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Weather
Rain and cooler today and Friday; considerably higher humidity; max. temp. Wednesday 73; min. 51; river -2.1 ft.; southwest wind.

NINETYETH YEAR

In One Ear

—Paul Hauser's Column

FILM COMMITTEE FOR EDITOR'S SUMMER RELIEF
Burbank, California.

Dear Mr. Hauser:
Aren't you tired of working every day? Doesn't the genial warmth of the summer sun call you to the out-of-doors?
WE HAVE THE SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM. We want you to go some place for a couple of weeks—to get them for a weekend anyhow—and we have it all fixed.
Prominent film personalities, realizing your great need of a rest, have for the third year, formed an organization to do your daily column for you.
On the attached card, check the committee members you would have substitute for you and return the card as soon as possible.
AND NOW—GO HAVE FUN.
Sincerely,
Robert S. Taplinger
Publicity Director
Warner Bros. Project No. 18

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Dear Mr. Taplinger:
I don't know how you knew it, but I've been tired for a long time and I certainly want to thank you for your wonderful offer. I am enclosing the card you sent and I have checked the names of Olivia De Havilland, Priscilla Lane, Rosemary Lane, and Jane Sheridan, and Jane Wrayman. Please send them quickly as I am getting more tired every moment. I have checked train schedules and I think you will have time after getting this letter to get them for me aboard the Daylight which leaves Los Angeles Saturday morning.
Of course, I realize Warner Bros. won't spare any expense to relieve that tired feeling I've had for so long, but maybe they'll put the girls on a Mainliner. They'd get here quicker that way and I could start having fun sooner.
There's one thing that puzzles me though. I don't see why you want me to go some place, even for a week-end. You don't know me that well. I know lots of people around here who would like me to go some place—some distant place—for a long, long time, but certainly not you, Mr. Taplinger.
I think I'll just stick around and help the girls out in case they get stuck. Those glamor girls, you know, might find things a little bit complex in newspaper offices at first. Of course, if you had Rosalind Russell on the list it would be different.
We've got it all worked out. I'll have one of the girls write the column every day and the rest of us will let "the genial warmth of the summer sun call you to the out-of-doors," as he usually put it. Or maybe I'll have Olivia and Rosemary and Priscilla and Jane (I know they won't mind me starting how calling them by their first names) on the column while Ann and I go off somewhere. I don't think Ann would care much for the literary life anyway.

I certainly want to thank you and the Warner Bros. again, Mr. Taplinger, for realizing my great need for a rest. It's a swell thing to do, but I know you'll pardon me if, when I think of those five beautiful girls coming to have to help me, if I say, "To heck with the rest. LET'S GO HAVE FUN."
Yours in anticipation,
Paul H. Hauser, Jr.
P.S.—If Erroll Flynn is as handy with a baseball bat as he is with a cactus you might send him along, too. I couldn't use him, but I think our baseball team, the Salem Senators, might find a spot for him. I thought we could use Hank Green, too, but the chief of police says he doesn't want him in town.

PGE Restrained From Extensions

PORTLAND, May 29.—(P)—The Portland General Electric company was temporarily restrained by Federal Judge James A. Fee today from extending promissory notes held by two eastern banking firms.
The order will prevent the Chase National Bank of New York and the Harris Trust & Savings bank of Chicago from selling collateral held as security against the notes, said independent trustees of the Portland Electric Power company, holding company for General Electric.

Film Stars Have Nuptial Banquet At Drug Counter

LOS ANGELES, May 29.—(P)—Buster Keaton, frozen-faced film comedian, chose a courtroom marriage, a drugstore wedding supper, and a station-wagon honeymoon today.
Keaton, former husband of Natalie Talmadge, and winsome Eleanor Norris, a dancer, were married by Superior Judge Edward R. Brand today.
From the ceremony the wedding adjourned to a drugstore for tea. Afterward the newlyweds left in Keaton's station-wagon for a honeymoon at June lake, 250 miles northeast of here.

Allied Troops Give up Flanders Fight

Rain Forecast Won't Hinder Memorial

Parade to Start From Mars With 5 Sec. Services on Courthouse Lawn Follow Parade; Armory if Rain

With the weatherman forecasting light rains, Memorial day plans for outdoor waterside services and parade today are going ahead unchanged. Patriotic orders in charge of the observance have announced, however, that the afternoon program following the parade will be held in the armory in case of rain. Otherwise it will be on the courthouse lawn. Bands, patriotic, fraternal and veterans groups, national guard and Boy Scouts will march in the parade which will start from Marion square at 2 p. m. Also in the parade will be the newly-formed mounted posse, making its initial appearance. The line of march will be down Commercial street to State, east on State to Church, north on Church to Court, west on Court to High, south on High to the courthouse.
Reviewing stand will be on State street in front of the Capitol theatre. Making up the reviewing party will be Governor Charles A. Sprague, Colonel E. V. Wooten, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Herman Lafky, president of the Federation of Patriotic Orders, Frank Minto, chief of police, Major B. F. Pound, grand chief of degree 40 et 8, and Mrs. Bertha Ray, president of the auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans. Steiner is Parade's Grand Marshal.

Bridges Departing Bill Reported out

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(P)—Legislation for the summary deportation of Harry R. Bridges, west coast CIO leader, won the light-of-way to the house floor today by unanimous vote of the rules committee, and informed members predicted its speedy passage.
Majority Leader Rayburn (D-Tex.) said, however, that no plan had been made yet to bring the measure up for debate. No such action has ever before been taken by congress against an individual.
The rules committee approved the legislation in less than five minutes. It had heard earlier from Rep. Allen D. Lee, author of the bill, that the house immigration committee was convinced that Bridges was an "undesirable" alien.

Rumania to Guard Its Own Oil Wells

BUCHAREST, May 29.—(P)—The guarding of Rumania's oil wells was taken out of the hands of foreign-owned companies by a new decree of the minister of national defense tonight.
Under the orders, British, French and other foreign companies must discharge their own guards and hire Rumanian citizens.
All automobiles and trains passing through petroleum installations are being searched, and foreigners found in refining, shipping and production centers vital to the oil industry are to be sent to concentration camps.
The French and British, who own 70 per cent of Rumania's production, are reported to have made plans for destruction of their wells and refineries in event of a German invasion.

491 Salem Seniors Get Diplomas; A Few Get Awards and All Advice

Members of the senior class of Salem high school, 491 in all, received diplomas and well wishes from teachers, parents and friends last night in the 34th annual commencement exercises held in the high school auditorium.
Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State college addressed the class on "Four Wishes," in which he offered four character-shaping ideals for consideration of members of the class.
Following his speech, and the valedictory address of Lester Jones, holder of top scholastic rating in the '40 class, presentation of special awards was made to outstanding seniors.
Recipients included Emogene Russell, who was awarded the J. C. Nelson cup given annually to the outstanding senior in social sciences; Marjorie Wooten, who received the \$5 award of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion for excellence in an American history competition; Bill Shinn, student body president; and the speaker advised members of the graduating class to cultivate respect for self, in body and mind, and for others in all social relationships.

Report Demoted General Suicide



Italian Newshawk Reports Gamelin Believed Suicide

ROME, May 30.—(Thursday)—(P)—Il Popolo's d'Italia's correspondent in Bern, Switzerland, reported briefly today that the French generalissimo, Maurice Gustave Gamelin, is "understood to have killed himself following definite instructions of the French high command."
General Corap, who commanded the French 9th army which was overrun in the German breakthrough at Sedan, the correspondent said, had been executed. Gamelin was removed from command and replaced by General Maxime Weysand after the Sedan disaster to the French forces.

Barrick Is Again Board Candidate

Dr. L. E. Barrick will run for reelection as Salem school director, he announced yesterday. So far he is the only candidate. Election will be June 15.
Dr. Barrick who had served as chairman of the school board the past year, is completing his first term of three years on the board. He has been active in PTA affairs, playground work and health program, in addition to being county coroner, for which he was renominated in the last primary election.
He has not indicated when he will file his nomination. According to Vernon Wiscarson cup, a combination of filing with the district clerk a certificate signed by not less than 2 per cent of electors voting at the last school election. It must be filed at least seven days before the election. His name must be filed by the nominee at least five days before election.

Windsors on Riviera

NICE, France, May 29.—(P)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, traveling incognito, have arrived at their La Croix estate on the Riviera. They will stay for an indefinite period.

Huge new Sum To Be Sought For Defenses

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(P)—Military lessons learned from Germany's blitzkrieg led President Roosevelt today to rush preparation of a request that congress add another large sum—probably \$750,000,000—to the \$1,182,000,000 extraordinary defense fund.
General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, was reported to have told a house appropriations sub-committee that \$750,000,000 would be necessary to buy more powerful anti-tank guns, a new type of light machine gun, additional mechanized equipment and other weapons.
Committee members said that the general testified the relentless march of German troops already had demonstrated the comparative ineffectiveness of the 37 millimeter anti-tank guns.
"That's why the French were forced to use their 75 millimeter field guns at point blank range," one legislator said. "We may have to develop a 90 millimeter weapon, the same size as our newest anti-aircraft guns, to meet the situation."
Members said the European war also had demonstrated the need for a light machine gun which soldiers could strap on and fire at any angle in front of them. One member mentioned a gun capable of firing 400 shots a minute. They said German parachute troops and other units used such guns with deadly effect.

Paris Drive Is Believed Next Goal of Hitler by Observers

BERLIN, May 29.—(P)—Admittedly taking great losses themselves in a crunching drive against cornered British and French who were selling themselves dearly, the German army today nevertheless expected the capitulation at any moment of the half million troops fighting a suicide battle in Flanders.
The Germans were reported smashing furiously with hundreds of dive bombers, tanks and massed artillery in an effort to ring down speedily the curtain on the Flanders carnage.
The British and French were cut apart in the general vicinity of Lille, the British to the north and the French to the south of that city, their predicament turned to disaster by the sudden surrender yesterday of 300,000 Belgians. Only a miracle, Germans said, could prevent their annihilation or capitulation. They spoke of (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

Italy Teetering Yet on War Edge

ROME, May 29.—(P)—Italy still teetered tonight on the brink of war.
Many foreign and Italian observers expected her to take the plunge within a few days, but in the Mediterranean and landward rather than directly against France.
In the "event of an act of aggression leading to war in the Mediterranean area," according to the allied-Turkish and Italian alliance, Turkey, guardian of the Dardanelles, is pledged to enter the war on the side of Britain and France.
The new view as to the potential theatre of attack was supported by Nicola Marchitto, in the semi-monthly political review "Conquista d'Impero"—"conquest of empire."
Marchitto asserted that Italy's "offensive objectives" would be actions by the navy and air force in the Mediterranean and landward in Africa to conquer the Suez canal and eventually in the Balkans to "protect" Italian interests.
But when—and if—Italy enters the war she is expected to count more heavily for quick action on bombing planes, supported by submarines and other naval forces, than on large masses of men.

Baroness to Die As Spy Ring Head

PARIS, May 29.—(P)—The beautiful young Baroness von Eiselein, accused as the brains of pre-war Nazi espionage in France, was sentenced to death today by a military tribunal which tried her and others in absentia.
She fled from France last summer before the outbreak of the war.
Sentenced to die also was Jean Gaston Amoureux, a senate stenographer.
They will be executed if caught. Two other persons accused of conspiring with them in an attempt to divulge French military secrets were sentenced to serve prison terms, fined 20,000 francs (about \$400) and were deprived of citizenship for 20 years.

Leopold Lambasted

LONDON, May 29.—(P)—One British newspaper cartooned King Leopold as a snake today and an editorial called him a skunk.
Some high authorities, however, asked for a stay of judgment on his surrender to Germany until all facts are documented.
The Silverton tax dollar also goes in large part to city taxes, which absorb 89 cents, and special school taxes, which take 35 cents. The remaining 26 cents goes to: state general taxes, .01; county general fund, .03; poor relief, .03; old age pensions, .04; market roads, .04; general road fund, .03; state elementary schools, .04; county school fund, .03; special school fund, .03; city levy, .31. Total millage is \$1.90 within city limits.
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Retreating Army Opens Sluices

Nazis Expect Trapped Army To Capitulate

"Only a Miracle" Could Save 500,000 Troops, Germans Say
PARIS, May 29.—(P)—The refugee Belgian parliament will meet in Paris Friday to seal the fate of King Leopold III with what power it wields.
The quick action of the Belgian cabinet in "disowning" him was informally approved yesterday by a parliament meeting in a Paris dance hall.
The Friday assembly in Parliament hall will consider new measures for the government of the fugitive peoples of Belgium.
A new army will be recruited among the 2,000,000 Belgians already in France as refugees.
Leopold has been returned to Brussels palace by the Germans, according to word here but unconfirmed elsewhere.
The newspaper Paris Soir said the three royal children, motherless since the lovely Queen Astrid was injured fatally in a 1935 automobile accident, have been taken to Lisbon, Portugal, for the duration of the war; but the Belgian legation in Lisbon denied they were there or coming there. The Lisbon legation described the king as a German prisoner.
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The Paris press said that Belgium's gold had been removed before the invasion and will be at the disposal of the new government.

Captured Nazi Parachutists Are Frisked by Military Policemen



Radiophoto from London shows a group of Nazi parachutists brought to London for internment after they were captured in Belgium before King Leopold's surrender to Hitler. Arms raised, prisoners are being "frisked" by British military police. (IIN photo from News of the Day Newswire.)

Belgian Parliament Is To Decide King's Fate

PARIS, May 29.—(P)—The allied tonight gave up as lost the battle of Flanders and, in a great retreat, opened the flood sluices around Dunkerque to guard their last port of escape on the sea.
The bloody conflict in the north was all but over. The Germans, thus, were left substantially in control of France's northern industrial region and her north-west coast, and across the sea.
At least, however, the battle had given the allies time to build a strong southern front along the Somme and Aisne rivers, for 200 miles across France.
The virtual collapse of the allied cause in Flanders, after the Belgian army's surrender ordered by King Leopold, left their flanks laid open amid scenes of fire and flood.
While the waters rose steadily in the vast system of streams around Dunkerque, French divisions fought across the tortured landscape to hold the rear and the British troops defended the main points of passage for the main forces seeking the coastline.
The allies brought on the inundation by opening the locks southward to save as many as possible on the great canal that flows by the city and follows the coast for many miles.
Last Resistance
In Dunkerque, the last allied resistance was rallied under Vice Admiral Jean Marie Abrial, 61-year-old commander of the port. The allied armies, navies and air forces fought together in an effort to save as many as possible from the wreckage of Flanders.
The retreat was harassed by heavy German fire. Some Belgian units, refusing to lay down their arms despite their king's orders to (Turn to Page 3, Col. 3)

Sinking of Ship Stirs Argentina

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City Gets 39 Cents of Split Of Salem Taxpayer's Dollar

Thirty nine cents of the Salem city taxpayer's dollar go for special city taxes, and 24 cents go for special school uses, a segregated report on millages and division of the Marion county tax dollar issued yesterday by County Assessor R. A. Ebdon shows.
The remaining 27 cents of every dollar of taxes paid by city residents is divided as follows, the report states: state general fund, .01; county general fund, .03; poor relief, .03; old age pensions, .04; market roads, .04; general road fund, .03; state elementary schools, .04; county school fund, .03; special school fund, .03; city levy, .31. Total millage is \$1.90 within city limits.
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Germans Hold French Coast On Northwest

BERLIN, May 30.—(P)—Many French troops surrounded by German forces south of the city of Lille have surrendered, according to reports reaching Berlin in a morning.
Informed sources said French resistance was weakening noticeably at many points but it was not known whether it was due to exhausting munitions or the effect of continued German air and artillery bombardments.
In some sectors, at the same time, the opposition to the German legions was most vigorous.
A number of enemy air raids on western Germany were carried out last night but Germans said as they have almost daily that the raiders "operate only against unimportant non-military objectives."

Waters Rise in Streams About Dunkerque for Allied Stand

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Late Sports

PORTLAND, May 29.—(P)—A four-run rally in the seventh inning broke a 1-1 tie and gave Oakland its second straight win over Portland in a Pacific Coast baseball league game tonight. The score was 5-3.
Oakland leads in the series 2-0.
Fitcher Stanley Corbett started the rally with a double, which was followed by Manager Johnny Verges' safe bunt, advancing Corbett to third. Corbett and Verges then scored on Luby's single.
Chapman laid down a bunt and Harrell failed to get Luby at second. Christoff made a sacrifice bunt and Third Baseman Eddie Marshall threw the ball away, allowing Luby and Chapman to score.
Harrell struck out 11 Oaks but walked seven.
Oakland 5 7 0
Portland 1 1 2
Corbett and Conroy; Harrell and Ferrandis.

Our Senators Won 7-2

LOS ANGELES, May 29.—(P)—Low Angeles Clubbed Wally Herbert off the mound in the fourth inning with a five-run assault tonight and continued on to a 13 to 7 victory over San Diego in the third game of the series.
San Diego 7 16 1
Los Angeles 13 16 2
Eberst, Tobin (4); Duesler (7); Humphreys (8) and Detler, Williams (7); Fallon and Hernandez.