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**Weather**  
Showers today, cloudy Thursday; slightly colder. Max. temp. Tues. 64, min. 53. River -3.4 ft. South-west wind.

## California Defeats 'Ham and Eggs' Plan

### FR Intervenes In Transfer of US Steamships

#### Roosevelt Discloses He Asked Commission to Delay Action

#### President Indicates He Desires to Study Change Effects

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt intervened and postponed a showdown today in the conflict boiling within his official family and in congress over the United States Lines' proposal to place eight of its ships under the flag of Panama so they could fly European waters closed to American vessels by the neutrality act.

Although contending that there could be no international episode involving Americans if the ships were sunk while sailing under the Panamanian flag, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed at Hyde Park, N. Y., that he had telephoned the maritime commission and asked that action on the proposal be delayed.

He told reporters that the commission had approved the plan yesterday but that it had later called the shipping company owners and requested them to hold over anything for a while.

Mr. Roosevelt indicated he wanted time to study any effects the company's plan might have on national defense, as well as the influence of ship transfers on maritime competition.

The president argued that neutrality did not enter the case. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

### In One Ear.

—Paul Hauser's Column

We ate an apple today and it set us to wondering about one thing and another, especially about it being apple week and how a Delicious apple is the most delicious apple and a bit of a carrot.

We were wondering if there was any truth in that about an apple a day keeping the doctor away, but six doctors came right up to us while we were eating apples.

Then (and here we get down to the core) we got to thinking about the First Apple and how for the apple has come since those early days in Eden.

Nowadays even the American Medical association has an occasional good word to say for it.

That Original Apple hung on a bough in Eden and nobody paid any attention to it, not even to notice whether it was a Gravenstein or Stark's Delicious, until that Old Devil Serpent came along and plucked it.

That Old Devil Serpent gave Eve the apple and she took it and ate it. And that, gentlemen, is where the trouble started.

Before she ate that apple Eve was getting along fine. She was a good, innocent girl, although slightly nude. But as soon as she ate that apple she became conscious of her nakedness and began stripping the fig leaves, an action which greatly hampered fig production for that year.

Well, history has been passing by and water has been flowing under that little old bridge and, according to the latest statistics, the demand for fig leaves has been falling off at an alarming rate.

Maybe it's time for that Old Devil Serpent to pass the apples round again.

**HIGHER EDUCATION NOTE**  
The Williamette university drum majorettes, whose skirts have not suffered any short-sighted policy of encroachment, are considering rallying to the cause of their colleagues at the University of Nevada. They will, as a matter of fact, take steps.

**SO LONG, SU**  
Portland, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Acting Chinese Consul S. C. Su said today that he had been named consul for Portland and would arrive some time next week.

### Even 'Test Tube' Rabbit Likes Diet of Nice Fresh Raw Carrot



Here is the first "test tube" rabbit, produced by artificial activation of the ovum in a test tube, resting easily and undisturbed following her debut at the New York Academy of Medicine. The rabbit, a doe, is the first mammalian creature to be brought into the world as a result of a fatherless birth. The rabbit who gave her birth served only as the living incubator for an ovum taken from another species of rabbit.

### US Policy Hit by English and Polish Fight Nazi Plan

#### Three Newspapers Knock Program Toward Nippon

TOKYO, Nov. 8.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Three of Japan's biggest newspapers hammered American policy toward Japan today in a journalistic "coincidence" which led observers to believe they were officially inspired.

Indications were that projected conversations between Ambassador Joseph Grew and Foreign Minister Kichisaburo Nomura to clear up Japanese-American relations might begin in an explosive atmosphere.

Asahi declared the United States was preparing both economic and naval pressure against Japan. Nichi Nichi poked fun at the United States. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

### Gunfire Is Heard Over Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 8.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Heavy gunfire was heard early today in Amsterdam and at several other points as Netherlands anti-aircraft batteries attempted to bring down unidentified planes.

Firing first was reported at Schiphol airport south of Amsterdam, then on the western outskirts of the city and later northward in the direction of Haarlem.

This indicated the planes were flying in a northerly direction. The gunfire brought numerous residents to the streets in their night clothes, but no planes could be seen.

### Nazi Crew Is on Way to Fortress

BERGEN, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The 16 Germans who made up the prize crew aboard the American freighter City of Flint left here tonight for Oslo, en route to internment in the fortress at Kongvinger, near Sweden's border.

The foreign office at Oslo said Germany had been informed again that Norway's decision to free the City of Flint and hold the prize crew was irrevocable.

The freighter was given back to the American sailors last Saturday after she had wandered for 26 days from Tromsø, Norway, to Murmansk, Russia, and back to southern Norway. She was seized Oct. 9 in the North Atlantic by a German raider on the ground that her British-bound cargo included contraband.

### Final Budget Meeting Booked For Courthouse November 29

The proposed Marion county budget for 1940, revised last weekend by the county budget committee, if finally approved, will call for a total county tax burden of \$710,647.10, only \$187,787 over last year according to figures revealed yesterday by County Court Clerk Henry Mattson.

Members of the budget committee, when informed of the slight increase over last year, indicated that good possibility existed that it might be eliminated entirely at the final budget meeting, to be held in the courthouse on November 29. Such additional pruning would leave the tax figures at the same level as last year, despite an increase of \$15,000 in county welfare expenditures.

Total estimated expenditures for 1940 according to the temporary budget amount to \$1,072,347.10, to which must be added \$108,290 to account for estimated delinquencies, leaving a total of

### Wilhelmina and Leopold Offer Mediation Plan

#### Proffer Offices of Small Neutral Countries for Conference

#### Germany, Britain, France Are Sent Telegrams by Sovereigns

THE HAGUE, Nov. 7.—(AP)—King Leopold of the Belgians and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands offered tonight to help find a way to peace for three great warring empires before the conflict "begins with its full power."

The sudden proffer of the good offices of the tall, unsmiling king and devout queen, sovereigns of two small, perilously placed neutrals, was made in telegrams to the heads of Germany, Britain and France after hurried and secret conferences at Noordeinde palace.

Informed sources hinted strongly that King Leopold's night time dash by automobile to Noordeinde was prompted by information that Germany was about to gamble on an attack against France's Maginot line, which military experts have agreed would cost thousands of lives.

Queen told of conference just before arrival. These sources said Queen Wilhelmina was told of the impending consultations only three hours before Leopold reached The Hague last night.

The mediation offer was the second by the king and queen. Three days before Germany invaded Poland on Sept. 1 the sovereigns offered their offices to mediate the growing crisis in Europe. The offer was accepted by Poland, Britain, France and Germany but there were no further developments after the armistice. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

### US Gets Another Blast From Soviet

#### Dimitroff Hits American Neutrality Policy in Magazine

MOSCOW, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The United States came in for another Soviet blast today as Russia celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the communist revolution with a mighty display of military power in flag-bedecked Red Square.

George Dimitroff, secretary-general of the communist international, writing in the official magazine of the organization attacked American neutrality as "completely hypocritical."

He accused the United States of becoming the "arms factory for England and France" and added: "The American bourgeois actually is the main supplier of war materials to Japanese imperialism, thus kindling the war in the far east in order to weaken both Japan and China—then consolidate her own position in China."

ROME, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The authoritative fascist editor, Virginio Gayda, tonight charged soviet Russia with partial responsibility for the European war.

Writing in Il Giornale d'Italia, the editor who usually speaks government views, accused Russia of imperialism and of applying dangerous pressure in the Balkans. His editorial was an outspoken retort to the manifesto issued yesterday in Moscow by the communist international on the 22nd anniversary of the communist revolution.

### Portland Youth Named

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Thomas J. White, Portland, University of Oregon graduate, has been named chairman of the American Bar, Paul F. Hannah, national conference chairman, announced today.

Portland youth named for the completed budget. Subtraction of miscellaneous revenues from state and other sources, and an expendable surplus of \$97,500, leaves the figure of \$710,647.10 for total tax levy. Breakdown for particular funds, all of which participate in the general totals given, shows that the general fund, the county's largest, is estimated at \$256,501 for total requirements, including \$55,000 for estimated delinquencies. Deducting revenues and surplus, \$156,251 remains to be raised by tax levy.

Tax levy for roads and highways fund will equal \$36,300 according to the revised budget, with the bulk of the \$269,000 total requirement coming from state taxes. The market road improvement fund adds another \$97,500 to the levy. County school fund to be raised by school tax amounts to \$198,810.10, and an additional \$198,810 for library tax. Old age (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

### SAWS WHINE AT NEW INDEPENDENCE MILL



Independence has a sawmill, after many years without one. This photo was taken yesterday as the first unit of the new Cooper mill there was placed in full operation yesterday.

### Repeal of Act Weakens Bulwarks Against War

#### Representative Mott States That Sentiment of Congress, However, Should Overcome 'Any War-Provoking Incidents'

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER  
The United States' bulwarks against involvement in the war in Europe were weakened by repeal of the embargo act but sentiment in congress and out against war should overcome "any war-provoking incidents," Representative James W. Mott said last night on his return home from Washington and the recent special session.

An opponent of arms embargo repeal, Mott predicted congress' action would bring "incidents." He asserted the new cash and carry legislation and the repeal measure had put this country in the position of taking sides.

Should England and France become belligerent, Mott predicted, activities intensify next spring, a movement for repeal of the cash and carry law may be started in congress, Mott predicted, adding that the allies may not be able to pay cash for long.

But domestic problems—farm relief and labor relations, in particular—will occupy increasing attention when congress meets in regular session in January, in Mott's opinion.

The republican house minority already is moving toward drafting "an affirmative agricultural program," the congressman reported. He is a member of a committee appointed to that task and of subcommittees on reciprocal trade (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

### Britain, France to Coordinate Buying

#### English Embassy Tells of Plan to Eliminate Competition

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Great Britain and France will coordinate their war purchases in the United States, eliminating competition between them, the British embassy announced tonight.

It is estimated unofficially that the two allies are ready to place \$1,000,000,000 in war orders here in the near future.

The embassy also disclosed that the United Kingdom government had "decided to set up a central organization to be known as the British supply board in Canada and the United States, for the purpose of coordinating purchases in the two countries."

The embassy said with regard to coordination with France: "A later announcement will be made regarding the necessary arrangements to secure close coordination of British and French purchases in the United States."

The embassy thus disclosed a policy in direct contrast with the course followed by the two allies at the beginning of the World War. At that time they bid against each other for American war supplies and ran materials and consequently raw prices.

### Committee Given Morey Mud Plaintiff

Any motorist who's been stuck in the mud will sympathize with the plaintiff voiced to the city council Monday night by E. L. Morey, 267 South Church street.

Morey drove out to the city dump recently and his car sank to the axles in a mud hole.

When he asked city incinerator employes what to do to get out, they stood and laughed at him, he said. And they continued to laugh, he complained, while he put in "three hours of hard work" burned out the transmission bands on his car and used up two gallons of gasoline in extricating his auto from the city's mire.

The council referred the complaint to the incinerator committee.

### Every County Report Shows Pension Lags

#### Control of Oil Production Measure Also Badly Behind

#### Chiropractic Law Change Is Swamped by Voters

(By Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—The "Ham and Eggs" pension plan appeared decisively defeated tonight on a count of about one third of the ballots in the special California election and one of its leaders, Will H. Kindig, conceded it beat.

In 9046 out of 11,165 precincts the vote was 504,286 for and 1,008,282 against.

It lagged in every county reporting. Heavily populated Los Angeles county was turning in a ratio of about 1.8 to 1 against it. Governor Olson Comments

Opponent of Plan  
Governor Culbert L. Olson, opponent of the plan, said its failure "does not mean that California is against the further development of sound social security and reemployment measures that will provide adequately for decent old age retirement."

Also lagging badly was a proposal for state control of oil production, backed by President Roosevelt, former President Herbert Hoover, Secretary Ickes and the navy department.

Two measures to curb usury were given heavy majorities in the early count. Another designed to liberalize the law governing chiropractors apparently was being swamped.

Voting Marks Interest in Pension Plan  
Voting of near record-breaking percentages of that profession, aroused by the pension plan. Proponents reported spending nearly \$600,000 to boost the plan as potential economic salvation for thousands of elderly persons.

It would have paid pension war-torn veterans of \$10 a month every week until employed over 50. It provided for sweeping economic changes and revision of the state taxation system. Opponents denounced it as a threat of financial chaos and state bankruptcy and a potential avenue to economic dictatorship.

The oil control measure, which would have set up a commission to govern production, received 298,283 votes for and 471,737 against in 6725 precincts.

The chiropractic measure, which stirred up a controversy among practitioners of that profession, registered 204,602 yes and 453,448 no votes in 6321 precincts.

San Francisco reelected Angelo J. Rossi as mayor for a third four-year term over a field of seven, including Representative Frank R. Havener.

### Few Attend Soviet Embassy's Party

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Top-flight government officials and all but two of the congressmen and senators invited were absent tonight at the Soviet embassy's annual party celebrating the 1917 Russian revolution.

No cabinet members, few ambassadors, and no senators joined the throng of 800 guests who moved up the red carpeted embassy staircase past a painting of the revolution just transferred here from the New York world's fair.

Rep. John W. Boehne, Jr., (D-Ill) arrived early with A. Koch, a friend from his home town of Evanston, Ill. In a questioner only that he "was invited, accepted and came." Another representative present was Frank Buck (D-Cal), with Mrs. Buck. Most congressmen had gone home after adjournment, but Boehne and Buck had stayed for a tax committee meeting.

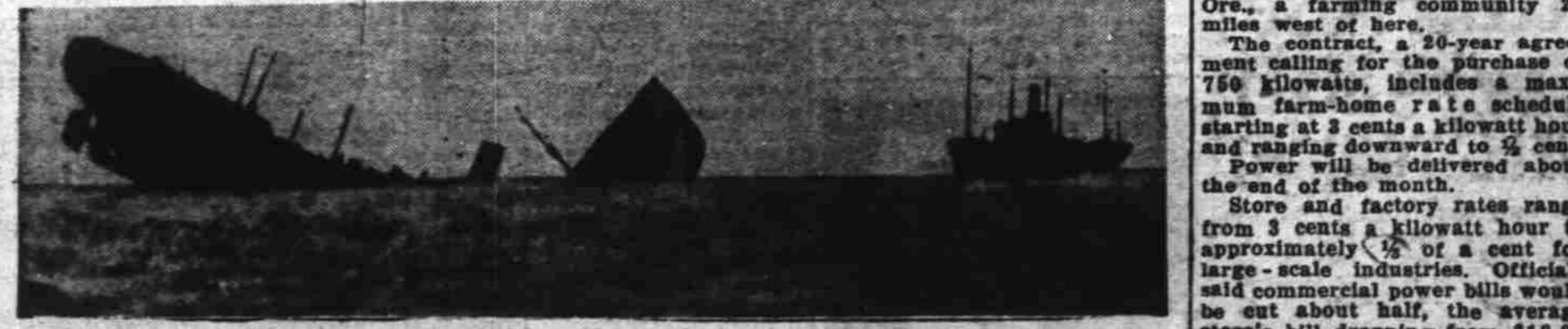
### Forest Grove Signs First Bonneville Power Contract

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7.—(AP)—The first Bonneville power contract providing fixed retail rates was signed today by Forest Grove, Ore., a farming community 35 miles west of here.

The contract, a 20-year agreement calling for the purchase of 750 kilowatts, includes a maximum farm-home rate schedule starting at 3 cents a kilowatt hour and ranging downward to 2 cent.

Power will be delivered about the end of the month. Store and factory rates range from 3 cents a kilowatt hour to approximately 1/2 of a cent for large-scale industries. Officials said commercial power bills would be cut about half, the average store's bill dropping from \$18.25 a month to \$9.

### BROKEN IN TWO, FREIGHTER GOES DOWN



Graphic photo above shows sinking of the British freighter Magdapor, broken in two after being smashed by a Nazi U-boat torpedo somewhere off the English coast. Photo was taken by a seaman in a fleeing lifeboat from the sinking ship. Note rescue vessel approaching in the background. Meanwhile, a Nazi pocket battleship was reported off the Caribbean in the western Atlantic seeking allied shipping from the Panama canal.