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Weather
Generally fair today; Wednesday becoming cloudy; light rain on coast; little change in temperature. Max. Temp. Monday 74, Min. 46. River -1.3 ft. Northeast wind.

French Move to Pinch off German Salient

In One Ear

Our favorite of the country correspondents is M. Petersen, who keeps the readers of the Sheridan Sun informed on the happenings in the Grand Ronde valley, Europe, Africa and the Petersen menage.

M. Petersen's column gives the new of comings and goings, visits, births, deaths, accidents and flavors it all with a homely touch of reminiscing and casual philosophy.

"The month of May gave us one nice day," M. Petersen starts out on his weekly roundup. "We need more like that, otherwise it will leave us flat."

He tells about the editor of the Sheridan Sun calling on M. Petersen (M. Petersen always refers to himself in the third person) and tells about Ches Muller of Charleston wanting to rent a truck farm.

"C. A. Temple of Portland sent us religious literature, 'Is Man Immortal,'" he chronicles. "The caterpillars are with us also. A serious pest. I remember one year, 1901, when painting Tom Davis' barn in North Plains, my paint was half caterpillars."

And M. Petersen doesn't mind putting in a personal plug once in a while. He writes: "M. Petersen has 1360 acres for sale at 12 dollars per acre on highway. Also some tracts at 10 per acre." Later on he writes, "M. Petersen is also a notary public."

Then M. Petersen advises his readers to laugh and grow fat. "Let all of us laugh more," he advises. "Let the gladness of your heart bubble up once in a while."

"Petersen baked his first loaves of bread last Sunday, 85 years old. Bud Johnson of Sheridan took one loaf home." A week later M. Petersen is more ambitious with his baking and writes, "Friday, May 10, M. Petersen baked seven small loaves of bread and seven round coffee cakes, using Maca yeast and recipe."

Recipes are news to M. Petersen and he tells that "a bucket of water, 1 pint of coarse salt and 1 pint of unslacked lime will keep eggs fresh for a long time in a cool place."

M. Petersen chronicles that his granddaughter, Barbara, will graduate from Baker high school, that Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ebner of Mt. Angel called at Petersen's for a honey locust tree, that Mrs. M. Petersen had a fairly good day Sunday, and that M. Petersen believes peeling onions is good for the eyes.

M. Petersen reports an accident and reports it well and then relates that "George Jones, our jovial shoemaker, is making many friends. He has two gas pumps. He buys fern tips. He is a brick layer and carpenter. Busy from morning till late at night."

Mr. Petersen is happy to see the Salmon River cutoff built. "Mr. Petersen had a surprise trip down Salmon River road," he writes. "What a bustle of work and traffic. Governor Olcott will remember when I presented petition of 433 at the courthouse in Portland. He said, Petersen we can not give you that road. I asked the chamber of commerce in Tillamook city to sign my petition for the Salmon River road. Not a single man would sign. Tillamook county was fighting me. They were afraid they would lose their business if that road was built."

And so M. Petersen, with a few words of the horror in Europe, winds up his weekly observations of an octogenarian.

Hearing on Today On Picketing Act

Constitutionality of Oregon's anti-picketing law will be argued this afternoon before the state supreme court here.

The court announced yesterday the hearing would be limited to two hours. Only five of the seven judges will be on the bench. Justice Henry J. Bean sits at his home here and Justice J. O. Bailey is in the east.

Attacked by American Federation of Labor and CIO unions, the picketing act was upheld in the Multnomah county circuit court by three judges sitting en banc. The unions appealed.

Joseph Padway, national attorney for the AFL, will appear before the supreme court today, it was announced yesterday in Portland.

Williams Is Procurement Officer for This Region

LINCOLN, Neb., May 20.—(AP)—Courtney Williams, for five years head of the United States treasury procurement office here, was notified today he had been appointed regional procurement officer for Idaho, Oregon and Washington. His headquarters will be in Seattle.

Credit Offered Industries to Defense Tasks

RFC Volunteers Aid but Aircraft Makers Say They're "All Set"

New Taxes to Pay Costs Hinted When Martin Raises Question

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—The RFC offered its credit facilities to industries which lack capital for expansion necessitated by the national defense program today, while from a conference of aircraft manufacturers came official word that for the present at least they needed no help.

Jesse Jones, the RFC chairman, issued a statement saying his agency was ready to cooperate with the banks in making secured loans for national defense purposes, by taking 75 per cent of such loans or underwriting 75 per cent, leaving the bank carrying 25 per cent of the advance. After conferring with the nation's principal aircraft builders in a hurriedly summoned session, Secretary Morgenthau told reporters the industry had sufficient capital, and enough skilled workers to meet the present demands of the defense situation, without sacrificing labor standards.

The development came as a surprise to some officials who had been discussing the possibility of RFC loans for the purpose of building additional plant capacity, or of having the government build new plants directly, retain ownership, and lease them to private builders. This possibility apparently remained in the long-range picture.

Rayburn Says People Are Willing to Pay
Meanwhile, a congress pushing the defense appropriations through at top speed heard from Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, the republican house leader, an inquiry as to "how the administration intends to finance these new demands."

In reply, Rep. Rayburn of Texas, the democratic leader, said that serious consideration was being devoted to that problem and that a recommendation would be made by the executive departments. He added a belief that the American people were "willing to pay" the bill. The plane makers met while appropriations to cover the president's defense program were pushed along in congress with a speed born of a widespread feeling of emergency. With scarcely two hours discussion, the appropriations committee approved.

Service Station Permit Obtained

Permit for erection of a service station on the Dr. M. C. Findley property at Cottage and State streets was issued by the Shell Oil building department.

Estimated cost of the service station is \$5000. The corner, formerly occupied by Standard Stations, Inc., which was notified to vacate several months ago, was one of the first in Salem to be devoted to a service station.

Other permits: H. Klender to repair building at 697 North Capitol street, \$50; John Hendrickson to erect shed at 1540 South Cottage street, \$40; L. A. Abbott to repair dwelling at 1120 South Commercial street, \$50; A. L. Dark to repair store building at 1978 North Capitol, \$350; Charles Miller to repair roof of dwelling at 2010 Market street, \$20; Rohn Sampson to erect garage and shed at 1098 1/2 Shipley street, \$70; Otto Dickmeier to erect 1 1/2 story dwelling and garage at 1485 Baker street, \$2700, and J. H. Bowman to repair roof of dwelling at 660 Market street, \$15.

Three Shot in Strike Riot; Union Plans Milk Delivery

CHICAGO, May 20.—(AP)—Three men were shot and 18 others were arrested along Chicago's milk strike front today while union officials and dairy farmers drafted plans to supply homes with milk.

Leslie G. Goudie, head of the teamsters' joint council, said the unionists would buy milk from farmers, transport it to independent dairies for pasteurization and distribute it to their regular customers.

The major dealers, arrayed against the Milk Wagon Drivers' union, at the office of the Teamsters' council, would be ignored, Goudie said the plan would go into operation Wednesday if arrangements could be completed.

It was estimated that at least two-thirds of the normal volume of milk consumed in the Metropolitan area had been cut off since

Libel Charge Offered but Is not Filed

Rebuffed efforts to file a libel charge against A. M. Church, Salem weekly newspaper publisher, followed yesterday on the heels of Friday's primary election.

A complaint form accusing Church of having libeled him was presented by Robin D. Day, Salem attorney, in Salem justice court, rejected there for lack of approval by District Attorney Lyle J. Page, and presented a few hours later in Silverton justice court.

Judge Alf O. Nelson of the Silverton court said last night he had received the complaint but had not docketed it and would not do so until it was approved by Page.

The district attorney declared he would "have nothing to do with it."

Judge Miller B. Hayden of the Salem court said he had refused to file the complaint because "it has been the policy of this court that I will not file any complaint unless it has the approval of the district attorney and comes from his office, where individuals are concerned." The only exception to this rule, Hayden added, "is that of an authorized officer filing a complaint, under an understanding I have with the district attorney that an officer may file certain kinds of complaints."

Day asserted in his complaint that an article published by Church was false when it stated that on May 10 "John Carson, Lyle J. (Barney) Page, Brazier Small and Robin Day went out to Gervais, the home town of Ralph Girod, who is a candidate for county commissioner and told Girod's friends that God satled them all right, and that they would concentrate on him and 'put him over' if Gervais people would go down the line for Page for district attorney and Heater for county judge."

Coal Price-Fixing Act Upheld, Court Ruling Admits Same Acts by Private Agencies Would Be Illegal

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—The supreme court, in a decision upholding the bituminous coal act, ruled 8 to 1 today that congress can constitutionally prescribe price-fixing, marketing controls and other regulatory remedies to cure "chaotic conditions" in interstate industry.

The act was passed in 1937 after an earlier regulatory law, called the Gaffey coal act of 1935, was ruled invalid. The aim of the legislation was to curb the "over-production and savage, competitive warfare" which, Justice Douglas said in today's majority opinion, had "wasted" the bituminous coal industry.

"Labor and capital alike were the victims," the opinion observed. "Financial distress among operators and acute poverty among miners prevailed even during periods of general prosperity." This history of the bituminous coal industry is written in blood as well as in ink.

If the operators themselves had endeavored to stabilize the markets through price-fixing agreements, Douglas commented, they "would have run afoul" of the Sherman anti-trust act. But he added that "what congress has forbidden by the Sherman act it can modify, it may do so by placing the machinery of price-fixing in the hands of public agencies. It may single out separate treatment, as it has done on various occasions, a particular industry and thereby remove the act from its operation." (Turn to page 2, column 3)

Astoria Census Shows Gain to Over 10,000

ASTORIA, May 20.—(AP)—Tentative census figures announced today showed a 246 increase in Astoria's population since 1930. R. A. McCall, district supervisor, said the preliminary total was 10,103.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—Three knockouts, two draws and two decisions were the results of Portland's weekly fight card of seven four-round bouts tonight.

Results: Kid Thornley, 156, of Silverton, drew with Kenny Anderson, 160, of Astoria; Firpo Hill, St. Johns, 131, knocked out Red Gray, Mehama, 132, in the third; John Woods, 132, Dallas, Ore., knocked out Martin Kivi, Portland, 131, in the second; John Sullivan, 167, Portland, outpointed Pat O'Day, 166, Reno; Allan Woods, 135, Kokina, defeated Young Nationalists, 128, Portland; John O'Connell, 137, Portland, knocked out Ernie Bailey, Aberdeen, 130, in two rounds; Jerry Grant, 153, Vanouver, (Turn to page 2, column 2)

Italian Moves Hint at Early Step Into War

Practice Blackouts and Air Raid Drills Are Ordered in Rome

Demonstrations Around Allies' Embassies More Violent

ROME, May 21.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Solid ranks of troops and carabinieri were kept on duty until early today around the French and British embassies and the British consulate after preventing anti-allied demonstrators last night from reaching the buildings.

ROME, May 20.—(AP)—Italy swung her war preparations into a new high speed tonight as the feeling grew stronger in many Italian minds that her entry into the conflict merely was a matter of time and new demonstrations against Great Britain and France broke out.

The war department ordered three days of air raid drills and blackouts in Rome province as well as at Terni, 45 miles north-east, where great arms and munitions factories are running full blast.

Nothing developed to indicate whether general mobilization was imminent, but military experts said the closing of schools May 31, would make buildings available two weeks ahead of schedule, for temporary barracks if needed.

Premier Mussolini received a report from Marshal Pietro Badoglio on troops posted on the frontier. It followed a report last week on the Littorio line of fortifications in the north which Il Duce ordered further strengthened.

Air raid drills and blackouts were ordered to start tonight in Terni, Rome, Milan, Turin and Genoa, to continue for three days. Demonstrations against the British and French broke out again in Rome tonight.

A shouting group of youthful Italians was held off from the British consulate by helmeted soldiers who appeared suddenly to block their advance.

Guards around the French and British embassies were redoubled.

One Gunman Slain By Seattle Police

Second Captured, Climax to Rapid Series of Five Holdups

SEATTLE, May 20.—(AP)—One gunman was killed and a companion was captured here tonight by patrolmen who were on the alert after three north end service stations and a motorist had been robbed within half an hour.

A man identified as Virgil Chamberlain, 35, recently of Lacey, Wash., was killed with a bullet through his head from the pistol of Patrolman A. M. Calder. Patrolman George Snyder captured the second man, who was booked as Carl Renny, 32.

The patrolmen said the two men were in the act of holding up a fourth service station when the officers came upon them. Calder said he killed Chamberlain when the gunman disregarded his order to surrender and attempted to fire at him. The patrolman said Chamberlain pulled the trigger; but the pistol misfired or the hammer fell on an empty chamber.

Snyder said he covered the second man in the driver's seat of their stolen automobile while Calder was falling Chamberlain. The officers said the trail of robberies followed the commandeering of the automobile of M. Harry McLellan, who said the pair entered his car when he was forced to stop by a streetcar crossing in front of him. McLellan said the men took his car after forcing him to drive a considerable distance at gunpoint. He said he was robbed of \$5.

Death of Water Quake Aftermath

Crops to Suffer; Toll of Death 8; Worst Damage Noted in Brawley

EL CENTRO, Calif., May 20.—(AP)—Estimates of property damage by Saturday night's earthquake in the Imperial valley, which took eight lives and threatens a serious water shortage, mounted today.

In Brawley, City Engineer Walter Hopkins said a survey of business buildings and residences there valued at \$8,000,000 indicated the damage would run 25 to 35 per cent, or more than \$2,000,000.

Loas in other cities, El Centro, Calexico, Imperial, Holtville, and in Mendocino, Lower California, will add at least another \$1,000,000.

E. A. Harrison, Imperial county agricultural commissioner, said water shortage due to wide breaks in the canal from the Colorado river, would bring considerable loss to farmers, especially on late crops.

"No more double parking," was the order Chief of Police Frank A. Minto gave his force yesterday as he instructed policemen to begin arresting double parkers.

Minto said the order was necessary to relieve growing congestion due to double parking downtown. "We have been lenient for a year," Minto said, "but it doesn't work. Drivers abuse the privilege and we are going to have to arrest them."

DAMAGE THREE MILLION IN EARTHQUAKE



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Stern Measures Are Invoked In Paris; War Effects Seen

PARIS, May 20.—(AP)—France felt the iron hand of its new leaders today when the cabinet meeting attended by General Maxime Weygand and Marshal Philippe Petain ordered swift, hard punishment of military offenders and created a sugar ration.

Under the new regime, deserters and pillagers can be stood up against a wall almost as soon as they are caught. The new decree permits no appeal to any higher court.

The army courts will deal with both soldiers and civilians summarily. Factory workers who leave their posts without permission were classified the same as army deserters.

"ANOL" is no joke in France tonight, in the grim words of the law governing the power of the military courts: "No appeal will be permitted to the sentences pronounced and they (the offenders) will be immediately executed."

As for rationing, coal cards already have been distributed, bread cards will be in use June 1, and now it is sugar. The effect of the is plainly evident in Paris. No French family is without someone at the front.

You see it in the eyes of elderly taxi drivers, the bowed shoulders of trading women, refugees with their bundles.

These are the days of that celebrated springtime in Paris, but the luxury shops and cafe terraces are glum and the gaiety is missing.

Paris newspapers were ordered to reduce from four to two pages starting tomorrow as an economy measure.

Germany is attempting to cause abandonment of French industrial centers by spreading false news on the advance of the German army, a communique said, it added.

The civil and military authorities are alone qualified to order the evacuation of localities that military activity could make dangerous for the population."

Counter-Drive At Rethel Is Weygand Plan

"Sewing up Pocket" Said to Be Strategy; Nazi Objective Shifted

Laon Capture Denied by French; Germans Say British in Flight

PARIS, May 21.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Military commentators asserted today that Laon is in French hands, despite the German claim to have captured the city. They said other points still held by the French where the Germans are thrusting into Northern France included Cambrai, Peronne and La Fere.

BERLIN, May 21.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Authorized Germans asserted confidently today there would be no "wonder on the Marne" to turn the tide of battle on in the World war, so superior is the German military machine racing on one front for Belgian-French channel ports and on another hammering toward Paris.

These sources contended the British have "absolutely faded out of the picture" in the fighting in Belgium and are in "headlong flight."

LONDON, May 21.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—British general headquarters early today said "repeated attacks Monday by German armored and motorized formations had been repulsed by allied forces in Belgium."

The communique said: "Repeated attacks by German armored and motorized formations in the area south of the Scarpe and against the Scheldt position were successfully beaten off by the allied forces."

"The Belgian army has contributed largely toward the success of the defensive battle now being fought."

PARIS, May 21.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Allied warplanes and tanks were reported today to have inflicted costly losses among German motorcyclists darting into northern France at the head of an attempted drive for the channel coast.

French said the motorcyclists were using a new technique of swift daylight thrusts forward and then nightly withdrawals to temporary bases.

Immediately on discovery of the technique, they said, the allies put their warplanes to work bombing the enemy's lines before they could regain their bases, at the same time cutting at them on the ground with tanks.

BASEL, Switzerland, May 20.—(AP)—Allied forces under the direction of their new generalissimo, Gen. Maxime Weygand, were preparing a counter-offensive to pinch off the German pocket from the Valenciennes region to Rethel, it was reported here today.

Valenciennes is just across the Belgian border in France along the northern flank of the allied west front. Rethel is on the south side of the east front.

Weygand, close friend and disciple of the late Marshal Foch, is said to have swung up the German pocket, which has reached a point 24 miles from Paris.

Bearing out the reports heard here were the massing of British and Belgian forces supported by French armored units in the Valenciennes region and still more powerful French forces at Rethel and nearby Rheims, behind the Aisne river.

The French concentration south of Rethel is said to include large tank and armor divisions and is ready to move despite hard bombing raids.

The pincer move, if successful, would help reestablish the French line along the Ardennes through Mons to Ghent.

"The map has recognized the peril of thrusting a deep and narrow salient into France, but apparently are confident of the ability of their air and armored forces to protect flanks."

(By the Associated Press) The capture of Laon, for centuries a strategic position 75 miles northeast of Paris, was claimed Monday night by the German high command.

Even there, the German announcement said, most armor troops did hold, but continued on six miles beyond Laon in a southwesterly direction to the Oise-Aisne canal.

At the end of 11 days of the German blitzkrieg through the low countries and into France, the high command said, the Nazi war flag was waving over the elated city which Von Kluck's army took in August, 1918, and which remained in German hands until October, 1918.

At the same time another German thrust veered to the north, heading toward the English channel with the object of trapping Belgian and British units making a stand in that area.

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