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Weather
Fair today and Wednesday; little change in temperature and humidity; Max. Temp. 67, Min. 52; river -1.9 ft. trace of rain; northwest wind.

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Allies Believed Bombing Cities in Reprisal

Much-Debated Zone Revision Finally Voted

Approval Granted 11-3; Remonstrance Found Shy of Majority

Taxicab License Request Rejected as Result of Caucus Vote

The city council got rid of a problem which has been hettling it for the past six weeks as it approved changing of the W. W. Rosebraugh property at 14th and State streets from a residential to a class 3 business zone last night.

The vote was 11 to 3 with Alderman Mrs. Lobdell, Glenn Gregg and David O'Hara voting in opposition.

Rosebraugh's petitions requesting the change carried signatures of holders of 57 per cent of the property in the affected block. Legal requirement is 1 per cent or more.

A lengthy exchange between City Engineer J. Harold Davis and Mrs. T. W. Creech, spokeswoman for opponents of the change, enlivened action preceding the vote with Mrs. Creech insisting Davis had missed some signatures in computing remonstrances as carrying names of owners of only 37 per cent of property in the affected area of nine blocks.

Finds More Petitions Against Change

After the council meeting Davis found the missing petitions. He told The Statesman last night that he had made an error and that the true percentage for the remonstrances was "about 43 or 44 per cent." Davis pointed out that some of the remonstrance petitions were given to him for checking late yesterday afternoon and haste brought about the error.

Opponents of the change said after the council meeting that their remonstrances bore signatures of holders of 324,120 square feet of the affected property out

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Flag Salute Duty Upheld by Court

Religious Scruples Won't Suffice as Obstacle, Says Frankfurter

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—The supreme court ruled today that school children may legally be required to salute the American flag to promote patriotism.

"National unity is the basis of national security," Justice Frankfurter wrote in the 8-1 decision, and "the flag is the symbol of our national unity." Justice Stone dissented.

Specifically, the court upheld the constitutionality of a flag-salute requirement of Minersville, Pa., school board. It was challenged on behalf of Lillian Gobitis, 12, and her brother, William, 10, on the ground that it infringed religious freedom.

They had been taught that saluting the flag was "forbidden by command of scripture," Frankfurter said, and were expelled for their refusal.

"Conscientious scruples have not, in the course of the long struggle for religious toleration, relieved the individual from obedience to a general law not aimed at the promotion of restrictions of religious beliefs," Frankfurter wrote.

"To stigmatize legislative judgment in providing for this universal gesture of respect for the symbol of our national life in the setting of the common school as a lawless inroad on that freedom of conscience which the constitution protects, would amount to no less than the pronouncement of pedagogical and psychological dogma in a field where courts possess no marked and certainly no controlling competence."

Three Surrender, Housing Charge

PORTLAND, June 3—(AP)—Three men surrendered to US Marshal Jack Summerville today to answer indictments charging conspiracy to violate the federal housing act.

The three, Dale Baughman, 25, Verlie Barthelemy, 30, and Jack Washburn, 42, posted $2500 bond each and were released.

The men, along with six others previously arrested, were charged in the indictment of conspiracy in connection with alleged false statements submitted for security modernization loans under the housing act.

Wyoming Shows Gain

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 3—(AP)—Wyoming's population was estimated today at 232,892 persons compared with 225,565 in 1930.

Sprague at Governors' Meet Hits at Security Board's Merit System

Higher Cost and Lower Efficiency Said Feared; 19 State Executives Express Support for Defense Program, Pledge Resources

DULUTH, Minn., June 3—(AP)—Bombs over Europe blasted a 32-year-old tradition of the National Governor's conference today and 19 chief executives in session here ditched the usual custom of not announcing any conclusions as a result of their discussions.

Sidestepping a conference rule against adoption of any resolution, the conference approved a "statement" to the effect that "all necessary steps should be taken immediately to provide adequately and effectively for the defense of these United States, and each state pledges her resources, agricultural, industrial and military, to that end."

The statement, said Vermont's Governor George D. Aiken who introduced it, "expresses an honest opinion—and avoids a little hot water." It ignored the controversial question of whether the governors should back President Roosevelt in his bid for authority to mobilize the national guard.

Protest against imposition on state welfare agencies of the federal social security board's new "merit system" of staff selection was voiced by Governor Charles A. Sprague of Oregon.

Governor Sprague asked the conference to adopt a resolution protesting "against this dictation

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In One Ear

—Paul Hauser's Column

Procrastination is a terrible thing and nobody knows it better than us. We have suffered from procrastination, no matter how thoroughly our instructors inculcated in us the virtue expressed in the proverb, "Never put off until tomorrow what you should have done before yesterday."

Paul B. Hauser, Jr.

Just the other day, for instance, we woke up to the realization that we had let a million dollar opportunity slip through our fingers. We heard opportunity knock and all we did was have some Ethyl put in the tank. Not until too late did we realize that it was the main chance.

Well, when we first heard of it, this chance to knock over a million cucumbers, we were all set for it. But one thing and another came up and we were always saying that there was plenty of time and that we would get around to it tomorrow.

Some days we would think about it and resolve that now was the time to act. Whereupon we would turn the other cheek, cuddle down in the pillow and wait for tomorrow to shove its bright and shining face into our stream of consciousness.

Well, as the storybooks have it, tomorrow never comes and that's how we lost the million dollars.

When we finally got around to doing it, it was too late. There was no more opportunity. Yep, on May 31, Dr. Samuel Harden Church withdrew his offer of $1,000,000 for the person who could kidnap Adolf Hitler and just as we were getting out our butterfly net, too.

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According to Dr. Hill the Mexican people are quite courteous to visitors and desire to stimulate tourist trade. He photographer a Mexican bull fight and sat in the president's chair for a moment.

He noticed under the upholstery that there were bullet holes and he was told that the chair was occupied at the time the bullets were fired.

—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Ah yes, senor, but nevaire a shot when the so rich tourists are een eet.

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MRS. JESSE CARVER TO RETIRE FROM TELEPHONE POST

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Did she hang up?

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MARITIME NOTE

The commander of the Wheatland Ferry labels as a dastardly canard the report that his craft was sunk by an enemy bomber which dropped a bomb cleanly down the funnel. "It can't be true," the commander wrote testily to the Marion county admiralty, "because I had the funnel down in the galley at the time and was using it to boil strawberry preserves in."

Seek to Bolster Monroe Doctrine

Specific Ban on Transfer of European Nations' Colonies Favored

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—A strengthening of the Monroe doctrine to forestall any attempt by a victorious Germany to claim title to British, French, Dutch or Danish possessions in the western hemisphere appeared in the making tonight with administration backing.

Chairman Pittman (D-Nev) of the senate foreign relations committee and Chairman Bloom (D-NY) of the house foreign affairs committee introduced resolutions in congress toward this end. Bloom said the measure had the support of Secretary Hull.

The resolution declared the United States "would not recognize any transfer and would not acquiesce in any attempt to transfer any geographical region of the western hemisphere from one non-American power to another non-American power."

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Two Firemen Die In Portland Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3—(AP)—Two Portland firemen were fatally gassed early today while fighting a fire at the Portland Furniture Manufacturing company.

Ernest W. Bills, 40, and Carl G. Markstrom, 40, succumbed an hour after being found unconscious inside the building. Dr. Edwin G. Robinson blamed carbon monoxide generated by the fire for the tragedy. Both men wore smoke masks.

Fire Chief Edward Grenfell said Markstrom, a junior captain, apparently was overcome while trying to rescue Bills.

The smoke was exceptionally thick and the masks could not provide sufficient oxygen, Fire Investigator William Goerz said.

Overheated steam pipes in the dry kiln caused the blaze, firemen said. Damage was estimated at $20,000 by President O. A. Honsinger.

Water Board Won't Resign; Charter Vote Is Questioned

SILVERTON, June 3—A special election may result from the city council meeting held here tonight when the water commission refused either to resign or to turn over the city funds when the former was suggested and the latter asked for by the city council in compliance with the recently adopted charter.

The council had passed a resolution at a special meeting this afternoon declaring the commission dissolved and directing it to turn over its funds, records and property. Elgin McCleary, water works superintendent, was ordered retained in that position at a $175 monthly salary and given complete jurisdiction over the department.

Fire works broke out at tonight's meeting when Dr. A. W. Simmons, chairman of the water commission, presented a communication signed by the other two commissioners, Austin Eastman and Roy Morley, to the effect that they, upon written opinion of Custer Ross, a Salem attorney, refused to consider the newly voted city charter valid. Commissioners explained that they did not want to turn over the funds until they were sure that they would not be held liable.

City Attorney Rex Albright said that in his opinion they would not be held liable in turning over the city funds from the city water department to the city council and if they felt that the new charter was illegal they could resign under the old one and would so be relieved of all responsibility in the matter.

No resignations were made and Dr. Simmons suggested a "friendly trial suit" to settle the matter.

Mayor Letta Schlador expressed the hope that the matter could be settled without any such expense to the city.

Councilman C. B. Anderson moved that a special election be held but later withdrew the motion when no second was made. Lowell Brown, nominee for mayor and a visitor at the council, suggested that a new charter could be drawn up and "a few

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Iowa Governor Leads in Tight Primary Race

Wilson Less Than 6000 Ahead of Microphone Hugger H. R. Gross

Maine Elects Its First Congresswoman for Unexpired Term

DES MOINES, Ia., June 3—(AP)—Governor George A. Wilson gradually increased his lead tonight over H. R. Gross, former Des Moines news commentator, in the most torrid Iowa republican race for governor since 1934.

Returns from 898 of Iowa's 2450 precincts gave Wilson 59,174 votes to 53,485 for Gross. Irving H. Hudson, a former highway commissioner, was running a weak third with 9397.

In the democratic gubernatorial race, former United States District Attorney John Valentine of Centerville had a total of 21,215 votes in 838 precincts as against 16,961 cast for State Senator Ed Breen, of Ft. Dodge.

Forty-year-old Gross, who conducted a "sight unseen" campaign—he confined his vote getting efforts to addresses — was strong down through the center of the state.

Iowa republican leaders tried vainly throughout the campaign to lure Gross out from behind his microphone but he turned down every invitation.

Early averages indicated a total republican vote of less than 275,000 and a democratic total of approximately 100,000.

PORTLAND, Me., June 3—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret C. Smith (R) of Skowhegan, was elected without opposition today to become Maine's first woman representative to congress.

Light balloting n a specal second district election gave Mrs. Smith the right to fill out the unexpired term of her late husband, Rep. Clyde H. Smth (R), whom she served as a secretary in Washington.

Mrs. Smith, a 39-year-old ex-businesswoman, will seek the nomination for the next full term in the regular June 17 primary.

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—Senator McKellar (D-Tenn) today urged all candidates for the democratic presidential nomination to withdraw so that the national convention may renominate President Roosevelt by acclamation.

"Ths is no time for us to swap horses in the middle of the stream," he said. "This is no time for us to take chances with new and untried plans. This is no time to let precedents restrain us."

McKellar said Mr. Roosevelt had "successfully exercised the responsibility of keeping the United States out of war," and that if the war should end, it would leave unsolved "questions that would gravely affect the welfare and interests and the policies of the United States."

Special Attorney Asked, Libel Case

A special attorney for the state may be designated to appear at a hearing set for 10 a. m. Wednesday in Silverton justice court on the criminal libel complaint filed against A. M. Church, Salem publisher, by Robin Day, local attorney. Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle said yesterday a request for appointment of a special prosecutor had reached his office and indicated he probably would delegate the task to one of his regular assistants.

District Attorney Lyle J. Page has said he would have nothing to do with the case because the article complained of mentioned his name and was related to his primary election campaign.

New Tax Program Need Says Angell

WASHINGTON, June 3—(AP)—Congress should stay in Washington and revamp the entire tax system to meet the financial situation facing the country because of defense expenditures, Representative Homer Angell (R-Ore) said today.

"I do not believe we should go home and leave it to Santa Claus," Angell said. "He might have more than he can take care of by next year."

Oregon City Population Said Increased to 6101

OREGON CITY, June 3—(AP)—The 1940 census gives Oregon City a population of 6101, a 9.44 per cent increase over 10 years ago, District Census Supervisor Albert R. McCall said today.

HAVOC? JUST WARMUP FOR TOTAL WAR

Just a preliminary warmup for the destruction of "total war" as exemplified in air raids on Paris early Monday, was this devastation of the Bologne waterfront "cutting off another English channel outlet of the allied forces in Flanders" according to the German-censored caption.—IIN photo.

Stumbo Nominee For Legion Chief

Few Contests Develop to Date in Capital Post Election Program

Ray Stumbo, present first vice-commander, was the sole nominee for commander of Capital post No. 9, American Legion, at Monday night's meeting. Further nominations will be permitted at the June 17 meeting and the election will be held at the first meeting in July.

For other post offices the following were nominated:

First vice-commander, Herman Brown; second vice-commander Ira Pilcher; adjutant, Mem Pearce, incumbent; finance officer, Guy Weaver, incumbent; historian, Irl S. McSherry, incumbent; chaplain, C. V. Richardson, incumbent; quartermaster, John Olson; executive committeemen, George Averett, Art Johnson who is outgoing commander, Dr. H. A. Gueffroy and Al Fielen.

For delegates to the department convention, Irl S. McSherry, Douglas McKay, J. H. Turnbull, Brazier C. Small, George Averett, Onas Olson and Mem Pearce.

It was announced that the post is assured of 11 boys at the Beaver Boy State, to be conducted at Hill Military academy in Portland in August. Assistance in interesting boys in enrolling for the CMTC camp at Vancouver barracks in July was urged.

Church Approves Purchase of Lot

First Congregational church members Sunday morning authorized purchase of the lot on the southeast corner of Marion and Cottage streets as site for the new church building.

The lot, just south of Garfield school, is part of the Page estate and is 95 by 165 feet. The transaction was made through U. S. Page.

Plans for the building are being drawn by an architect and it is hoped that the building may be started early in July, Rev. Robert C. Hutchinson said yesterday. Tentative plans call for an L shaped building with the main auditorium 36 by 95 feet and a social education wing 30 by 76 feet.

Allies Accused by Nazi of Sabotage Plot, Canal Zone

BERLIN, June 3.—(AP)—The German foreign office tonight warned the United States, Mexico and Panama that the reich has information that the British secret service has sent a "large number of agents" to Central America to create disturbances with the view to involving the western hemisphere in Europe's war.

The governments of the three American states were urged to take measures to forestall the alleged conspirators.

The foreign office said the information came from a reliable source.

The German office said it had told the American governments that the agents were prepared to carry out two plans, first, to compromise Germany by making false "revelations of German operations in Mexico," and second, to promote sabotage in the Panama canal with falsified evidence pointing to Germany as the perpetrator."

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War Bulletins

PARIS, June 4.—(AP)—The sound of anti-aircraft fire was heard at 9:25 a.m. (12:25 a.m., PST) today in Paris.

The French guns, which had their first real test in fighting off yesterday's German bombing raid, went into action again after airplane motors were heard over the capital.

No alarm had been sounded after five minutes of firing.

PARIS, June 4.—(AP)—Allied embarkations "continued with activity in the region of Dunkerque" during the night, the French high command announced today.

PARIS, June 4.—(AP)—Time bombs dropped in yesterday's German air raids still were exploding today. Civil air passengers were grounded in Paris this morning because of yesterday's damage.

LONDON, June 4.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that the paddle minesweeper Medway Queen, reported last night to have been lost in the removal of allied forces from Flanders, now has arrived in port safely.

LONDON, June 4.—(AP)—A great part of the town of Narvik in far northern Norway has been destroyed by fire following a heavy bombardment by 17 German planes today, the Norwegian telegraphic agency reported today in a dispatch from "somewhere in Norway." Narviw fell to the allies last week.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—(AP)—The state department reported tonight that Ambassador William C. Bullitt had cabled from Paris that "I have not yet learned that any American was either killed of wounded" in teh bombing of the French capital.

BERLIN, June 4.—(AP)—German air raiders shot down 70 French planes in air fights in the Paris region yesterday, while losing only five themselves, the high commaad stated in a special announcement today.

The German air force was attacking airports in and Paris, the announcement said.

Oil Firms Deny Charge

LOS ANGELES, June 3—(AP)—Pleas of innocent to federal charges of conspiring to create and maintain "artificial gasoline prices" on the Pacific coast were entered today by 41 major and independent oil companies and trade associations.

Cabinet of Italy Will Meet Today

May Decide War Question Though Grand Council Is Not Summoned

ROME, June 3.—(AP)—With clamor for action against the allies rising, the Italian cabinet prepared to meet at 10 a. m. tomorrow, perhaps to end the world's suspense as to Italy's intentions about entering the war.

While the fascist grand council, as the nation's highest policy-forming body, generally is called upon to approve any major step Premier Mussolini intends taking, no meeting of that group was presently scheduled.

It was the council which broke the news of Italy's nonbelligerency last September. The cabinet is an executive body, rather than a policy-making group such as the council, which includes, however, some cabinet members.

The council is not always called in advance, however, and whether the cabinet had been summoned to give an order of preparation for intervention or to be faced with participation already a fact was a question.

It had been called to consider "important subjects."

Ten thousand World war veterans today declared their willingness to cross "the mountains toward victory" as the clamor for war action increased.

A special carabinieri guard was thrown around the British consulate tonight.

Official Seal of City Is Planned After 100 Years

The city of Salem is going to have an official seal. It has never had one in its hundred years of existence.

Two resolutions, each offering a different design for a city seal, were presented the council last night and referred to the ordinances committee.

The capitol building is the central figure of one seal with symbols denoting Salem's industries about the edge and bearing the words, "Founded 1840."

The circuit rider statue forms the central figure for the other seal with the capitol building imposed at the top, symbols of industries at the bottom, a scroll bearing the motto, "The City Beautiful," and words in the border. "City of Salem—1840."

Jerseys Owned by Rex Ross Make Clean Sweep at Show

Jerseys owned by Rex Ross of Mt. Angel made a clean sweep of the championship prizes at the annual spring show of the Marion County Jersey Cattle club at the state fairgrounds yesterday. First place winners in the 17 different classes were well divided, however, among the members making the 83 entries.

All first place winners will enter the sweepstakes show at the grounds today, at which winners of shows in Washington, Yamhill, Benton, Linn and Multnomah counties will also be represented.

Grand champions of yesterday's show were Come Loretta Bell and Come Pioneer Prince owned by Ross. These Jerseys also won the cow and bull senior championships. Junior champion cow was Valiant Pretty Bud, also owned by Ross, and junior champion bull was Ross's Valiant Peer Volunteer.

Champion in the Future Farmers of America group was a Jersey entered by James Baker. Silver cups for championship entries in the 4H class were awarded Norman Ross and Emma Pfennig. Miss Pfennig was also awarded a scholarship to the 4H summer school at Oregon State college this summer.

Owners receiving ribbons included:

Junior bull calf—Gerald Stuchlik, first; Stanley Torvent, second; senior bull calf—Rex Ross, first and second; junior yearling bull—Alice Roberts, first; Ned Jensen, second; senior yearling—Rex Ross first, D. C. Brock, second, Otto Pfennig, third; two year old bull—Rex Ross, first; Alice Davis, second; Cloid Wigle, third; aged bull—Rex Ross, first; J. R. Davis, second.

Junior heifer calf—Rex Ross first; Emma Pfennig, second; Alice Roberts, third; senior heifer calf—James Baker, first; Alice Davis, second; Rex Ross, third; junior yearling heifer—Rex Ross, first; Fred Klein, second; Howard Saucy, third; senior yearling heifer—Norman Ross, first; Rex Ross, second; Cloid Wigle, third; two year old cows

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Only 45 Killed As Bombs Rain Down on Paris

Sudden Silence of Radio in German Cities Is Held Significant

Heavy Blow Is Prepared by Nazis; Decision of Italy Looms

(By the Associated Press)

France's promise of reprisals—swift and in kind—for Germany's first great deadly air raid on Paris was believed being carried out late Monday night, less than 12 hours after 250 to 300 nazi planes bombed Paris, killing 45 persons and injuring 200.

The usually loquacious German radio stations in Stuttgart, Munich and Nurenberg went stony silent around midnight—perhaps to prevent air raiders from riding the radio beams to their goals.

Even as Parisians dug the dead and injured from the still smouldering ruins of scores of bomb-wrecked buildings, French news broadcasters repeated from London the following grim warning:

"It is to be expected that the German action will not remain unanswered; German towns will have to bear the consequences."

The French reported their defending craft and anti-aircraft guns brought down 17 planes of the German air armada which subjected Paris to an ear-splitting, hour-long bombardment.

Over 1000 Bombs Fall Upon Paris

Attacking in waves in the early afternoon, the nazi planes roared through anti-aircraft fire to unload more than 1000 bombs on the city which has a peace-time population of nearly 3,000,000.

Smoke billowed from 61 fires—18 in Paris proper and 43 in the suburbs—and great chunks of masonry were hurled into the sun-splashed streets by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

US Ambassador William C. Bullitt had a close call when one bomb, which failed to explode, fell only six feet away.

French pursuit planes joined anti-aircraft guns in meeting the German challenge and at least 16 German planes were brought down.

A brief Berlin communique said merely that the Germans had attacked "the Paris airport at Issy-Les-Moulineaux as well as other airports and hangars of the French air force in the neighborhood of Paris." Issy-Les-Moulineaux is the home of the French air ministry.

Germans looked upon the Paris raid as the forerunner of an impending tremendous blow aimed at destruction of the French army and a quick end to the war.

Nazis Say 330,000 Prisoners Taken

The Germans claimed at least 330,000 French and British prisoners were taken in that first phase of the war in the west.

With their retreat from Dunkerque nearing an end, the British announced that 30 warships had been sunk out of a total of 900 engaged in the rescue operations.

The allies, meanwhile, came closer to the conviction that they soon would have a second opponent—Italy. British foreign office officials who had refused to comment on Italy's prospective entry into the war said it was a "distinct possibility."

Italy continued to give multiplying indications she was about to join Germany. The Rome government announced postponement of the 1942 exposition in the Italian capital, once pointed to by Premier Mussolini as proof of his peaceful intentions.

Ten thousand Italian veterans

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Permit Approved For Power Lines

The West Salem city council at its meeting Monday night granted permission for the Salem Electric Cooperative association to run its lines through the city.

The cooperative, planning to serve a number of customers both in West Salem and in Salem with electricity, is planning to tap the Bonneville transmission line on the west side of the river. A number of its poles have already been installed.

Blondie's Here! Popular Comic Now Run Daily

Here's news for Statesman readers!

Do you read Blondie, "America's funniest family," in the Sunday Statesman? Who doesn't?

Starting today this top-ranking comic strip by Chic Young will appear daily as well as Sunday in the Statesman. Look for it every day on the classified advertising page.