

On the Map
If your geography needs a little jogging, with Europe's war moving into Scandinavia, turn to Sunday's Statesman. You'll find a brand new map of the conflict scene.

Weather
Generally fair Saturday and Sunday, cooler Sunday. Maximum Temp. Friday, 61, Min., 44. West wind. River 8.5 ft.

NINETEENTH YEAR

Norse Seek to Encircle Oslo; British Bottle v Skagerrak

Nazi Warships Shoot Down 8 Enemy Planes

English Airmen Help to Maintain Blockade, Norway Coast

Last Four Nazi Vessels at Narvik Are Sunk, Says one Report

NEW YORK, April 12—(AP)—The British Broadcasting corporation reported tonight in a broadcast picked up by CBS that the Norwegians had opened a dam, cutting off Oslo's electric power and severing communications with Sweden.

LONDON, April 12—(Saturday)—The Exchange Telegraph, British news agency, in a Stockholm dispatch early today said heavy gunfire was heard last night off Goteborg, Sweden, where units of the British and German fleet are believed stationed.

STOCKHOLM, April 12—(AP)—Struggling against both time and the invader, Norway's fighting men tried tonight to complete an impenetrable ring of steel around Oslo, their German-conquered capital, where seven Nazi warships are reported bottled up. With their forces clinging to positions along Oslo fjord, narrow waterway leading to Oslo, the Norwegian defenders were disclosed tonight to be holding a semi-circle running from Moss, on the Oslo fjord, north to Elverum, thence east to Mysen, northward east of the River Glommen, and Lake Oseren to Romerike, thence southwest to Trondheim and Vikesund, which is about 30 miles due west of Oslo.

To back up the ring, fortifications were being thrown up in the valleys to the northwest. Elsewhere, the Norwegian government conceded that the Germans were in control of Kristiansand, on the south coast; Stavanger on the southeast coast; Bergen on the west coast, and Narvik, on the northern coast. Claim Last Four Destroyers Sunk

The Stockholm newspaper Dagbladet reported Norwegian officials here had received information to the effect that four German destroyers, the last Nazi warships remaining at Narvik, were sunk last night by Norwegian forces. There was no confirmation of this report from any source and no details.

The British earlier reported that one German destroyer was sunk and three others left in flames in a battle at Narvik, northern port, Wednesday. Military secrecy hid the situation at Trondheim, above Bergen. Fragmentary reports from that port said five German warships, including a pocket battleship, were observed offshore and that the British had concentrated a fierce naval and air attack there. Taking to the radio to advise his people of their precarious predicament, Premier Pehr Albin Hansson of Sweden tonight reaffirmed Sweden's determination to defend her neutrality at all costs and declared flatly that any demand by the warring powers to use her territory would be rejected. Hansson said no such demand had yet been received.

LONDON, April 12—(AP)—British corks the Skagerrak and Kattegat today with mines designed to cut the lifeline of Germany's expeditionary force in Norway and British planes pounded the cork tight despite withering fire from (Turn to Page 3, Col. 4)

Want to Vote? Only 3 More Days

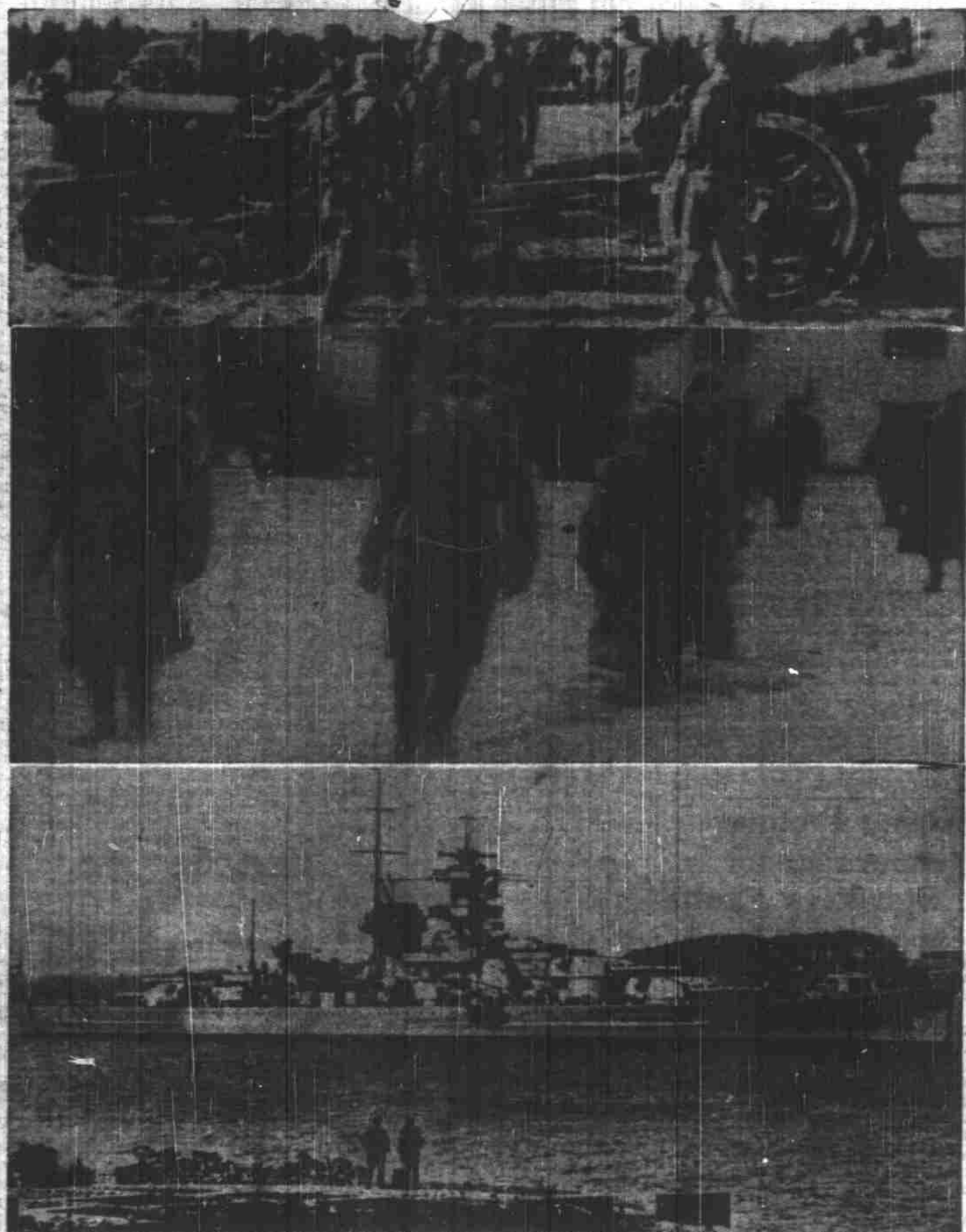
That's all the time you have to register for the May 17 primary election to nominate city, county, state and national candidates for office. If you don't vote then, you can't complain about the nominees.

Must you register to vote at this election? Yes, if—
Or, you have changed your residence address since the last election;
Or, you have newly established six-months residence in Oregon or will have by election day;
Or, you are a newly-naturalized citizen;

Or, you will have become 21 years of age by election day and have not yet registered;
Finally, if you are a woman and have changed your name by marriage since you voted in 1938.

Where can you register? At county clerk's office in your county, or with locally-designated registrars.
The clerk's office in Salem will remain open until 8 o'clock tonight.

GRIM WARFARE IN SCANDINAVIA DEPICTED



Upper picture, radiophoto of howitzer battery of Norway's small but efficient army being wheeled into coast defense position in Bergen vicinity. Middle picture, radiophoto of disarmed Danish officers advancing through Copenhagen streets under "protective custody" of Nazi soldiers. Below, German battleship Gneisenau whose destruction early in the Scandinavian conflict has been reported anew.—H.N. photos.

In One Ear

—Paul Hauser's Column

Cobwebs From a Musty Notebook—Here's a jolting in the future book that says today is the opening of fishing season, a fact which should stir us up considerable but doesn't produce much except that Sergeant Jack Cutler, mighty hunter, mighty fisher, says he isn't going to do any fishing until fall. Paul H. Hauser, Jr., a statement that is open to doubt. Hugh Morrow, the librarian, will try his first fresh water fishing, having been a salt water addict from Puget Sound way up to now.

Just to show that the opening of fishing season isn't the only notable occasion on the sphere today here's a scribble that April 13 is Hindu New Year in Ceylon, Chaitra Sankranti (Buddhism), and some carried rice and put some julden in it or I'll marrow you this minute) in Ceylon, Tamil New Year's Day in Madras (not Madras in Jefferson county) (Turn to Page 3, Col. 5)

British Seize German Mail For US; Greenland is Issue

LONDON, April 12—(AP)—British official sources disclosed tonight that a systematic search of American-bound mails on neutral ships has begun with removal of mails of German origin from the SS Manhattan.

The Manhattan is due in New York on Monday from Genoa, via Gibraltar. The mail was taken off at Gibraltar and those letters which are not confiscated will go forward on the next ship. Eastbound mail previously has been removed from American ships and some occasional German mail to the United States has fallen into British hands, but the British said a thorough search of westbound neutral ships for German mail now was under way. (Last Dec. 27 the United States protested sharply to Britain against seizure of American letter mail from United States ships. On Jan. 29 Britain flatly rejected the United States protest, declaring there was "clear evidence of

Nazis Are Balked In Treaty Effort

Hambro Stumbling Block; British Raid on Rail Station Charged

BERLIN, April 12—(AP)—Germany admitted tonight she was making little headway in her efforts to fashion a protected kingdom out of Norway through the existing Norwegian government. Authorized sources said the German government virtually had abandoned hope of being able to come to any agreement with Premier Johan Nygaardsvold's ministry for a "frictionless" administration under Germany's wing.

Two main developments marked the day in the air: 1. DNE, official German news agency, reported eight of Britain's most modern bombers were shot down by German fighters in an attempted raid on German bases on the Norwegian coast tonight.

2. Germans charged British planes bombed an unnamed railway station in eastern Schleswig-Holstein, in Germany south of the border with Denmark. Well informed Germans added grimly that England might expect reprisals if this is a "new British" (Turn to Page 3, Col. 4)

Queen Mary Loads Troops at Halifax Is Italian Report

ROME, April 12—(Saturday)—(AP)—A Stefani (Italian news agency) dispatch early today carried without indication of its origin, said the Queen Mary, great British liner, had arrived at Halifax from New York "to embark Canadian troops."

The \$1,235-ton Queen Mary, gray-camouflaged and minus her luxurious trappings, slipped out of New York harbor March 21, on a secret mission, believed ultimately to lead to service as a troop transport.

The \$25,000,000 liner, which in peace times caters to the blue ribbon transatlantic trade, left a day after the \$9,945-ton Mauretania departed from New York and headed south, through the Panama canal and across the Pacific, apparently to ferry troops between Australia and Europe.

Myrtle Jones Is Guilty; Jury out Fifteen Minutes

PENDLETON, Ore., April 12—(AP)—A federal jury tonight found Myrtle Jones guilty of participating in the Canby Union bank robbery of last November.

Her husband, William Jones, pleaded guilty to the robbery shortly after he was captured in an unsuccessful attempt to rob a bank at St. Paul, Ore. He implicated the wife in the Canby robbery.

The jury deliberated only 15 minutes. Federal Judge James A. Poe said both Jones and his wife would be sentenced on Tuesday, April 23.

German Invaders Use Finn Tactics

STOCKHOLM, April 12—(AP)—German invaders in Norway were reported today to be copying guerrilla tactics used effectively by the Finns against their Russian conquerors. Advice reaching Stockholm said the Nazis had divided their troops into small units of about 30 men each, equipped with automatic weapons, to stalk their Norwegian foes.

Water Storage Needs of City To Be Studied

Percy Copper to Survey, Advise Upon Location, of new Reservoir

High Level Tank Supply Deemed Inadequate; Solution Talked

The Salem water commission authorized a survey last night to determine necessity for increased storage facilities for its high level system and for recommendations as to location of a new high level tank or reservoir.

Percy A. Copper, consulting engineer, was employed by the commission to cooperate with Manager Carl Guenther in preparing the survey. Copper said he would start work on it next week. I. M. Dougherty, chairman of the commission, said that the commission has felt for some time that its high level tank supply has been inadequate. Construction of an underground reservoir to replace the present high level tank would probably be favored by the commission if feasible.

Turner Road Area Service Planned

The high level system serves areas higher in elevation than the water system's main reservoir at Rural avenue and Johns street. Extension of a two-inch line for 2,600 feet into an area on South 22nd street south of the Turner road, which has never had city water was voted by the commission after receipt of a letter from the Marion county health department urging the action. The region has been served only by shallow wells which are occasionally contaminated, the health department letter said.

The commission directed Manager Guenther to confer with the fire and water committee of the city council relative to running a (Turn to Page 3, Col. 6)

Flood Control Is Backed by Angell

Asks Valley Project Fund Be Increased to 16 Million Dollars

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—Rep. Homer D. Angell (R-Ore) urged the house flood control committee today to increase Willamette valley flood control and irrigation authorization from \$11,000,000 to \$16,000,000.

Work on the development, including seven dams on Willamette river tributaries, is being carried on by army engineers under a \$5,000,000 appropriation made last year.

"Notwithstanding the general urge for retrenchment in governmental expenditures," Angell said, "it would be unfortunate to refuse sufficient authorization for continuing work on this project."

Annual flood damage in the valley he estimated at \$1,693,000. "It is one of the projects being carried forward by the federal government which not only furnishes employment, takes our people off the relief roll, but will be a paying investment when completed," he concluded.

Hanford MacNider Iowa GOP Choice

DES MOINES, Ia., April 12—(AP)—Hanford MacNider of Mason City today received the endorsement of the republican state convention as Iowa's favorite son candidate for president.

The convention approved a resolution asking the state delegation to present his name to the republican national convention.

The resolution commended MacNider to the national convention as a "staunch farmer, business man and soldier in whose hands the destiny of our people might be safely entrusted."

MacNider, 50, is a former national commander of the American Legion, a former assistant secretary of war and former United States minister to Canada.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12—(AP)—Buddy Peterson of Independence, Ore., defeated Charlie "Kid" Terry of Eugene, in the final bout of Portland's first professional boxing card in several months here tonight. Peterson weighed 157 lbs. Terry 151. All bouts were of five rounds.

Other results: Johnny O'Connell, Portland, 135, lost to Jimmy Davis, Vancouver, 130; Sig Barlund, Marshfield, 162, knocked out Joe River, San Francisco, 158, in one round; Bobby Ambrose, Salem, 127, drew with Max Diaz, Los Angeles, 128; Tom Danforth, Portland, 162, stopped Pat O'Day, Reno, 164, in two rounds; Ed Thirley, Salem, 157, stopped Eddie Trolinger, Salem, 146, in one round; Young Nationalists, Portland, 123, stopped Golden Boy, Portland, 124, in four rounds.

Rogers new Forester; Ferguson Probe Aired

Salem Man is Selected To Direct Department; Reorganization Slated

Davis, Temporary Head Is Relieved; Extension Post Abolished

Named Oregon's State Forester



NELSON S. ROGERS

The recently initiated reorganization of the state forestry department can proceed to completion as a result of the appointment of a new, permanent forester yesterday by the state board of forestry. He is Nelson S. Rogers, Salem man formerly connected with the department.

The board also abolished the position of extension forester, which has been held for 4 1/2 years by Lynn F. Cronmiller.

The state forester, drawing a salary of \$4200 a year, has many duties in addition to that of directing fire fighting. He is also charged with promulgating rules and regulations for enforcement of state fire laws, appointing and instructing fire wardens, directing improvement and protection of forest lands, prosecuting violations of fire laws, supervising inspection of all forest operations in the state and issuing permits for operations west of the Cascade mountains, cooperating with land owners, counties and the federal government in forest protection matters, compiling and publishing forestry information and, finally, in cooperation with the state board of forestry, administering the work of the CCC camps operating on state and private timber lands.

Fire Warden Service Experience Includes

For this big task Rogers has behind him service as district fire warden at Vernonia and Medford, several years' experience as assistant state forester, and timber land and lumbering operations evaluation work carried on for the state tax commission since 1932. He is a graduate of Pacific university and of the University of Washington.

Rogers will succeed Carl E. Davis, who was appointed acting forester January 1 with the understanding he would be released within a short time to return to his Coos Bay logging business. Davis was appointed following the resignation of J. W. Ferguson (Turn to Page 3, Col. 8)

Planning Board's Fund Is Restored

On FDR's Urgent Request After Mott Declares Agency 'Vicious'

WASHINGTON, April 1—(AP)—The house reversed itself today and voted funds to finance the national resources planning board for another year after President Roosevelt said in a letter that he must "earnestly plead" for the agency's continuation.

By a roll-call vote of 184 to 129, the house accepted a senate amendment restoring \$716,000 for the planning board, the \$1,100,243.52 independent offices appropriation bill, despite bitter republican denunciation of the unit as "wasteful" and "vicious."

Frederic A. Delano, uncle of the president, is chairman of the board.

Representative Woodrum (D-Va.), a leading economy advocate, urged approval of the appropriation for the planning board, reading a letter from President Roosevelt, in which he said, "I really believe that the appropriation of this sum will result in many times the amount in preventing duplication of work or unplanned budget recommendations."

Rep. Mott (R-Ore) declared the planning board was "outstanding" in a former speech. "The agencies that are 'harmful and even vicious' are the federal government, the state government, and the local government."

Judging by yesterday's contents was done by placing the entering soloists and ensembles in divisions from 1 to 5, with 1 denoting solo and 5 denoting poor. Salem entrants were as follows: Cornet, Duane Brewster, first

Laundresses Walk Out Here Friday

Union Pressure Is Alleged, Denied; Parley Slated This Morning, said

A group of women employees reported variously at from 10 to 14 walked out of the Salem Laundry company plant, South High street, yesterday morning, asserting in protest at the discharge of two other workers. Thursday night.

Van Wier, manager and one of the owners of the concern, said the absent workers had been replaced.

The question of unionism was injected into the incident during the day by statements from Dan Hay, executive manager of the Associated Employers of Oregon, and the organization committee of the Salem Trades and Labor council. The latter said a meeting with Wier had been arranged for this morning.

Hay's statement asserted "there is no issue involved over unionism." The laundry management, Hay added, "has not and will not exert any pressure upon their employees, recognizing they have a right to join a union or stay out as they see fit."

The labor council committee, headed by Jack Layman, asserted a group of Wier employees who had early this month applied for union membership had reported to the labor council that the members would not return to work (Turn to Page 3, Col. 6)

Child Killed When Train, Auto Crash

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 12—(AP)—A grade crossing crash near Winans, Ore., today killed 10-month-old Teddie McClain and injured five others, among them his mother.

Sheriff John Sheldrake said that Mrs. J. T. McClain, 34, driving on a private road that flanked the Mount Hood railroad, a logging line, was unaware of the crossing and drove her car into the side of a locomotive.

She suffered serious internal injuries and was in critical condition at a Mount Hood hospital. Others in the car, all injured, were Marjorie McClain, 4, her daughter; Mrs. E. Cloward, 32, and her children, Caroline, 8, and Floyd, 4.

Salem High Musicians Take High Ratings, Albany Meet

Salem high school musicians took seven first division ratings and placed in the top rating given in each group entered in the 1940-41 season. The group comprising and ensemble numbers comprising the first day of the northwest district of Oregon band and orchestra contest yesterday at Albany. This, according to Vernon Wiscar, director, is the best record ever attained at a district contest.

Over 1000 musicians from 18 schools throughout the valley are entered in the contest. Today Salem high school's 48-piece band and 60-piece orchestra will compete against those of other class A schools, Eugene, Albany and Corvallis.

Recovery Suit Recommended; Spears Report

Expense Account Matter Said Turned Over to District Attorney

Three Checks Are Being Traced; Association Deal Is Involved

The "other matters" which state auditors said were yet to be investigated when they filed an audit of the state forester's office early this year came to light yesterday when Governor Charles A. Sprague produced before the state board of forestry a special investigator's report delving into the backgrounds of two \$4500 checks and into the handling of expense accounts.

The report was made at the request of the governor, and the investigation is to be paid for out of executive department funds, he said.

The investigating agency, Spears Investigation Bureau of Portland, concluded, in the report, that "it appears that the state of Oregon has a good cause of action against J. W. Ferguson, R. H. Chapler, and the Oregon Forest Fire association for the recovery of \$9000, that the evidence pertaining to . . . J. W. Ferguson's expense accounts should be submitted to the Marion county grand jury . . . Attorney General Receives Reports

The report identified Ferguson as former state forester, and Chapler as former secretary of the Oregon Forest Fire association.

Results of the investigation have been referred from time to time to the attorney general's office, as it progressed, the report said.

Data relating to Ferguson's expense accounts and three checks was turned over to District Attorney Lyle J. Page of Marion county on March 4, the report added. Page could not be reached last night to ascertain what he would do with the report.

The first of the two \$4500 checks was identified in the report as "state forester's check No. 1408," was assertedly labeled "on contract 1923," signed by Ferguson, initialed by his bookkeeper, made payable to the Oregon Forest Fire association, dated March 8, 1937, and indorsed by R. H. Chapler.

The contract referred to, according to the report, was one between the state and Chapler's association providing for cooperation in timber lands under the Clarke-McNary act of congress.

Next the report lists a memorandum purportedly signed on the same day as the check, by Ferguson and Chapler, cancelling the 1923 contract and agreeing on a final payment by the state of \$4500.

Reports Payments Totaled \$10,000

After citing a section of this cancellation agreement that states that "payments have not been made since 1923, there being at this time seven years payments due under said contract . . ." the investigator's report asserts that records have been produced indicating that actually \$10,000 was turned over to the Oregon Forest Fire association between July 26, 1930, and January 14, 1932, from four fire associations which had in turn received equal sums of money from the forester.

These payments are listed in the report to the governor as being received from the forester and turned over to the Oregon Forest Fire association on the same day in each instance by the associations as follows:

Northeast Forest Protective association—July 26, 1930, \$1000; June 28, 1934, \$2500; August 31, 1935, \$2500; January 14, 1936, \$1000.

Linn County Fire Patrol association—July 26, 1933, \$500; January 14, 1936, \$500.

Clemons-Marion Fire Patrol association—July 26, 1933, \$500; January 14, 1936, \$500.

Western Lane Forest Protective association—July 26, 1933, \$500; January 14, 1936, \$500.

Cancellation Agreement Believed Enforced

"Since the cancellation agreement of the 1923 contract specifically states that no payments have been made to the Oregon Forest Fire association for the seven years, and that \$4500 was paid to fill or cover the said seven-year period," the investigator's report then continued, "it would seem to these investigators that the cancellation agreement was most erroneous."

The other \$4500 check mentioned in the investigation report is listed as "check No. 825, dated June 25, 1936, written by the state forester and payable to the Oregon Forest Fire association."

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