the show-horse riding of the remainder of the performance.

First of the competitive events was jumpers, won by Highland's Leader, an entry from the Highland Hunt club. Second event was the three-gaited saddle class with Bourbon's Surprise, owned and ridden by young Miss Joann Jensen, winning first.

Wonder Man, owned by Brown Acres Farm, placed first in the fine harness class and Ross Arden Supreme, owned and ridden by Dr. Gilroy Ross, was judged best of the five-gaited horses.

Roadsters-to-bike, always an exciting event, was won by Dean Harvester, owned by Dr. James A. Bradley.

The final event, that of six-horse teams, was won by Norval Martin Farms and will be repeated each night of the show.

The Tennessee walking horses, the first time ever shown here, were novel with their two gaits, walking and cantering. These horses show remarkable speed in the easy riding walking gait, in which they can travel all day without fatigue.

Washington, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The navy department announced tonight it was putting six de-commissioned destroyers at the Philadelphia navy yard "in a state of immediate readiness."

Officials Launch Santiam Highway

SWEET HOME, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—The South Santiam highway, new east-west route through the Oregon Cascade mountains, was dedicated today.

Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the highway commission, made the dedicatory speech for Gov. Charles A. Sprague. About 500 were present.

At the same time R. W. Tripp, Albany road booster, was elected president of the South Santiam Highway association; Joe Booth, Lebanon, vice-president, and Ted Musgrave, Sweet Home, secretary-treasurer.

Japanese-Russian Pact Possibilities Renewed

MOSCOW, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The possibility of fresh negotiations to end the Japanese-Russian "undeclared war" along the outer Mongolian-Manchoukuo frontier was seen today as the Japanese ambassador and Foreign Commissioner Vyacheslav Molotov conferred.

An official statement was lacking. The fighting started May 11,

Poles Pressed Back, Germans' Messages Say

England and France to Make First Moves on West, Say

Nazis Report Capture of Kadowice; Poles Affirm Report

LONDON, Sept. 5.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Exchange Telegraph (British News Agency) reported from Zurich, Switzerland today a violent explosion had occurred in a factory at Friedrichshafen this morning. (Friedrichshafen is the site of the German Zeppelin Works).

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—(AP)—While Polish troops were reported retreating on all fronts, officials said tonight that Germany would not take the initiative against France and Great Britain.

"We shall not fire the first shots," they said, "but we shall reply if they start." Earlier an army communique issued shortly before noon (6 a. m., EST) recounting activities of the preceding 24 hours on the Polish front concluded: "There was no fighting hitherto in the west."

(This dispatch was sent from Berlin at 7 p. m., or 1 p. m., EST. A French general staff communique issued in Paris three hours later announced that "on a t a c has been made on the front" with German forces.)

"The Germans asserted they had 'isolated' Polish forces in the northern corridor. Hitler At Front As 'First Soldier'"

Adolf Hitler was somewhere in the Polish area, serving as the "first soldier" of the reich, and in that area an official communique asserted there had been a spectacular series of successes for German army—including an advance to Kadowice in the southwest, only 25 miles from Krakow, the former capital of the Polish kingdom.

"Troops advancing from Silesia southward," said the communique, "are pushing ahead north of the high Tatra mountains and south of the industrial region, following the retreating foe to Krakow."

"East of Piest (Paszyna) a crossing of the Vistula river was forced. North of the industrial region our troops are following the retreating enemy along a line from Koniepol to Kaminak and across the Warthe river north-east of Wisln." The troops in their swift advance stand 20 kilometers (more than 12 miles) off Seracz.

WARSAW, Sept. 4.—(AP)—German forces in a combined land and air attack have captured the Polish corridor cities of Bydgoszcz and Grudzins in long and intensive fighting, a Polish general staff communique stated tonight.

The Polish cavalry, pride of Poland's army, was reported victorious in a slashing attack across the western border into Germany proper. The small Polish garrison in the Westerplatte, ammunition (Turn to page 2, column 8)

Ex-Salem Man Lost on Liner?



Willamette Grad Was on Athenia

Friends Here Fearing Fate of Traveler on Ill-Fated Ship

A 45-year-old Willamette university graduate, Gus Anderson, was a passenger on the ill-fated British liner Athenia. Anderson, who guides parties through Europe each year, had 17 persons in this year's party, according to the Associated Press. One member of the party, Doris Kent of Illinois, returned earlier on the British ship Georgic.

Russell Beardley of Salem, a nephew of Anderson, returned here Sunday after a trip on the Georgic.

Anderson's return home was postponed when he decided to attend the Nazi party congress at Nurnberg, Germany. The congress (Turn to page 2, column 2)

Parisians Spend 3 1/2 Hours Below In Fear of Raid

PARIS, Sept. 5.—(Tuesday) (AP)—French sirens sounded a shrill warning today, sending Parisians into cellars and dugouts for three hours and a half in expectation of a German air raid.

Before the alarm was lifted, people emerged into the streets, but police blew their whistles and chased them back again. The alarms were sounded at 3:35 a. m. and lifted at 7:05. Most people thought it was a false alarm, but the police action convinced them otherwise. The city's lights were extinguished when the alarm first sounded.

A bright moon was obscured soon by clouds. Everyone thought it was a turn in the weather, but military circles said it was artificial fog released by the anti-aircraft defense system.

When the people first smelled the fog they cried "it's gas" and hastily donned masks. Only a few knew the fog was artificial.

AS POLES RUSH TO BORDER



This picture, sent to London from Warsaw then flashed to New York by radio, shows Polish troops, with bayoneted rifles and carrying full field equipment, rushing with all possible speed to the German border to stem the attack. The photo was taken before actual fighting had begun, but soon afterwards German invaders, their movements covered by bombers from the air and artillery, in some points, from the sea, penetrated the frontier and engaged these Polish troops in sharp battles.

Kiel Canal Clash Is First of War; Batter Nazi Ships

Britannia Strikes on Sea as French Batter West Front; Some of Empire's Aviators Lost

Mauling of Nazi Battlewagons Is Seen as Reply to Torpedoing of Athenia, 1400 Aboard

LONDON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Great Britain countered the sinking of the passenger liner Athenia—which she charged to a German torpedo—by bombing two German battleships at the entrance to the Kiel canal in north Germany late today.

A ministry of information communique reported the German ships, off Wilhelmshafen and at Brunsbuttel in Schleswig-Holstein, were severely damaged. It added that the British royal air force units which carried out the operation suffered "some casualties" from aircraft attack and anti-aircraft gunfire.

It was the first report of actual fighting between British and German forces.

South Axis End Refuses to Turn

Indications Point Toward Italian Decision to Sit This One Out

ROME, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Italy, the axis partner of Germany, sat tight today amid mounting indications that she intended remaining neutral in the new European war.

Nevertheless, Virginio Gayda, editor of the highly authoritative Giornale D'Italia, wrote that it must not be supposed the country had any intention of being relegated to the background. "She will remain present and watching over the protection of all Italian interests," he said, "and to making sure that the course of events takes that direction capable of giving, and hurrying up, true peace with justice for Europe."

Another newspaper, Il Lavoro Fascista, taking a somewhat similar tone, said:

"The duel is gigantic and probably will be long drawn-out. But none can think of fighting it in the old-fashioned way with only two protagonists. Modern Europe has other protagonists, among them in the front row Italy, which has her own problems to solve and therefore will have her word to say when the time comes."

Four US Planes Down in Storm

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Four United States Army planes lost in a sudden storm over the Pacific ocean late this afternoon were still missing tonight despite a wide search by air and surface craft.

Official reports in San Jose said the planes were lost in a storm over Dulce Gulf near the extreme southern end of Osa peninsula during a flight of a squadron across Costa Rica toward Panama.

The four missing planes were part of a group of seven serving as a rear guard to a squadron of 17.

Three of the rear guard were able to dodge the sudden tropical storm that came up. They immediately set about on a search, and the United Fruit Steamship company was asked to join in the search for the missing aviators.

Canada Eyes Enemy Sortie, Crowds of Youths Enlisting

OTTAWA, Sept. 4.—(Canadian Press)—Federal and provincial air raid precautions committees are joined forces tonight against possible enemy attempts upon Canada as the dominion rushed war preparations and crowds of young men besieged recruiting offices.

A government spokesman disclosed cooperation of provinces most likely to be affected by an enemy attack from the air had been obtained and provincial committees now were in operation. The statement said the federal committee has been functioning for some months.

Cabinet sub-committees charged with various preparedness activities and the defense department worked silently but swiftly to complete a dominion-wide economic and military set-up.

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Reuter, British news agency, quoted a German dispatch saying five British bombers carrying out the operation were brought down by German anti-aircraft batteries. Leaders contributed earlier today by the royal air force over Germany, were entitled "an appeal to the German people" and urged "fight for your freedom—get rid of Hitler."

King George sent messages to the fleet, army and royal air force tonight praising their traditions and pointing out their grave responsibilities.

Prime Minister Chamberlain broadcast a series of messages to the Germans in their language asserting Britain had no quarrel with the German people but that the fight was against a "tyrannous regime which has betrayed not only its own people but the whole of western civilization."

Chamberlain tonight added two ministers to his cabinet. Lord MacMillan was named minister of information and Ronald Herbert Cross, parliamentary secretary to the board of trade and a whip in the Chamberlain government, was made minister of economic warfare.

As Britain's air force went into action her mighty fleet took up battle stations to enforce a blockade of Germany—one of England's greatest contributions to Germany's defeat in the last war.

Meanwhile the government continued its intense preparatory activities.

The new home secretary, Sir John Anderson, disclosed that a number of aliens had been rounded up.

King Addresses Two Ally Nations

King George addressed messages to both President Albert Lebrun of France and President Ignace Moscicki of Poland, expressing confidence they would win the war.

"We can both be confident" he told Lebrun "in the justice of our cause and convinced that our joint efforts and sacrifice will triumph as they triumphed (Turn to page 2, column 6)

War "Extra" Sets Record

The press run indicator on The Oregon Statesman's press Sunday morning showed 12,274 issues of the world war extra had been printed—a new record for the newspaper.

The extra, first in Salem, was off the presses at about 3:30 a. m. Regular subscribers were served first and an additional 2500 circulated in the city.

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However, recruiting was under way for the Canadian Active Service Force and the soundings of bugles, the throngs of young men, and the increasing number of khaki-clad soldiers in the streets gave Canada's capital city a warlike appearance.

Some units began recruiting yesterday, more followed suit today and others swing into line tomorrow. Officials estimate about 100,000 men are needed to bring the CASF to full strength.

The announcement of air raid precautions brought the only additional light on Canadian preparations since the government announced yesterday that "defense of Canada regulations" are in operation (Turn to page 2, column 6)