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Weather
Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with local showers; little change in temperature. Maximum temperature, Friday, 73; minimum, 51; southwest wind. River, -2.2 ft.

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French Push Nazis Back on Somme Front

Move Against "Fifth Columns" Has Congress' Final Approval

In One Ear

Mr. T.—(rhymes with mommy)
H.—(rhymes with foxy), the Centennial publicist whom this department has vowed never to mention by name, put on his buckskin jacket yesterday, strapped on his ammunition belt and his six-shooter, climbed into his V-8 (donated) and headed for Lebanon.

The Centennial crew was going to help Lebanon start off its Strawberry Festival with a bang.

Somewhat harried of mind was Mr. H.—(rhymes with foxy) as he drove toward Lebanon. There was something, he kept thinking, that he had forgotten. He racked his brain, but in the terrific convolutions there found nothing. Yet still came that vague and haunting distraction that meant something important had been left undone.

But Lebanon was calling and on he drove.

Meanwhile in Salem there was some astute phoning to the Centennial office. There were an unhappy young lady clad in Centennial clothes and it wasn't until Mr. T.—(rhymes with mommy) H.—(r. w. foxy) got to Lebanon that he finally remembered he had left Miss Lois Cheney, the Centennial theme girl, sitting in Salem, all dressed up and no way to go to the Strawberry Festival.

"As a young man, Neville Chamberlain, British statesman, spent several years managing the fishing boats in the Bahamas."—Newslinger.

Bahamas' loss was also Britain's.

Since this war began it has been the fashionable hobby with experts to predict in how many months the home and minutes Germany will run out of vital military supplies. They say the gasoline can last only so long, trained pilots can last only so long and that it is entirely conceivable that there is even a limit to the planes the Nazis can put in the air. We have been thinking this over in our quiet way and have decided it would be a wonderful thing if the Germans ran out of gasoline, planes, pilots, tanks, guns, ammunition and men on the same day.

It would be like Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' famed "One-Hot Shay" that was built in such a logical way it ran a hundred years to a day." Only, of course, we hope the German military machine doesn't wait that long before it goes "to pieces all at once, all at once and nothing first, just as bubbles do when they burst."

Somehow we overlooked the fact that last week National WPA week. It just slept by without our noticing it.

Locked in Boxcar 7 Days, Foodless

KLAMATH FALLS, May 31.—(P)—Frank Ordley, 55, recuperating at a hospital today after being locked in a box car without food or water for seven days.

He escaped from the car at Midland and was found unconscious on the Klamath Falls road. Ordley told Mrs. Altha Urquhart, welfare worker, that he entered the car at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Alien Control Placed Under Justice Chief

Immigration Service Is Transferred; Minor Change Impends

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—President Roosevelt's reorganization plan designed to "deal quickly" with fifth columns was approved today by the senate which passed a resolution to put it into effect swiftly. The vote was 85 to 1.

The resolution provides that, 10 days after it becomes law, the immigration program to transfer the immigration service from the labor department to the justice department shall become effective. Under existing law, reorganization programs can not take effect until they have been before congress for 60 days, unless congress acts to put them into operation earlier.

The resolution approved today had already passed the house, but it must now go back to that chamber for action on a senate amendment which would put into effect on June 30 the transfer of the civil aeronautics authority and the weather to the commerce department. The CAA is now independent, and the weather bureau is in the agriculture department.

School Year Ends For Salem Youth

Mrs. Fawk Retires After 39 Years Service in Salem's System

"No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks," venerable last-day-of-school chant for several generations was again in order yesterday as Salem city schools closed for summer vacation.

Frank German Is Freed of Charge

PORTLAND, May 31.—(P)—A directed verdict of acquittal was ordered by Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview today for Frank M. German, vice-president of the defunct Fred W. German Real Estate company.

German was accused of embezzling \$300.

Salem Graduate At West Point



ALAN G. BAKER

Baker to Receive Commission Soon

Salem Youth One of 450 Graduating June 11, Military Academy

Alan G. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar G. Baker, route five, will be among 450 cadets graduating in the United States Military academy class of 1940, June 11 at West Point.

Baker, who will receive a degree of bachelor of science and commission as second lieutenant in the regular army, attended Salem high school, where he was one of the charter members of the scholastic honorary society, and went to Willamette university for one year. He attended the West Point Preparatory school at Fort Scott, San Francisco, for a year in preparation for his entrance examinations to the military academy.

Senator Charles L. McNary gave Baker his appointment to West Point. During his first class year there he attained the high military rank of cadet lieutenant. He participated in soccer, winning nationals and a monogram in that sport, and was a member of the choir.

Building in May Highest of Year

Residences Fewer; Year's Total to Date Over Half Million

Salem building, far ahead of 1939 and over the half million mark for the first five months of the year, set a new record for this year during the past month with issuance of 115 permits for an estimated valuation of \$138,633.

The five months total valuation is \$599,028 as compared to \$380,536 for the same period in 1939, city building department records show.

Baker's parents and a brother, Roger, now attending Willamette, will be present at activities which precede the West Point graduation. June week begins June 6 and continues for seven days with the annual West-Point horse show the highlight of Wednesday and Thursday. There will be regimental dress parades every afternoon.

Dispute Arises Over National Guard Status

Authority to Call State Troops Asked by FR; Senators Oppose

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—President Roosevelt asked an evidently willing congress to increase the extraordinary defense fund more than a billion dollars today and, simultaneously, stirred up a hot controversy with a request for authority to call the national guard to active duty.

Recommending additional outlays which reliable sources said would total about \$1,375,000,000 and provide for more planes, tanks and ammunition plants, Mr. Roosevelt said that the most incredible events of the past two weeks "in Europe had necessitated enlargement of the military program beyond the proportions he suggested May 16."

Huge Battleship To Be Launched

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—(P)—The \$65,000,000 battleship Washington will be launched at the Philadelphia navy yard tomorrow—two weeks before schedule and amid the most elaborate precautions since the World war to guard American warship's secrets.

Originally scheduled for June 15, the launching was pushed ahead by hiring extra labor and putting aside other naval shipbuilding and repair work to complete the ship.

Bus Company's Withdrawal Is Held Probable

Would Follow Granting of License to Taxi Firm, Declared

Willing to Sell Line to City, President of Firm Announces

City bus lines operated in Salem by Oregon Motor Stages will be discontinued if the city council sees fit to grant the license sought by the Economy Cab company, it was strongly intimated in a letter addressed Friday to Mayor W. W. Chadwick and the city council by R. W. Lemen, president of the bus company.

Oregon Motor Stages, which has been furnishing year city its mass transportation system since 1931, opposes the granting of the license, and believes that if the license is granted Oregon Motor Stages will be forced to abandon operation of its Salem city bus lines," the letter declares.

The transportation company president also called attention to the recent award of an arbitrator in the wage dispute between the company and its employees, increasing wages to an extent which would, he said, add about \$135 a month to the fare.

Italian Official Resigns, Protest

NEW YORK, May 31.—(P)—Goffredo Pantalone, for many years a direct representative of the Rome government in this country as head of the Italian tourist information service, announced his resignation today in protest against the "close cooperation between Hitler and Mussolini."

Population Increases 5.5 Per Cent, Albany

ALBANY, May 31.—(P)—A preliminary population estimate today by Mrs. Merle C. Stuart, district census supervisor at Eugene, gave Albany 5620 residents, 5.5 per cent above the 1930 level of 5325.

Three-Fourths of Army In North Said Rescued

German Losses Exceed Half Million, Report; England Taking Heart

Abbeyville Bridgehead Is Taken but not Town; Italy "Preparing"

A SOUTHEAST COAST FORT IN ENGLAND, June 1.—(P)—Three-fourths of the British expeditionary force in Flanders has been pulled out of the German-set death trap by the allied navies, it was reported today as an armada of ships of all types continued to bring home thousands of survivors.

NEW YORK, June 1.—(Saturday)—(P)—The official British wireless, in a broadcast picked up by CBS declared this morning that French authorities had found German documents "confirming" Nazi losses of half a million men on the western front since April 10.

Italians Continue Waving of Sabers

ROME, May 31.—(P)—Italy kept Britain and France guessing again today.

But that she is going to strike was emphasized by the leading Italian foreign affairs commentator, "International French and British enemy with extreme determination to complete victory."

Any allied move toward Salonika, Greek port used as a naval base by the allies in the World war, or Greek partisanship toward Britain and France would bring the Italian army plucking down through the Balkans, Italy warned.

The visit of Dino Alfieri, new Italian ambassador to Germany, to Adolf Hitler's western front headquarters indicated to most observers the two governments were working in close harmony in their plans for what they hope will be the final overthrow of the British and French empires.

Second British Force Forming Now in France

Abbeyville Bridgehead Is Taken but not Town; Italy "Preparing"

Hungary Also Solid With Axis; Berlin Jubilant Over Battle Result

(By The Associated Press)
A second British expeditionary force, following up the one whose remnants still are fleeing Flanders, is being organized in France Friday night behind the Somme front where French tanks battered away at the southern end of the German salient.

Allied pressure on the Somme front the French said, had "cleaned up" the Abbeyville sector though capture of Abbeyville itself was not claimed.

This new action on the Somme may answer the question: Where will the next move come in the war?

It might mean the allies were making move to head off a German drive on Paris. Such a thrust, with the French capital the goal and possibly Italy blasting at France from the south, was forecast in German army circles on the western front.

The French kept secret the strength and location of the second BEF.

The British air ministry, meantime, reported broad activity of the fleet air arm in harassing German forces driving in to seal a landing blow on British units withdrawing from the channel pocket around Dunkerque.

Italy's position seemed to have simmered down to the point where diplomats wondered no longer whether she would enter the war, but rather what secret she kept.

It was reported that Italians long resident in Switzerland had been ordered by their government to return home.

Statements of the Hungarian premier and foreign minister made it clear that Hungary's policy was coordinated with the Rome-Berlin axis. This would give German armies a clean sweep through a Hungary in any drive in southeastern Europe.

The French said allied northern armies were being rescued "on a large scale" through Dunkerque. A war ministry spokesman in Paris said, "important" withdrawals which got under way Thursday night still were progressing undiminished, with British, French and Belgian troops pouring across the English channel in an unending stream.

It was acknowledged however, that the French rear guard protecting the allied retreat was "in difficulties."

The cleanup of the Abbeyville (Turn to Page 3, Col. 4)

Flying Students Showing Unusual

An unusual record in excellent ground school instruction was made by the Salem airport's CAA classes when all 24 aspirants for CAA flight training who took the private pilot written examination this week received passing grades.

Vern DeAutremont, class instructor, has not yet been notified by the CAA which ten of the 24 will be selected to receive flight training at government expense. Five alternates will also be chosen.

FRENCH CLAIM THEY HAVE THIS STOPPED



Typical of the big tanks the Germans are employing in France is this one, snarped along a French road with infantry trailing along behind. This is the weapon the Nazis used in breaching through the Little Magnot line but the French claim they have solved its problem of stopping the "tank battleships" and have established a new line along the Somme which will be more difficult to crack.—IN photophone.

Hospital Scheme Criticized At Osteopaths' Convention

The ten million dollar hospital construction program proposed in congress in the national hospital bill was described as a "worthy ideal" but condemned for not providing that patients in such hospitals may select licensed physicians of their own choice, and to say that doctors practicing in such hospitals may use whatever methods they think best for individual patients, is the chief pitfall of the National "Vital Omnissons would allow certain groups of doctors to set up medical trusts and regiment doctors and patients under plans dangerously akin to communized rather than socialized medicine."

May Fairly Moist, Believe It or Not

In spite of all indications from May 6 to 30, the month just ended topped the average rainfall of 2.12 inches with a total of 2.51 inches. The mercury reached a height of 86 degrees on the 33rd and a low of 38 on the third and the 27th.

Precipitation was fairly heavy for May on seven days of the month: 1st, .55; 2nd, .28; 11; 4th, .38; 5th, .33; 6th, .26; and 31st, .33.

Our Senators Won 8-3