

Football Finals

Look first to The Statesman for first accounts of the games and scores during the big 1939 gridiron wars now resuming over the country.

The Weather

Generally cloudy and cooler today and Wednesday; rising humidity; northerly wind off coast. Max. Temp. 85, Min. 49. River 9.9 ft. North wind.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Russia Clamps Bars on Rumania Frontier

California Has 43 Storm Deaths

Million-Dollar Property Loss Taken From Pounding Rain and Wind in Stormy Southern State

Many Drowned as Ocean Craft Wrecked; 14 Boats Are Unreported; Disaster Follows Heat

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—(AP)—At least 43 persons were believed tonight to have perished in a violent wind and rain storm which struck southern California late yesterday and caused damage that may exceed \$1,000,000.

Dozens of other persons were aboard 14 pleasure boats reported missing along the coast.

The storm wrecked, sank or beached more than a score of boats, created flood conditions in many localities, including mountain resort areas, put 35,900 telephones out of commission in Los Angeles and nearby towns, seriously disrupted rail and highway traffic and cut off power service.

A 30-mile gale swept the Los Angeles harbor area tonight. More rain for the next 36 hours was forecast.

Thirty homes were damaged and eight destroyed on Alamitos peninsula near Long Beach, causing damage estimated at \$100,000.

Portions of Whittier, Artesia, Downey, Montebello, Burbank, Pasadena and San Fernando valley were without lights or telephones.

Damage of \$100,000 resulted from pounding waves at the Los Angeles Yacht club's cove at Fish Harbor. Five racing sloops sank and others were battered.

Hundreds saved From Periled Boats

Some 200 persons were rescued last night and today from wrecked and disabled pleasure boats and fishing craft.

The casualty list includes: Eight persons drowned overboard from boats and in rip tides and their bodies recovered.

Twenty-three persons believed drowned overboard the fishing boat Spry, from which the body of a 24th victim was recovered and included in the known death list of eight.

Ten other persons believed drowned in the wrecked sloop Conchita and yacht Nino-O.

Wreckage of what apparently had been an 80-foot yacht was found in the surf today near Huntington Beach, Orange county. No craft of that size was listed among those reported missing.

Two unidentified bodies were washed ashore in the Los Angeles Long Beach harbor area. One was that of a woman about 30 and the other of a man about 40.

No Definite Idea Of Death Total

Swamped with rescue work, coast guard officials said they had no definite idea of how many boats might actually be missing.

The storm created near-flood conditions in some parts of Los Angeles with 5.41 inches of rain in less than 24 hours preceding today noon. This is the heaviest September rain in Los Angeles' weather history.

The rain broke up the worst heat wave here in weather bureau records, as measured by its intensity and eight-day duration.

Most of the storm victims were aboard the sport fishing boat Spry which sank off Point Mugu near Oxnard, 70 miles northwest of here.

23 Believed Dead On Capsized Boat

Twenty-three persons apparently were drowned when the Spry capsized last night within 500 feet of the pier. Two persons fought their way safely ashore.

A water taxi rescued 65 persons from the fishing barge Virginia, caught in the gale off Malibu beach.

The coast guard rescued 40 others aboard the live-bait boat Indiana after she had been reported missing all night.

The US destroyer Cassin took in tow the sport fishing cruiser Dispatch with 25 men aboard. The cruiser had been adrift for nearly two days in the storm.

More than 50 other persons were rescued from seven other disabled craft.

C. P. Holdren, assistant harbor master at Santa Monica, issued a warning that a new storm was expected that might be as bad or worse than yesterday's.

Highways, Highways

Telephone Services

High winds and rain put out of commission more than 26,000 telephones in the city of Los Angeles.

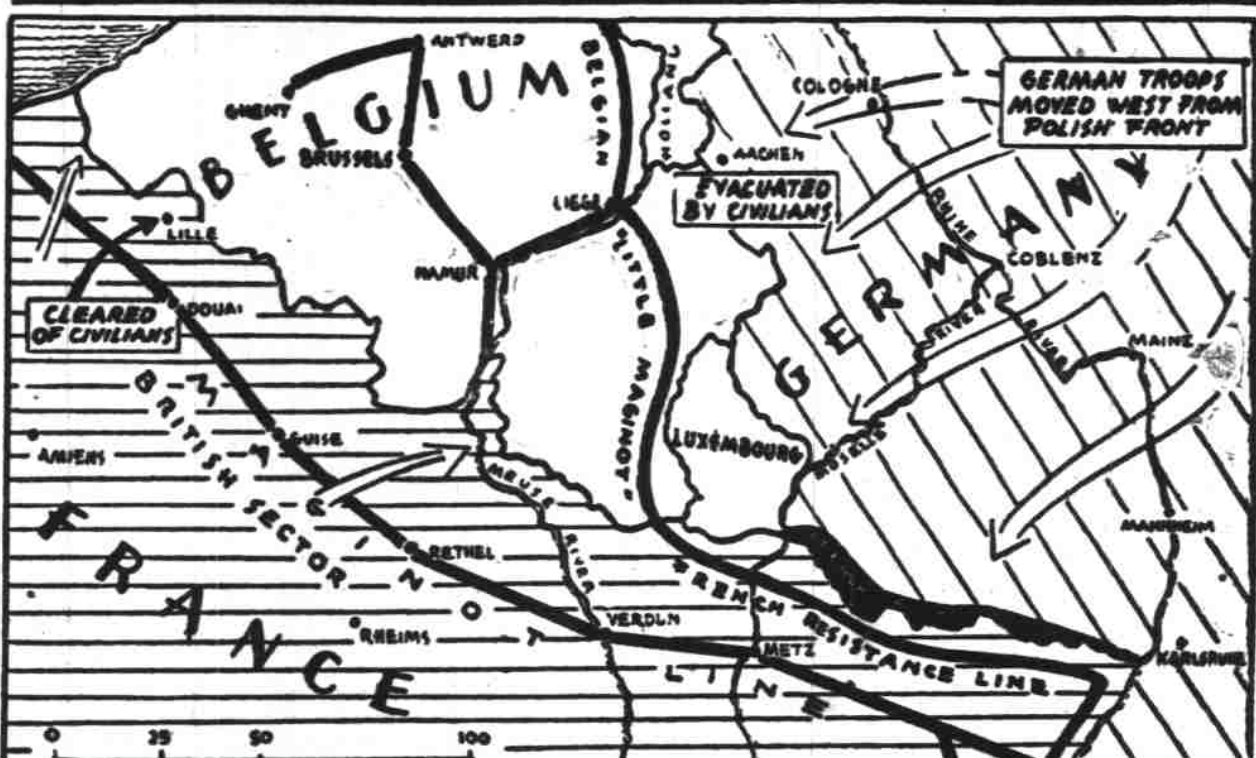
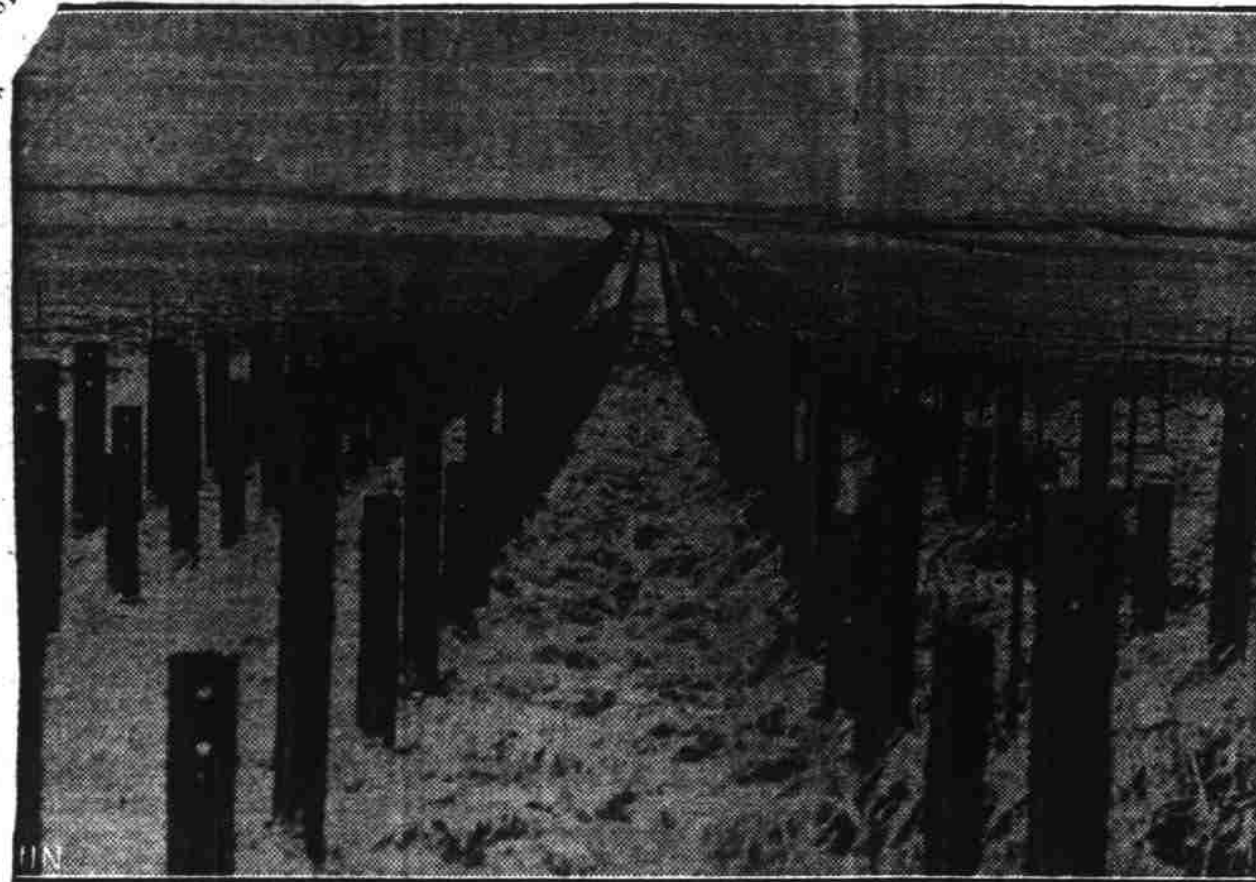
Heavy rains in southeastern California disrupted railroad and highway traffic.

The Santa Fe main line was washed out in several places between Needles and Kingman, Ariz., and service was suspended indefinitely. Two trains were marooned at Needles. Highway 66 was closed both ways from here.

More than 150 feet of Southern Pacific track was washed out in Coacahilla valley. Trains were delayed from two to four and one-half hours.

A 70 per cent loss of the date crop resulted from storm damage yesterday and heavy rains 10 days ago, said S. H. Winters, manager of the United Date Growers.

Belgium's "Little Maginot" Awaits Attack



Should the rumored German drive through Belgium toward northeast France occur, the invaders will meet the open country, dotted with isolated fortresses through which they swept in 1914. Spanning the little country from north to south is Belgium's version of France's Maginot line—a string of concrete and steel forts which connect with the Maginot line on the south and sweep up to the North sea. Top view shows part of Belgium's "asparagus bed"—and tank barricade. Map at bottom shows how Belgium's little fort system connects with the French fortifications. The "Little Maginot" is now fully manned, prepared for any eventuality. (IIN photo.)

Another Theatre Added for Salem

'Liberty' Showhouse, With 700 Capacity, to Open After Remodeling

A new motion picture theatre will be opened at 170-178 South Commercial street as soon as the building there can be remodeled for the purpose, it was announced Monday by E. H. Randall and B. R. Keller, newcomers to Salem who had just closed a long-term lease with the owner of the property, Mrs. Mary Wenderoth. The deal was handled by the W. H. Grabenhorst company.

Mr. Randall who recently sold a theatre in Condon which he had operated for 17 years, will move to Salem to make his home. Mr. Keller, active in the film distribution end of the motion picture industry for 20 years, principally in Portland, will also make his headquarters here.

The new show house will be known as the Liberty theatre and the policy, the proprietors said, will be that of offering the highest class of entertainment at a cost which will appeal to persons of moderate income.

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Medford Packing Plant Fire Loss Is \$40,000

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Huber packing plant near here tonight at a loss of approximately \$40,000, partially covered by insurance.

Parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. David Eastman, were away working in pear harvest at White Salmon, Wash.

The Eastmans came west this fall from Hortonville, Wis.

German Zeppelin Plant Is Raided by Allies' Airmen

ROMANSHORN, Switzerland, Sept. 25.—(AP)—One of Germany's principal airplane motor plants in the former seaport works at Friedrichshafen was reported today to have been raided by enemy planes.

Observers here on the Swiss shore of Lake Constance, five miles away, said they saw the raids last night.

The same observers said they believed the plant had been put out of commission by several direct hits from the planes, which were not identified. But the German border was closed and the report could not be confirmed.

(DNE, official German news agency, quoted the high command as saying French airplanes had been sighted and fired on over the area but the raiders had failed to bomb any object in Germany. The agency said the planes had been chased into Swiss territory.)

Nazis Explain Troops Massing Near Belgium

BERLIN, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Germans in informed quarters explained tonight that the massing of troops near the three-cornered border of Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium was a precaution against any French or British designs to find a "soft front" for a drive through neutral soil into the Reich.

These sources said it would be against Germany's interests to carry on military operations there because of its proximity to the Ruhr coal fields and lower Rhine industrial region.

With German military leaders devoting most of their attention to the western front, the opinion was expressed in circles close to the high command that "if the Reich is vulnerable anywhere, it is along the frontier facing neutrality."

Commenting on new reports in Britain that Germany was massing troops near The Netherlands and Belgium with the object of attacking from the north, DNE official news agency, said, DNE "The constant revival of this discussion must lead to the conclusion here that there is basis for suspicion that there is an intention on the part of Germany's opponents to violate Belgium and Holland neutrality for which they are now seeking a plausible excuse."

"Germany wants no extension of the war zone in the west and has emphasized she has no war aims against England or France," it was said in authoritative quarters.

"Certainly Germany would least want the battlefield along the Netherlands and Belgian frontiers because that is uncomfortably close to the Ruhr coal fields and to the highly developed lower Rhine industrial region," these quarters said.

"It may be true that the neutrality of Belgium and The Netherlands is endangered, but not from the German side."

DNE quoted the high command this evening that French airplanes had been sighted and fired upon over Lake Constance, near the Friedrichshafen seaport base.

The German report said the planes failed to drop bombs and were chased off over Swiss territory. The high command earlier refused to comment on foreign reports of a raid in the Friedrichshafen area.

Tack Lifted From Lung

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(AP)—A carpet tack was removed from the right lung of William Gerow, 18-month-old Portland child, by St. Vincent hospital attendants disclosed today. The child has recovered fully.

French Planes Defeat German Aerial Fleet As Guns Pound Forts

Admit two Tricolor Ships Downed in Great Battle; Entire Front Leaps Into Life as Poilus Drive Overland to Haardt Mts.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The French announced tonight they had defeated a German air fleet in two major air battles over the western front.

The battles were fought yesterday as a preliminary to the pounding of Germany's main Siegfried forts from one end of the western front to the other by big French guns which opened up today.

The French said "superior numbers" of German planes were defeated in two distinct fights.

The French admitted they lost two planes, but said they were certain the Germans lost a greater number despite their superior strength.

The pilots and machinegunners of two German planes shot down on French territory were captured.

The French pilot of one plane shot down by the Germans parachuted safely to his squadron headquarters.

French authorities said they were certain more than two German planes were shot down but they were able to report only those which fell behind the French lines.

German military advisers reaching Paris said the French lost eight planes.

Infantry Attacks As Planes Dogfight

While the planes fought overhead, the French started the drive which today carried them into the German Haardt mountains between Wissembourg and Pirmasens.

Waves of French infantry, aided by artillery fire, were said to be attacking toward the only main road through the mountains in one of the most difficult sectors of the entire northern flank of the front.

As the French infantry attack began on the northern flank, the (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Subs Add two Allied Victims

French, British Vessels Reached; Planes Get One of Raiders

LONDON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The twin problems of munitions and supply occupied Britain's government today as the Royal Air Force continued to pepper Germany with pamphlets, German submarines claimed two more victims and the nation continued its placid, almost humdrum prosecution of war.

Prime Minister Chamberlain and his ministers of supply and labor, Leslie Burgin and Ernest Brown, talked with Maj. Clement Attlee and Arthur Greenwood, labor party leaders at No. 10 Downing street. The interview was believed to be in preparation for tomorrow's first meeting of the council of ten, the group that will control munitions during wartime.

Subs Chalk up Two More Ship

Germany's submarine warfare yesterday accounted for two more allied ships and 11 British lives.

In each case the submarine was believed to have escaped.

A British freighter, the 4646-ton Hazelide was attacked and sunk off the Irish coast with a loss of 11 seamen, according to the government's report.

The information ministry said Royal Air Force patrols hurried to the rescue of the Hazelide while the U-boat was trying to submerge.

Without saying any hints were made the communiqué said the submarine "made a good target for bombs." It added nothing further.

Watchers on the shore got their first sight of the war at sea when the French Collier Phryne of 2660 tons was sunk just off the British coast. Coast guard boats rescued the crew of 24.

Hunting Partner's Pellet Kills Man

BAKER, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Charles Austin Morgan of Pondosa was fatally shot yesterday by his deer hunting companion, Albert Skaggs, also of Pondosa.

Skaggs fired at a deer and the deer moved, resulting in the bullet striking Morgan in the leg, it was reported. Morgan died a short time later from loss of blood and shock.

Sherman Bennett of Baker suffered a skull fracture when his automobile plunged over an embankment on Dixie Butte near Prairie City. He was on a deer hunting trip with his son-in-law, Jack Grove.

Friendly Bombers To Drop in Here

Flight of 15 big Planes From Hamilton Field Will Land Friday

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Sept. 25.—(AP)—The railroad center five miles north of Spokane, Wash., had better marshal sandbags and dig air raid cellars, for the seventh bombardment group is going to head up that way Friday morning on an official "expedition of destruction."

Lieut. Col. Ralph Royce gave a gentlemanly warning today that the 15 bombers would be dispatched for the railway terminal objective as part of the United States army air corps war games.

It is to be a one-day raid, with bombers scheduled to arrive over the terminal at 3 p. m. Friday, and to make stops at Boise, Ida., Pendleton and Salem, Ore., before returning to their hangars here Friday night.

The management of the Salem airport had not been advised last night of the bombardment group's projected stop here, Mrs. Leo Arany, wife of the lessee of the field, said.

Aged Pedestrian Killed On South Santiam Road

SWEET HOME, Sept. 25.—(AP)—John W. Culbekson, 77, was struck and killed by an automobile yesterday while walking on the South Santiam highway near Cascadia.

Poisoner of Pets Declared at Work

Declaration that three dogs and two cats have been poisoned without provocation within the last four months, all within a half block in the vicinity of Division, North Commercial and D streets, was made Monday by Dr. W. C. Kantner, retired minister. One dog in the next block east met a similar fate, he added.

The most aggravated case was the most recent, involving a dog belonging to Dr. Kantner's daughter. This dog was poisoned in spite of the fact that a fence had been built around the home to make sure that the animal bothered no one.

Dr. Kantner said he appealed to the police but was told that nothing could be done about apprehending the poisoner.

Tuna Price War Raises to \$120

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 25.—(AP)—The price war between Oregon and California albacore tuna packers was intensified today as the Van Camp Sea Foods, Inc., of California boosted its price to fishermen to \$120 a ton.

The increase was the third in two days.

Oregon packers raised the price to \$117.50 yesterday after California packers upped the price from \$110 to \$115.

Estonian Coup Held Possible In Slavs' Act

Conversations Between Russia and Estonia Halted Suddenly

Turkish Delegation Is Welcomed by Soviet, Pact Rumored

MOSCOW, Sept. 26.—(Tuesday) (AP)—The entire frontier between Soviet Russia and Rumania and Russia's big Black sea port of Odessa were reported unofficially today to have been closed to travelers.

The frontier closing was regarded as the result of precautionary moves by both governments.

Russia's acquisition of Polish territory considerably increased her border with Rumania and for the first time gave her a frontier with Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, said to be uneasy.

Meanwhile, diplomatic circles said Russia might be making demands upon Estonia, a little Baltic neighbor whose territory was Russian-ruled before the World war—like Rumania's Bessarabia.

Foreign Minister Telesof Moscow.

Estonia's foreign minister rushed home yesterday, abruptly ending his stay in Moscow after less than 15 hours. It was reported reliably his hurried trip concerned urgent business.

Secrecy shrouded the sudden cessation of conversations between Karl Selzer, the Estonian minister, and high Soviet officials, however.

At the same time a number of Russian officials welcomed a diplomatic mission from Turkey amid a great display of Soviet and Turkish flags.

The Turkish delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Sukra Saracoglu, was on an important diplomatic and trade talks.

The welcoming was headed by Valdimir Potemkin, vice commissar for foreign affairs.

Envoys of five Black sea and Balkan states were at the station to greet the visitors. They were the ministers of Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Persia and Afghanistan.

(A Black sea pact has been reported numerous times in recent months as among Russia's objectives.)

It was said in diplomatic circles that Russia has a tremendous bargaining advantage over Turkey now that Germany and Britain, her chief rivals for Turkish trade, are at war.

Trade With Turkey Believed Aim

Foreign circles said they expected Russia would seek a guarantee from Turkey to close the Dardanelles to an alliance opposed to Russian interests in return for possible Soviet guarantees against any German attack on Turkey.

Diplomats were keenly interested in the sudden departure of the Estonian foreign minister. It was learned reliably that he had been called from a ballet performance to a midnight conference with Russian officials last night.

It was understood that after the conference he left Moscow's leading hotel, the Metropol, where he was welcomed last night by a display of Estonian flags, and spent the remainder of the night at the Estonian legation.

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