"No Favor Sways Us: No Fear Shall Awe" Prom First Statesman. March 28, 1851

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"City of 30,000"
So Salem's population is 30,773. We won't slight the 773 but other people will. For the next decade Salem is going to and the other for the store money be known as a "city of 30,000." Well, it's gratifying that we | -and he never allowed the funds got over the 30,000 hump and disappointing that we didn't to get mixed. Judge Boise remake the 31,000 grade after coming so close.

There is still time to make it if there actually are 227 more people in Salem who haven't been counted. It seems doubtful however if there are that many persons who have He had a fine family of red been missed and who have not awakened to the fact that they headed girls, and when they grew should have been counted. The formal announcement of the up they were married to some of total, indicating that the count is tentatively complete, should the most prominent men of their day and section. bring any such persons to light if they exist.

But so far as The Statesman is concerned, whatever the occupants of the Griswold-Thompcensus bureau says is Salem's population, that's what it is. son-Murphy building in pioneer days. It was raised especially by the workmen heaven, insisting that the census wasn't being conducted tearing down the old building of properly. As for the merit of their contention, it may be jud-ged from the fact that they had unimpeachable information that only about 25,000 persons had been counted and that this section; these pages now the count was supposed to be complete. Now they will contend being in possession of the 1940 that's what the situation was but as a result of their scold- Centennial committee. High ing it has since been corrected. The validity of the claim street, near Court. may be judged by the fact that just as the furor was at its height, the census bureau announced it would keep its office open at night. The first night one lone person came in to be showing the payments of accounts counted; the next night a couple. The truth is that the scold- is not given; an unusual and ing may have brought in a few people but that the final up- singular omission. Let's see what shot is a pretty accurate and complete count in which the cen- we can find in the Salem Directsus bureau received the cooperation of the chamber of com- this matter. The back cover page merce, the newspapers and the citizens in general.

Salem has 30,773 people. There are a couple thousand tisement, reading: more in West Salem and several thousand—we were going to Meyer. Jos. Meyer. M. Meyer & Son, importers and dealsay "within a rifle-shot" of the city limits but that's not a meyer & Son, importers and dealers in custom made clothing, dry nice figure of speech this season. But, as we have heretofore goods, boots, shoes, hats, &c., &c. claimed, there are 40,000 people in the district in and around Corner of Griswold's Block, Sa-Salem built up in urban fashion. The general public, asking lem." In the population direc-"how big a town is Salem?" won't find this out—but business tory are shown: "Meyer & Son, "how big a town is Salem?" won't find this out—but business merchants, SW corner Commer-firms gauging present and future business prospects will cial and State." Also, "Meyer, know it.

The gain since 1930 is around 17 per cent-and Salem Ferry and State." Also, may consider itself fortunate to have made such a gain through the depression years, with few new industries locating here, and in a period when the birth rate has been so low. The gain has, in fact, been greater than might be reasonably expected in view of the gain in employment opportunities. It adds up to the fact that Salem is an outstandingly pleasant place in which to live; it's no trouble at all to attract people the Griswold block; says just here to the extent that the means for their livelihood are

Bessarabia Irredenta

The Rumanians in 1879 were extremely unhappy. They Smith, living at northeast corn- must continue spraying until the had received recognition of their independence from the rule er of High and Chemeketa streets, end of the season. Then lift the of the Turkish sultan, and they had been given the scion of and J. W. Meredith. one of the more important ruling houses of Europe for their king. But during 1878 they had assisted Russia in a war dith & Boley, same profession, brought decisive support to the Russian attack on the fortliving at the Commercial hotel,
ress of Plevna, with the result that the Turkish stronghold southwest corner Liberty and
fell, and the forces of Alexander III broke through to within
That is the present Miller deto spray the ground around the against the Turks, and, so they claimed, their troops had same office, with L. H. Boley sight of the minarets of Constantinople shining above the partment store building, which plants thoroughly. Also it is well Bosphorus.

Rumania, in short, had won the war for Russia against a half dozen times since. And are enemies of botrytis. The dithe Turks; but in the peace settlement the fertile, well-wa- Meredith living on east side of is proper air circulation. Crowded tered region of Bessarabia north of the many-lipped mouth Church between Ferry and Trade. conditions will bring it about. of the Danube had been taken away by the Russians for them- The house is there yet, next selves, and in return the Rumanians had been given the sand south of the Klinger estate house, hills and salt marshes of the Dobrudja region to the south, Ferry; though none of that genvaluable only as a meeting place for cranes and herons.

Rumania held her peace-it was not wise in those living. years to challenge the might of the Tsars, especially if one were vulnerable to his vessels in the Euxine—but in the settlement after the world war became exceedingly vocal with blank book manufacturers, etc., respect to wrongs suffered in the past. She had lasted dur- etc., location, "Griswold's block." ing the actual conflict for exactly three weeks, but in one of That firm, in the same line perthe treaties named after a Paris suburb received most of the Waite, doing the state printing, Transylvanian region of Hungary—and the return of Bes-sarabia from the dirty soviets. She was reasonably happy, tional bank building is now. and troubled only by the amours of her young king.

But now, apparently, comes an even later chapter in the E. M. Walte had passed away, story of Rumania and of Bessarabia. For some time it has that had belonged to E. M. Waite. been apparent that the Russians, in their new found imper- some parts of the ancient maialism, have thrown covetous eyes upon the Bessarabia which | terials are still in the plant of they once held, and have desired to welcome it into the Union The Statesman. It so happened of Socialist Soviet Republics. Their mode of welcome, it is plant was the money that paid true, has been proposed to include all customary military for- for the electric fountain; as could malities, including a full-dress parade through the province be testified to by U. S. Senator by well-armed troops and bomb-loaded planes, but it is wel- Chas. L. McNary, who was the atcome nonetheless. Only yesterday it was reported that Joe Stalin and his merry men of Moscow have assembled their soldiers for the parade, and that it may begin at the moment, say, that Comrade Mussolini begins to woo back the lands of full page advertisement: "B. M. Nice, Savoy, Tunis, Algeria and the Suez.

In the meantime the Rumanians, who are a pleasant people and have created some worth-while folk-music, find their journals, blank book headings, nervous tension, already at high pitch because of the Ger- deeds, circulars, cards, bill heads, man and the allied rivalry for petroleum products, going still envelopes, letter headings, way higher. If kindly Uncle Joe decides to march, there is little the line of book and job printthey can do; yet at bottom they realize, as all rational men do ing at less than Portland prices. who have the misfortune to live outside any one of the four Griswold block, Salem, Oregon.' empires on the make, that their wishes are not to be consulted Of course, that plant was on the in the matter. It is aggravating, but then it was aggravating second floor.

The Status of the Justice Court

It will be recalled that in discussing the justice courts is now open. . . . It is new the other day The Statesman limited itself strictly to the throughout, and furnished with question whether it was a good rule, if it was the rule, that justices of the peace require approval of the district attorney appointments of this hotel, tobefore eccepting criminal complaints.

It should be recalled further that Justice Miller Hayden, in connection with a news story concerning his failure to accept a libel complaint presented by Robin D. Day, was quoted in The Statesman-and his statement had been read back to called him over the telephone—as follows:

"It has been the policy of this court that I will not file any mplaint nuless it has the approval of the district attorney and mes from his office, where individuals are concerned." Further on in the story the justice was quoted to the ef-fect than an exception was made of certain kinds of com-

plaints filed by police officers. Since the publication of the news story and the editorial the 1871 Directory which perhaps south of Commercial and State. Justice Hayden has paid us a visit, seeming to take the atti- gives the clue to the store which | The same advertisement in tude that in raising this strictly impersonal question The

Statesman had adopted an unfriendly attitude toward him tractors tearing down the Murphy duarter page ad., while the first building; reading:

"S. Herman. Ed. Hirsch. Her
(Continued toward.)

the main question is that it is not the justice court's invari- immunity it has accorded the circuit courts. able practice to reject a complaint in the absence of the dis- Now this is a new item of legal knowledge added to the trict attorney's approval; that he had meant to state the rule meagre stock we have, as previously noted, acquired by ear. as applying to "questionable" cases; more specifically, to It serves to add to the doubts we had already entertained as

ed constituted a crime. to a civil action alleging malicious prosecution. In other words minor courts.

Bits for **Breakfast**

By R. J. RENDRICKS 5-24-40 More about early Oregon postoffices and locations of Salem postoffice in the old days:

2 2 2 (Continuing from yesterday:) As noted yesterday, Judge Boise said that Mr. Boon, who was a merchant as well as the commonwealth treasurer, had a very plain and simple system of book-

keeping. He said Mr. Boon had two sacks, one for the public money a good one.

Mr. Boon had been a preacher.

Now for the question as to the

The firm name of the concern making the charges and ory of 1871, throwing light on of that Directory has an adver-

M., residence Front between "Meyer, J., boards M. Meyer."

N N N it is pretty clear that, in 1871, Meyer & Son were renting the first floor corner store building of the Griswold block. The 1874 Directory shows the same condition, but says nothing of "corner Commercial and State."

One finds in the 1871 Directory this advertisement: "Smith & second floor, Griswold's block, ed parts and burn. Begin spray-Salem, Oregon. "They were H. ing at once with Bordeaux. You

The 1874 Directory had Mere- the blooming season. eration of the Merediths is still

is the advertisemnet of Snyder & Cook, book binders, paper rulers, The Statesman acquired the plant torney in the settlement of the Walte estate.

The 1871 Directory had this Waite, successor to A. L. Stinson. book and job printer. Books,

This was an advertisement in the 1871 Directory: "Chemeketa bloom I'll be glad to show it to House, corner Commercial and Ferry streets. C. A. Cutting, proprietor. This splendid hotel the modern improvements The thorough completeness of the

2 2 2 That was the present Marion Wold's block, Salem, Oregon. All hotels were then "houses." The Marion tised. "Chemeketa Saloon," in and harrows.

had the day book the leaves of wording appeared in the 1874 which were found by the con-Salem Directory, though only a

e cases in which there was doubt whether the facts alleg. to the usefulness of the justice court as a criminal court. If a justice of the peace must face the threat of civil damages ev-That seems to dispose of that. But in justifying such a ery time he accepts a criminal case—unless the defendant's policy, Justice Hayden pointed out that the justice court is guilt is already overwhelmingly apparent—then, to say the not a "court of record" and that in case the charges are not least, such a court's value as a tribunal of justice is serious-proven, the justice is liable together with the complainant, ly impaired. Perhaps what we need is a different system of

London "Parashoot" Squads Set for nazi Skymen



Military authorities in London have organized all able-bodied men above war draft age for duty on gun squads to snipe off German parachute troops should they attempt to invade London as they did The Netherlands. Above, a British military truck unloads guns and ammunition to a newly organized squad .- IIN phonephoto.

Radio Programs

KSLM-FBIDAY-1360 Ec. 6:30-Milkman Melodies, 7:30-News. 7:45—Sing Song Time. 8:00—Hits and Encores. 3:15-Vocal Varieties. 8:30-Xews. 8:45-Carters of Elm Street.

9:00—Pastor's Call. 9:15—Westernaires, 9:30—Sunshine Melcdies. 9:50-Keep Fit to Music.

10:00-News. 10:15-Ma Perkins. 10:30—Hits of Seasons Past. 10:45—Bachelor's Children. 11:00—Our Friendly Neighbers. 11:15—Women in the News. 11:20—Musical Interlude. 11:30—Statesman of the Air—Maxine

12:00-Address-King George of England 2:06-Value Parade 12:15-News. 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade.

Today's Garden By LILLIE L. MADSEN

H. M.-Your lilies are undoubtedly suffering from botrytis. Spraying should have been Meredith dentists. Dental rooms started early. Cut off the effectbulbs and replant in another location. This should be done after

The same disease is undoubtedwas new then; has been rebuilt to remember that light and air

D L.-Blackspot is the most serious of your rose diseases. As soon as the black spots appear on the green leaves or the leaves turn yellow pick them off and burn them. Do not let them fall Next for the 1871 Directory to the ground and scatter the disease spores. Prevention of the disease is the important move. Bordeaux is the least expensive and one of the most effective controls but it also disfigures the foliage. Massey dust, made of nine parts dusting sulphur and one part arsenate of lead is one of the old inexpensive preventa-Years and years afterward, when tives. There are a number of good trade concoctions on the market which come both in liquid or dusting form and which do not stain the foliage. However, most of these are much more expensive. Those of you who have a few bushes and are interested in beautiful foliage and flowers had best use one of the non-disfiguring varieties. You can obtain all purpose dusts or sprays which will take care of mildew, blackspot and the chewing insects.

T. H .- It would be rather difficult to tell you which variety of red rose you refer to even from the minute description you give. There are so many red roses which resemble each other. Couldn't you return to the place you saw the rose and ask the owner? Few gardeners refuse to give the name of a flower they are growing. It might be a Scented Daily Mail. That has almost black on its petals and is a very levely red rose. I have one in my garden and should you care to drive by while it is in you. If you will send me your name, I'll send you the name of a grower who might be better able to identify the rose you mention than I am from a de-

gether with its capacity, make it man & Hirsch, dealers in genthe best and largest in the state." eral merchandise for city and country trade. Second door, Gris-"General merchandise," this writer believes, in the pioneer building is about twice the size days, meant about everything, of the original, and improved in from coffee and calico and boots many ways over the one adver- and shoes and groceries to plows

"Second Griswold's block," certainly meant second Here is the advertisement in door from the corner; next store

To make a long story short, Justice Hayden's answer to the law neglects to clothe the justice of the peace with the

scription.

KSLM-FRIDAY-1360 Kc. | 12:35-Willamette Valley Opinions.

12:50—Popular Music.
1:00—Melody Lane.
1:15—Interesting Facts.
1:30—Tommy Reynolds
1:45—Melody Mert. 2:00-Your Navy. 2:15-Musical Memories.

2:30-Vagabond Trail. 3:00-Maddox Family and Rose. 3:36-Your Neighbor, 3:45-Carol Leighton, Ballads. 4:00—News.
4:15—Popular Varieties.
4:30—Melodic Moods.
5:00—Organalities, with Johnny Wolfs

5:30-Salon Echoes. 5:45-Little Orphan Annis. 6:00—Tonight's Headlines. 6:15—Dinner Hour Melodies. 6:30—News and Views—John B. Hughes 6:45-Sophisticated Swing. 7:00—Paging the Past, 7:15—This Is Magic. 7:30—Lone Ranger. 8:00-News.

8:15—Hits of the Day. 8:30—Leon Mojica Orchestra. :00-Newspaper of the Air. 9:15—Jimmy Joy Orchestra. 9:35—Fulton Lewiz, jr. 9:45—American Legion Fights. 10:45—Jan Garber Orchestra. 11:00-News. 11:15-Chuck Foster Orchestra. 11:30-Buddy Maleville Orchestra.

KEX-PRIDAY-1160 Mc. 8:30-Musical Clock. 6:45-Family Altar Hour. 7:30-Dr. Brock. 8:00-Financial Service. 8:15-The Vass Family :30-National Farm and Home. 9:15-Listen, Ladies. 9:45-Radio Show Window

11:45-Midnight Melodies.

10:00-News. 10:15-Current Events. 10:30-It's a Woman's World. 11:00—Orphans of Divorce.
11:15—Amanda of Honeymoon Hill,
11:30—John's Other Wife.
11:45—Just Plais Bill.
12:00—US Department of Agriculture. 12:15-Home Folks Frolis. 12:30-News 2:45-Market Reports.

1:45—Edward Davies, Baritone, 1:00—Curbstone Quiz. 1:45—Frank Watanabe and Archie, 1:00—Josef Marias. 8:15—European News. 4:15—Portland on Review. 4:30-Ircene Wicker. 4:45-Bud Barton. 5:30-Ranch Boys. 5:45-Dream Melodies.

:00-Fights, :00-Hotel Lincoln Orchestra. :30-This Amazing America. 8:15-Southland Orchestra 6:30-Baseball. 15-Florentine Gardens Orchestra 10:15—Florentine Gardens
10:30—Fishing Time.
10:35—Beverly Wilshire Orchestra.
11:00—This Moving World.
11:15—Portland Police Reports.
11:18—Bill Sabransky, Organist.

KGW-FRIDAY-920 Kc.

6:30-Sunrise Serenade 7:00-News. 7:15—Trail Blazers.
7:45—Sam Hayes.
8:00—Eyes of the World.
8:15—Dinning Sisters. 8:30-Stars of Today, .00-Fireside Singers. 9:15-Hotel Taft Orchestrs 9:30-Modern Meals 9:45-Dr. Kate. 10:00-Light of the World. 10:15-Arnold Grimm's Daughter, 10:30-Valiant Lady. :45-Betty Crocker 11:00—Story of Mary Marlin, 11:15—Ma Perkins. -Pepper Young's Family. 1:45-Vic and Sade 12:00-Portia Blaze Faces Life. 12:15-Stella Dallas. 2:30-Stars of Today

12:45-Blue Plate Special 1:00-Girl Alone. 1:30-Midstream. 1:45-The O'Neilla 2:45-The Guiding Light. 3:15-News. 3:30-Hotel Statler Orchestra.

6:00-Yesterday's Children. 4:30-Saxophobia :45-Stars of Today. 5:30-What's My Kamef 6:00-Don Ameche Show. 6:30-Champions. 6:45-Human Kature in Action.

7:00—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time, 7:15—William Pena Orchestra. 7:30—Showboat, 8:00-Hotel Ambassador Orchestra. 8:30-Death Valley Days. 9:00-Armchair Cruises. 9:15-University Explorer 9:30-Jantsen Orchestra. 10:00—News Flashes. 10:15—Glenn Shelley, Organist. 10:30—Hollywood Bowl. 11:00-News. 11:15-Bai Tabarin Orchestra. 11:30-Olympic Hotel Orchestra.

KOIN-PRIDAY-940 Kc. 6:00-Market Reports. 6:05-KOIN Klock. 7:15—Headliners. 7:30—Bob Garred Reporting. 7:45—Consumer News. 8:00—Kate Smith Speaks. 8:00—Kate Smith Speaks. 8:15—When a Girl Marries. 8:80—Romance of Helen Trent. 8:45—Our Gal Sunday. 9:00—The Goldbergs.

9:15—Life Can Be Beautiful. 9:30—Right to Happiness. 10:00—Big Sister. 10:15—Aunt Jenny. 10:30—Fletcher Wiley. 10:45—My Son and L. 11:00—Society Girl. 11:00—Society Girl.
11:15—It Happened in Hollywood.
11:30—Life Begins.
11:45—Dealer in Dreams.
12:00—Presty Kitty Kelly.
12:15—Myrt and Marge.
12:30—News.
13:45—Stepmother.

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1:00—By Kathleen Norris.
1:15—My Children.
1:30—Singin' Sam.
1:45—Scattergood Baines.
2:00—Young Dr. Malone.
2:15—Hedda Hopper's Hollywood. Joyce Jordan

2:45—The World Today, 3:00—Hello Again, 3:15—Hilltop House, 2:30—Newspaper of the Air, 4:55—News, 5:00—Al Peerce's Gang, 5:30-First Nighter. 6:00-Grand Central Station.

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6:30—Believe It or Not.
7:00—Amos 'n' Andy.
7:15—Lanny Ross.
7:30—Johnny Presents.
8:00—Kate Smith.
8:55—The Beauty Explorer.
9:00—Sullivan Reviews the News.
8:15—Fishing Bulletin.
9:45—Tonight's Best Buys.
16:00—Five Star Finsi. 10:00-Five Star Final. 11:00-Ray Noble Orchestra. 11:30-Manny Strand Orchestra.

KOAC-PRIDAY-550 Kc 9:00—Todsy's Programs. 9:03—The Homemskers' Hour. 9:08—Neighbor Reynolds. 10:00—Weather Forecast. 10:15—Story Hour for Adults. 11:00—Interesting People. 11:30—Music of the Masters.

11:30—Music of the Masters,
12:05—News,
12:15—Farm Hour,
1:15—Variety,
2:00—Club Women's Half Hour,
2:45—Guard Your Health,
3:15—Story of Food,
8:45—Monitor Views the News,
4:00—The Symphonic Half Hour, 4:00—The Symphonic Half Heur. 4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls. 5:00—On the Campuses. 5:45—Vespers. 6:15-News.

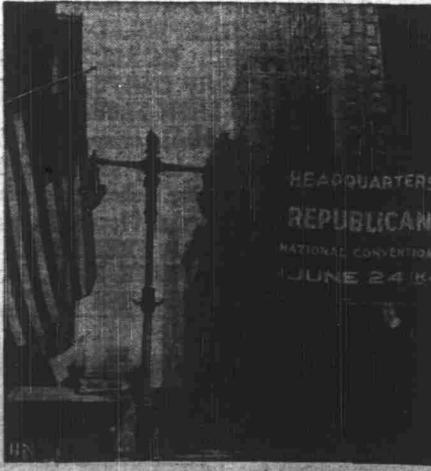
6:30—Farm Hour,
7:30—University of Oregon.
8:00—School of Music.
8:15—The Business Hour,
9:00—OSO Round Table. 9:30-Forestry School 9:45-Leadership Qualities,

Game Farms Alone Inadequate, Held

PORTLAND, May 23-(AP)-Nat- to open. ural propagation is necessary to maintain an adequate supply of silhouette a profile and he relaxwild life in Oregon, Chairman E. ed instantly. He would have rec-E. Wilson of the state game com- ognized that outline in a million, any person does or attempts or mission said today.

Game farm propagation cannot keep the wild life population up, Wilson told a civic club. William J. Smith, president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation, agreed and said the state would have to recognize this fact in the future.

Republicans Are Comin' to Town



Haul up the flags, boys, strike up the band! The Republicans coming to town for the major parties' first national convention.

scene is Philadelphia, where the convention opens June 24.

News Behind Today's News By PAUL MALLON

of course, but Mr. Roosevelt's request for a \$200,000,000 blank check from congress was primar-ily planned so he could develop a new secret weapon for the United States. At least that is what senstorial military leaders have been told in the strictest confidence.

The chief executive thought he needed about \$30,000,000 to build a plant for the manufac-ture of the new weapon, and \$159,000,000 for experimental

manufacture.
The president himself has only aid he intended to use some of the money for building airplane shadow factories. And it may not be necessary to add, his most constant doubters in congress have not been converted to the idea of blank checks by the confidential information they have received.

The French general staff may now tear its collective moustache at the thought, but it experimented with these same Hitler blitz-kreig methods—and found them impractical. Coordination required for joint

use of fast tanks, faster planes, slow infantry, lightning motor corps, parachutists from disconnected bases, in unison against enemy infantry, involved such intricate staff organization and such complicated communications systems as to surpass French imagination. If you had not seen it done, you might not believe it either.

Key to the German system is that all these far flung units are operated by a single division commander, timed by his single staff and operated by amazingly workable portable short wave radio communica-

These varying phases of activity are not now under one division commander in any other

army. The French and British have

"The Cairo Garter Murders" By VAN WYCK MASON

(Chapter 9 continued) What a pathetic terminus Richard Follonsbee's dreams of quick wealth! The man from G-2 seized the corpse and turned it slightly sidewise.

Ha! A dull gleam of bright metal shone beneath a jagged star of splintered enamel. No doubt now remained that Follonsbee had been shot while lying in the tub!

Around Follonsbee's left arm was a woman's fancy black satin garter with a scarlet rosette gathered by many fine little stitches and secured here and there with weaver's knots! queer sense of breathlessness gripped Hugh North on recalling to the last syllable Dr. Ladd's talk in the Bacchante Room. Armstrong, ephemeral perpetrator of the Cairo garter

murders, was aboard this ship! Bruce Kilgour must be informed at once. He severed the garter from the still-warm body, and held it to the light. The garter's inner side betrayed traces of white powder. Why? Um! And along its black lace edging there was a similar light discoloration. Uneasily aware of the passage

of time, North swung out into the living room and got quite a shock when he beheld a small square of paper propped againstthe inkstand on a desk. Neatly printed was the message: "MAJ. KILGOUR. STICK THIS IN YOUR PIPE, BETTER GET

North selected an envelope into which he dropped the pieces of singed cloth. A cautious knocking caused

him to retreat to the bedroom and resume his dinner jacket. This done, he closed the bedroom door after him and stood own rifles for use in the anti-parain the sitting room. Who the chutist corps. devil could this be? 'Follonsbee?'' a muffled voice

queried, "how about a nightcap?" North shifted to a spot back of the sitting-room's door-the one with the faulty lock Follonsbee had joked about. Fervently North yearned for usually inseparable .32 but poised himself for action when, after a second soft knock, the door commenced

The hall light was casting into sharp undertone, "and shut that to do any act which is designed or

what are you doing here?" Bruce enemy, to impede such operations Kilgour paused, hand on the of his majesty's forces, or to endoorknob, "Follonsbee. listen- danger life * * * he shall on ing?" The Englishman's long conviction suffer death." face had lost its habitual and. deceptive expression of lazy good Sir John Anderson, proposing the

smiled, and his eyes betrayed a carefully subdued excitement. "My reply from the Yard. Seems we're in luck. This fellow is English, a Manxman to be exact. His backers, a Central Buropean munitions firm called Heineman and Schlager, have chartered a small freighter, the Lyda. They've loaded her to the guards with arms and ammunition. She cleared Pola yesterday ostensibly for South America, but she'll never clear the Straits of Gibraltar." Kilgour paused.

Irritation hardened Kilgour's features. "And you let me talk-"It's no matter, Bruce, He's dead. Murdered with fiendish cruelty. You'll have to find some other stalking horse."
"Murd— The devil you say!" Before North's eyes Bruce Kil-gour's gaunt figure seemed to grow inches taller. His jaw shut with a click, North added: "He's not pretty. Don't over look the garter I found on his arm. It's on the washstand—

drying." (To be continued)

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The not been able even to coordinate exact facts are a military secret, of course, but Mr. Roosevelt's reinstance, was forced to communicate orders for his own pitifully inadequate airforce through the admiralty in London at first.

> Primary lessons for US defense lie in these facts. Not only is co-ordination of all air and land activity likely to be worked out for our army as a result, but it can be seen defense is not merely a matter of appropriating dollars. Aggressiveness and imagination are required to inspire the necessary efficiency.

Nazi efficiency was accomplished by a German general staff and division commanders who are extremely young. judged by former standards. The last general Hitler appointed was 45 years old. One Hitler general is 39. The average age of German division commanders who operate these division units is 50. American majors and brigadier generals (pros-pective division commanders in wartime) average 58.

Age does not necessarily govern efficiency. There are many elders in the rmy and elsewhere whose reputations refute the superstition that a man is efficient or not

merely because he is young or

But it may be somewhat startling to note that a bill proposing to scrap our archaic system of army promotion so that young officers can be promoted, has become stuck in congress. The bill, recommended by Mr. Roosevelt and the entire administration branch of government, passed the house unanimously, has been reported overwhelmingly by the senate military affairs committee, and even passed the senate with some weakening amendments. Reconstruction of the vote was demanded in the senate and final enactment of the measure has been unaccountably delayed.

Elder colonels who might be retired under the bill interested enators in opposing the measure.

If Mr. Roosevelt wants to re-vive NRA he has fixed the supreme court so he can do it. This assurance lay behind the recent Guffey coal decision, written by former securities exchange commissioner under Mr. Roosevelt, Justice William Douglas. He upheld all the basic governmental powers - the right to levy a sanctions tax upon non-compliants, codes, price fixing, delegation of congressional power to the executive. It meant the president can apply maximum controls over business at any time he can get such approving legislation from congress.

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Embattled Women To Drop Chutists

NEW YORK, May 23-(A)-An army of 2,000,000 American mothers, equipped with rifles and stationed stroughout the land to pick off enemy parachutists, was envistoned today as an aid to national defense.

The idea was born at a meeting of 75 members of the National Legion of Mothers of America, many of whom received actual instruction in arms from Lieut, Arthur Lockwood, of the United States naval reserve, who attended the

meeting. Mrs. Edna L. Johnston, acting regional director of the legion's New York and New Jersey division, said the legion, now comprising 2,000,000 members, expected to double its membership by July

Eventually, she said, 2,000,000 American women were expected to

Death Is Penalty For Fifth Column

LONDON, May 23-(AP)-The death penalty for "fifth column" treachery was provided in a bill passed last night by the British house of commons. The measure provides that "if

with intent to help the enemy "Come in," North rapped in a conspires with any other person likely to give assistance to naval, "Hugh! For Heaven's sake, military or air operations of the

The minister for home security. bill said "this is the moment if "No." North's reply was equa- ever there was one for swift and ble. "What brought you here?" drastic action. The grim realities Kilgour seemed to debate an- of our present situation provide other question but instead he justification without any further

"Keep Troops Home" GRANTS PASS, May 22-(A) American troops should be kept out of Europe's war at all costs, Otis N. Brown, Greensboro, NC, Veterans of Foreign Wars com-mander, said here last night.

