

Salem's in the spotlight, with its new entry in professional baseball. Follow the Senators as a team and as individual players in The Statesman sports columns.

Weather
Rain and cooler today; Friday partly cloudy with scattered showers. Max. temp. Wednesday 70, min. 48. Rain .55 to River 1.9 feet, South wind.

NINETEETH YEAR

Sea Battle Waged Off Swedish Coast Over Norway Route

One Nazi Ship Is Reported Sunk, Second Afire
Norse Claim Tank Unit of Enemy in Retreat

(By The Associated Press) A large sea naval engagement of the coast of Sweden was reported today to have resulted from the drive of the British navy to knife through Germany's transport line of troops and supplies for her army of assault and occupation in Norway.

Details of the sea fight were meager. Contops Return British Fire
German warships conveying transports and supply ships fired back on the British.

In One Ear

—Paul Hauser's Column
It's a heavy month ahead, friends. You may have thought, in your mistaken way, that it was just another month called May, but that's where you're wrong.

They give you a week to get used to that and then sock you with rain. Mother's day comes on May 11, which happens to be the same day that Bottled Carbonated Beverage week starts. The only solution for the person who wants to do things right is to load his mother up with seltzer water or a few stiff shots of White Rock and feel his duty done.

Nazi Guns F AP Man's

Writer Escape From Air

By J. NORMAN LODGE
NAMNOS, Norway, May 1—(AP)—Their appetites whetted by the destruction of the 1190-ton British escort vessel Bittern, German warplanes returned with machine guns spouting today to strafe this Norwegian country-side with clock-like regularity at 30-minute intervals.

With the first crack-of dawn, the nazis took up where they left off yesterday and ranged from this British landing place, where the Bittern was hit to pieces by a power-diving bomber with heavy loss of life, all the way to the Swedish frontier on the east.

They zoomed, they dived and slipped up from behind with motors cut off to catch their prey unawares and were off again to repeat the performance further down the coastline.

I was rolling along serenely from Namnos to Grong when all of a sudden a single-motored pursuit job swept down silently from the rear, sped over my car at 50 or 100 feet, then turned and came back with guns blazing.

Cream Prices up; Milk Left at 10c

Cream prices went up 5 cents a quart but milk prices were unchanged yesterday, first day after milk price and pooling orders were reestablished here by the state milk control board.

"Fighting" Editor Irvine Dies; Many Express Regret

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1—(AP)—B. F. Irvine, 77, blind "fighting" editor of the Oregon Journal, died here today.

That's pluggin' the old home town!
BAGDAD BUGLE
Sherref Hassan El Andreeo Burk, Grand Waer and Tax Collector of Marion county, carried the colors for the Cherrians in the baseball-parade and kept in step every other step.

French Luxury Liner Sails From New York, Destination Unknown



Her destination a mystery, the Ile de France, French luxury liner and once the "floating art gallery," steamed from her New York dock last night, daubed a camouflage gray, stripped of furnishings and crammed with 12,000 tons of the tools of war.

FDR not to Run Unless People Call, Says Son

Family Hoping President Will Retire at End of Term, Elliott Indicates; Believes Word of Father's Decision Awaits Convention

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 1—(AP)—Elliott Roosevelt predicted tonight his father would not be a candidate for a third term unless there is a definite demand from the people.

Gibraltar Goal, Says Nazi Consul

NEW YORK, May 1—(AP)—Dr. Hans Borchers, German consul-general, suggested broadly tonight that the attempted ouster of the British from Gibraltar was a German aim.

Dr. Borchers' denunciation of the English as "unwanted oppressors" in Gibraltar and in other areas was included in a speech prepared for delivery on this, Germany's "national labor day."

Little Snow Left On McKenzie Pass

BEND, May 1—(AP)—Highway department officials said today the McKenzie pass route between Eugene and central Oregon probably will be opened next week.

Rotary snow plows working toward the summit from Sisters today found only scattered drifts. The big cut at the east approach to the summit lava beds, usually packed with snow, has only a few small drifts.

1000 WOMEN ATTEND COOKING SCHOOL

A stagedof kitchen gadgets that make housekeeping a pleasure and a program of new ideas welcomed more than 1000 women who attended the first session of The Oregon Statesman spring cooking school at the Capitol theatre, yesterday afternoon. The school will continue today and tomorrow, starting each afternoon at 2 o'clock. Doors will open at 1.

Weddle Charge Thrown out by Judge M'Mahan

Neither Party Materialy Injured, Court Says in Formal Order

District Attorney Isn't Advised; Motion for new Trial Fails

The case of William F. Weddle, Jefferson farmer charged with shooting Albert F. Costelow, a neighbor, last January 19, was thrown out of court yesterday when Circuit Judge L. M. McMahon signed an order dismissing it entirely from his tribunal.

The judge's decision was announced only a few hours after a jury, which had heard evidence during an eight-day trial of the case, reported to the judge that it could reach no verdict.

The order was based on the apparent belief of the court that the facts in the case did not warrant a retrial, with consequent expense to the public.

"After eight days of trial, and at a cost of over \$500 to the taxpayers, the jury was unable to agree upon the question of the guilt or innocence of the defendant," Judge McMahan wrote in the order.

"Neither party has been materially injured, the taxpayers having been the real victims. This court is not going to spend any more of the taxpayers' money on this case. The case is dismissed."

In a brief review of the facts upon which the charge was brought, the court stated that "it conclusively appeared in the trial of this case that the prosecuting witness in violation of law went to the defendant's house, cursed defendant violently in the presence of defendant's wife, jerked him out of his house and knocked him down."

"It further appeared that at the time defendant was 66 years of age, just recovering from a major surgical operation, and the prosecuting witness was only 38 years of age, in good health, and far larger than the defendant."

78 Men Rescued, Freighter Wreck

Seas Break Over Disabled Vessel Carrying Beef to British Isles

NEW YORK, May 1—(AP)—Seventy-eight men were rescued today by the United States Panama lines flagship Panama from the wrecked British beef-laden steamer Matakana which ran aground on Mayaguana island, about 150 miles north of Haiti in the West Indies.

A brief wireless message from the Panama's master, Capt. Eric Erickson, to the line's port captain, Frank Foster, told of the rescue at about 9 a. m., today, after the British vessel earlier had flashed a call for aid.

The message said the captain, chief officer and chief engineer of the stricken vessel had remained on the island with a week's supply of food provided them by Capt. Erickson. Two of the crew had suffered broken legs.

The Matakana, an 8,048-ton vessel, reported she had gone ashore, presumably in heavy seas, about 3:40 a. m. (EST) today.

Dutch Vessel Sails

PORTLAND, May 1—(AP)—The Dutch motorship Boschfontein sailed for Vancouver, B.C. at noon today after waiting nearly four days for instructions from owners.

May's Advent Mild in Salem, Like March Lion in Midwest

Weather approaching summertime conditions welcomed the coming of May, month of flowers, in Salem yesterday. The temperature reached a coat-shedding 79 degrees in mid-afternoon.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1—(AP)—After nearly a week of spring rains, a hot sun sent the thermometer soaring to 82 degrees here today. The forecast, however was for more rain tomorrow.

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It was the fourth time in 45 years that Chicago had a measurable snow fall in May. It was only a half inch deep but the storm was brisk enough to plague thousands of folk who changed homes on the traditional moving day.

Snow, light but unusual, was reported in northern Illinois, eastern Wisconsin, upper Michigan, and Iowa. Flurries were sighted in Minnesota and west central Missouri.

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Hatch Amendment Is Pigeon-Holed

Measure's Friends Refuse to Give up, Charging "Bad Faith"

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By a ballot reported as 14 to 16, the committee voted to "table" the bill, meaning that only unusual procedure could revive it before the end of the session.

Rep. Dempsey (D-NM), the measure's principal house exponent, immediately announced he would initiate whatever parliamentary moves may be necessary to get action on the legislation.

The bill, already approved by the senate, would prohibit political activity to state employees whose salaries are paid in whole or part with federal funds. It supplements the original Hatch act, passed a year ago, which applied a similar restriction to all but a few top-ranking federal employees.

The measure, supported by 100 senators, was reported (Turn to Page 8, Col. 6)

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