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Poles Hold Warsaw; "Tommies" in France

Portland Day Due At Fair

Rosaria Royalty, Officials Will Take Over

Blue Skies Draw 17,350 Persons to Salem Day

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR. ... Rosaria, or Portland by any other name, takes over the fairgrounds today as Oregon's state fair enters its fourth day still ahead of last year's attendance records despite a slight decrease Tuesday and Wednesday.

Blue skies greeted Salem day crowds yesterday, and paid attendance was 17,350, only 111 below last year's figure of 17,461. Total attendance was slightly over the 1938 total. The night horse show, as is usual on Salem day, was jammed to the boards, but there were plenty of open spaces in the grandstand for the races.

Bettors placed that \$13,054 through the pari-mutuel wickets in comparison to \$17,948 on Salem day last year. Queen Jean Hoover and her court from the Portland Rose festival, Mayor Joseph K. Carson and the Portland police drum and bugle corps will lead the Portlanders to the fair today.

Queen Jean will appear at the night horse show, which she will open by driving her white car into the silver bowl. She will be escorted to her position in the governor's box by the Cherrians. "Portland Finest" To Blare Music.

The musical organization of "Portland's finest" is scheduled to perform at the race track at 3 o'clock. Judging of livestock will be concluded today and the 4-H club work will prepare to swing into its big day, Friday, when most of the major championships are announced.

Salem day race fans saw Jockey Howard Conley boot Autumn Color home for his third straight win in the Governor's Plate. Governor Sprague awarded the trophy to Conley and Mrs. Sprague put the winner's wreath over the heaving shoulders of Autumn Color.

S. E. Hall of Troutdale was re-elected president of the Pure Bred Livestock association as that body held its annual meeting and commended the fair management on improvements. Floyd Fox of Silverton was elected vice president and R. W. Hog of Salem, secretary-treasurer.

J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture, told the livestock men that the aim of the fair management was for better but not necessarily bigger fairs. He said the trend would now be to reduce class lists by bolting them down to include only the better grade of animals.

Competitors in the 4-H club health contest for boys and girls took their physical examinations yesterday and results will be announced today. Champions selected yesterday: Holstein cattle—Senior and grand champion bull, Glen Island, Forest Grove; junior champion bull, Hall and Bentner, Crosswell; senior and grand champion female, Chewama Indian school; junior champion female, and reserve champion bull, John A. Lindow and sons, Portland; reserve champion female, Albert J. Evers, Forest Grove.

Fat lambs—Champion fat lamb, Hubbard & Son, Corvallis; champion pen of fat lambs, Claude Stensloff, Salem. Belgian horses—All champions to Dr. Roy V. Marledge of Billings, Mont. English Shire horses—Senior champion mare, E. S. Kennell, Albany; all other, Hayes Labish Farms, Brooks. Jerseys—All championships to Oregon State herd (composed of Oregon jerseys chosen to represent). (Turn to page 2, column 1)

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GOVERNOR'S RACE WINNER REWARDED



Jockey Howard Conley pushed Autumn Color home in the annual Governor's Plate race at Lone Oak track on the state fairgrounds yesterday for his third straight win and received as his reward the event's prized trophy blanket, presented on behalf of Governor Charles A. Sprague by Mrs. Sprague.

British Check Aerial Armada

First Major Raid on Isles Is Stymied off the Coast

LONDON, Sept. 6.—(AP)—German warplanes attempted their first major foray of the new European war on the British isles today but the government declared they were driven off by pursuit planes and anti-aircraft fire.

The information ministry declared the Germans did not "penetrate our defenses at any point." London civilians, scurrying for shelter at an hour when buses, surface cars and subways were filled with those bound for work, saw nothing but puffs of smoke from "archies"—anti-aircraft guns—and British pursuit planes streaking overhead.

The German planes, on a reconnaissance flight, were said to have been turned back before they reached England. The ministry statement said this accounted for rumors of a heavy aerial engagement.

The populace took it calmly. Passengers in surface transportation vehicles merely climbed out and sought shelter. In some instances air wardens had a hard time keeping their charges under cover. Curiously led many to venture out and scan the sky. They saw no enemy planes, and apparently no bombs dropped.

A British apology was delivered to the Danish government for a "most unfortunate accident" in which bombs may have been dropped from a British bomber on the town of Esbjerg Monday. At least two persons were killed.

Northwest Guard Efficiency Topic

PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The efficiency and rapidity with which Pacific northwest national guard units could be mobilized were discussed here yesterday and today by general staff officers of five states. Colonel A. W. Morris, division chief of staff, said the conference "would have been held even if no war had occurred in Europe."

Present were Major General George A. White, commanding general of the division, McMorris, and the adjutant-generals of the states in the division area—Maurice Thompson, Washington; R. L. Esmay, Wyoming; M. G. McConnell, Idaho; and John W. Mahan, Montana.

What's Doing At the Fair For Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4H hog showmanship contest. 9 a.m.—Judging livestock enters final day. 10 a.m.—Wonderland show opens for hourly programs. 11 a.m.—Band concert at main gates, Salem municipal band. 1 p.m.—Electric organ concert, art building, also at 5 p.m. 1:30 p.m.—Post time for races. Portland police drum and bugle corps to appear at races at 3 p.m. 2 p.m.—Federation of Music clubs concert, art building. 2:30 p.m.—4H beef cattle showmanship contest. 4 p.m.—Willamette university string ensemble, art building. 7 p.m.—4H club agents and local breeders conference. 8 p.m.—All American revue, grandstand, featuring Eddie Peabody. 8 p.m.—Horse show, silver bowl. 9:30 p.m.—Free dance above poultry pavilion.

Bosnia Survivors Tell of Torpedo

LISBON, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Thirty-two members and one passenger from the Cunard steamer *Bosnia* who were landed here tonight said the vessel was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine. One man, a fireman, was killed. Captain Walter H. Poole, his crew and passenger Samuel Norman Anglin of Gibraltar declined to say when or where the boat went down. They were rescued by the Norwegian freighter *Eidanger* a short time after the *Bosnia* sank.

The crew, cheerful although some were without coats and barefooted, described the submarine commander as a "white man" who gave them a chance to take to lifeboats on the condition that they take nothing with them.

The crew and passenger received clothing and some cash and then embarked on the liner *Highland* for an English port. In foreign circles, however, a new conference plan put forth by Mussolini was expected to run into the British-French objections which wrecked his proposals at the eve of hostilities. These objections were that Germany must withdraw her armies from Polish soil and break off hostile activities. Some Italian quarters thought Hitler might soon be willing to negotiate with Britain and France, since his occupation of a large part of Poland is accomplished.

War Main Topic At Church Meet

BAKER, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The annual Idaho Methodist church conference opened here last night with the European war the central theme. An address of welcome by Mayor J. C. Sturgill brought a response from Bishop Wallace E. Brown of the Portland area on the war.

Duce May Ask For Armistice

Mussolini Eyes Plan for Conference of Warring Powers

ROME, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Private Italian sources said tonight Premier Mussolini was about to renew his proposal for a conference of powers with a suggestion for an armistice in the German-Polish-British-French war until a conference could take place. Official confirmation of this report was lacking, but one high-placed fascist said he thought it "most logical" and that Italy's neutrality was meant to leave Mussolini free to act as mediator if possible.

Private sources made known their belief after Sir Percy Loraine, British ambassador to Rome, had held a conference with Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano. Informed sources believed Sir Percy sought some indication of Italy's attitude toward the European war. But what Count Ciano told Sir Percy regarding the possibility of Italy's entry into the struggle or her continued neutrality was not disclosed.

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Accept Mediation In Wharf Dispute

US Maritime Board Will Eye new Contract, Parties Agree. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Waterfront employers and the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union today accepted with reservations an offer of the US maritime board to mediate the controversy over a new waterfront contract to replace the present pact expiring Sept. 30. F. F. Poile, president of the Waterfront Employers' association of the Pacific coast, telegraphed Robert W. Bruere, maritime labor board chairman, that his organization was willing to have the board act as mediator providing matters not settled in this manner and by negotiation should be arranged.

Molalla Boy Dies In Hop Avalanche

MOLALLA, Ore., Sept. 6.—(AP)—Searchers tonight found the body of 4-year-old William Lucht, Jr., under five feet of hops in a dryer on his father's farm south of here. The boy disappeared about 3 p.m. The victim apparently had tumbled through the hopper, 20 feet below the top, and the hops had shifted on top of him and smothered him.

Polish Town After German Bombardment

Radiophote shows effect of high-explosive German air bombs, "somewhere in Poland" in this graphic picture flashed by radio to New York. Polish dead and injured in air raids ran into the thousands, according to Polish news sources.

French Seize Advance Post, Siegfried Line

"Pill-boxes" Taken at Swiss-German Line by Vet Troops

Main Southern Front Action now to Be Against Forts

BASEL, Switzerland, (Near French, German and Swiss frontier), Sept. 6.—(AP)—First line pill boxes of Germany's formidable Siegfried line were seized tonight by veteran troops from the French Magnot line.

One of the first German advance posts which fell, it was reported in Basel, was a long fort opposite Saargemines, a French town opposite the Saar. It was said the fort was taken after very little fighting when French troops occupied the wooded hills on both sides of the frontier road. The Germans were said to have retired with little resistance from advance posts to the main Siegfried forts, five and ten kilometers behind the border. (A kilometer is about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile.)

Foreign military observers, watching the action from Switzerland, viewed the action as a mere restriction of the wide no-man's-land between the Magnot and Siegfried lines during peacetime. It was noted that the only French troops employed were the veteran khaki-clad fortress troops and a few conscripts and mobilized units.

The observers believed it would be a week at least before the French would complete their first careful advance through the pill-box outposts and launch a drive against the Siegfried line's main forts. German aviators along the Wesny indicated that Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, commander-in-chief of the Nazi air force, was withholding his strength for use on French concentration centers and communication lines when France launches a drive against the Siegfried main line.

The French move into German territory was considered a tremendous stimulus and a real high French morale. Many French Poles along the Rhine commented, "It is excellent that for once in French history the fighting is on German soil."

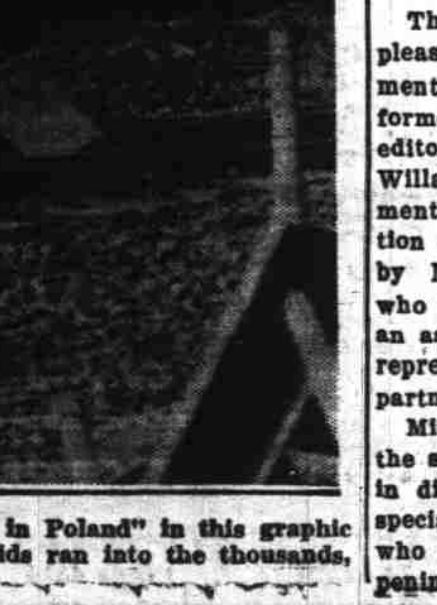
Heavy Tuna Runs Sighted Offshore

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Tillamook county's first shipment of Albacore tuna—4000 pounds consigned to the Franco Italian Packing company—was sent today to Terminal Island, Calif., by C. Harold Jones. Jones said he planned to continue daily carload shipments as long as the heavy tuna run continued off Tillamook bay.

Miss Chapman Named as Valley Editor For Statesman; Promises Full Coverage

The Oregon Statesman today is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Beulah Chapman, former Eugene young woman, as editor of its extensive central Willamette valley news department. She succeeds to the position capably filled for eight years by Miss C. Genevieve Morgan, who resigned last June to accept an assignment as public relations representative for the state department of agriculture.

Miss Chapman will carry on the service given by Miss Morgan in directing the activities of the special Statesman correspondents who each week report the happenings of interest in more than 80 communities in the central valley. She also will edit and expand The Statesman market news page. "I am intensely interested in the home, social and business life of these many communities and hope to help The Statesman continue to print all of the news there is to print about them," Miss Chapman said yesterday. "And these communities, I feel, may well be proud of The Statesman correspondents who serve them."



BEULAH CHAPMAN

Capital's Defenders Stiffen At Line 30 Miles Northwest; Vow Fight for City to Last

British Troops Join Attempt On West Wall

First Mention Made by French of Meeting Nazi Resistance

Battle Is Joined on Sweeping 100-Mile Northern Front

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(Thursday)—(AP) British troops have landed in France to aid the French army which is now in Germany fighting to crack deeper the German Siegfried line.

Details of the landing of the British Tommies were not disclosed, nor were the numbers involved, but government sources declared the British army would be able to give "stronger" support to French land forces than it did in 1914.

A terse French communique last night declared the huge French military machine was swinging its northern wing deeper into German territory in the face of growing resistance.

A battle developing along the 100-mile front between the Rhine and Moselle rivers on the extreme northern flank spread slowly across the rough countryside southeast of the Ardennes mountains.

Newly mobilized French reinforcements were moving up toward the frontier behind the line of attacking troops. From bases far behind the lines French and British planes roared out in coordinated attack against the Saar mining area and industrial towns to the north which form one of the main sources of war supplies for German divisions operating in the Moselle valley.

The sixth communique issued by the general staff contained the first mention of German resistance. All along the front French advance units were feeling out German field organizations which were supported by a tactical arms, the communique said.

It was obvious from the rough terrain that these units, armed with automatic cannon and machine-guns, were directing a cross-fire at valleys and creek crossings along which the French would have to advance. The evening communique, the second of the day to announce successes on the western front, said the "first elements" of the French offensive wave were "progressing beyond the (German) frontier with the advance variable according to different parts of the front."

(The terms of the communique, especially the reference to "different parts of the front," made it appear that this was the broadest action yet seen on the western front in the new war.)

Call to Congress Seen Within Week

President Reported Ready for Neutrality Action Early as Sept. 15

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The New York Times says official sources in close touch with Washington have disclosed that President Roosevelt may call Congress into special session as early as September 15 to act upon revision of the neutrality act of 1937.

"Within the past ten days the president has discussed the calling of a special session with some of his close friends in New York," says the newspaper.

"In these conversations he has revealed that he considers the abandonment of neutrality restrictions an extremely delicate subject, in view of the widely held belief that the sale of arms abroad would draw this country into war."

"At the same time he is said to believe that Americans generally will realize soon that the conflict is not as remote as it might appear, and that they have a direct and tangible stake in the outcome. Once the latter idea crystallizes the president was reported ready to call the special session."

"From the current trend of events it is believed that Americans generally would soon be brought to believe that they can not remain entirely aloof from the war in Europe. The submarine attack on the steamship *Athena* was cited as one important event demonstrating this country's concern with war. The opinion was advanced that similar incidents would quickly bring America's reactions to the boiling point."

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Polish Communique Says Situation Is More Favorable; no Mention of Loss of Historic Krakow

WARSAW, Sept. 6.—(AP)—(12:10 p. m., 6:10 a. m. EST Wednesday)—A battle for Warsaw raged 30 miles north of here today, couriers reported, with the "Poles fighting like lions" and holding back the invaders despite repeated tank-led thrusts.

The Poles were described as holding the invaders on a line between Pultusk, 30 miles directly north of Warsaw, and Pionsk, 35 miles northwest of this city.

It was announced that the Poles had lost Pultusk once in the battle and then retaken it; Pultusk is about 25 miles southeast of Ciechanow, where the right wing of the last-ditch defenders formerly was pivoted.

German planes raided the north section of Warsaw just before noon, and an official radio announcement said six planes were shot down.

More than a dozen extremely strong explosions were heard from the direction of the railway bridge across the Vistula and the east station which was bombed two days ago. One train waiting to carry refugees toward Wilno, in northeast Poland, and Riga, Latvia, was last reported at the station.

A ranking staff officer, slightly wounded, who returned briefly from the scene of battle, said the Polish forces were defending themselves stoutly, holding their lines and doggedly beating off German thrust after thrust.

With heavy tanks as a vanguard, the officer said, the Germans succeeded in piercing the Polish line in several places, but the Poles successfully outflanked the penetrating columns and captured and destroyed many of the tanks.

Defeat at Gates of Capital Planned. Defenders of the city were preparing for a desperate defense at the very gates of the city if the battle at Pultusk eventually went against them.

(Budapest reported the Polish radio had interrupted a musical program to appeal to all Warsaw citizens to report to the nearest police station armed with spades to dig trenches around the capital.)

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"Salem Day" Throng Views Third Nightly Horse Show

By MAXINE BUREN. The stadium at the state fair grounds was again filled to capacity as the third horse show opened last night.

The initial event, the jumpers, was won by Ne Touche, ridden by Helen Bacon and owned by the Portland Riding academy.

The second contest for junior fine harness horses was won by Gorgeous Girl, driven by Tom Metcalf for the L. R. Banks stables of Portland.

Best of the novice five-gaited saddle horses was Wonder Man, from the Brown Acres farm of

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