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Weather  
Fair and continued warm  
with low humidity today  
and Wednesday; overcast  
with fog on coast. Max.  
temp. Monday 93, min. 41.  
River -2.6 ft. West wind.

## Italy Plunges Dagger Into Neighbor's Back Roosevelt Accusation

### Neutrality Law Effect Is Extended in Proclamation but President in Address Far From Neutral

### Pledges Resources of United States to Aid of Allies and to Rapid Preparation for Own Defense

WASHINGTON, June 10—(AP)—Sternly accusing Italy of plunging "a dagger into the back of its neighbor," President Roosevelt tonight pledged the allies "the material resources" of the United States.

Speculating grimly upon the consequences to America should the "gods of force" achieve world dominance, the chief executive held up the prospect of a "helpless nightmare" of the American people "without freedom, lodged in prison, handcuffed, hungry and fed through the bars from day to day by the contemptuous, unprincipled masters of other continents."

These statements he made in a bristling address to the graduating class of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, an address so strongly worded that sources close to the administration said it was obvious the United States had abandoned a position of neutrality for one of non-belligerency.

Cheers and rebel yells from his audience greeted every reference to sympathy with Great Britain and France.

"Let us not hesitate—all of us—to proclaim certain truths," he said. "Overwhelmingly we, as a nation, and this applies to all the other American nations, are convinced that military and naval victory for the gods of force and hate would endanger the institution of democracy in the western world—and that equally, therefore, the whole of our civilization with those nations which are giving their life blood in combat against those forces."

His reference to the dagger thrust was contained in a departure from his prepared text. He said that "on this 10th day of June, 1940, the hand that held the dagger has struck it into the back of its neighbor."

The speech had already contained a grim rebuke for Italy, and a narration of the previous efforts to keep that country from "full speed ahead" upon a two-fold program of unstinted material help to the allies and unflinching extending the war to the Mediterranean. Italy's entry, he said, "showed a disregard for the rights and security of other nations."

To protect the United States at this juncture, Mr. Roosevelt called (Turn to page 3, col. 3)

### Independent out For Legislature

### Nicklas Zylstra Announces Candidates; Socialists to Talk Nominations

Two announcements, one of an independent candidacy for the legislature from Marion county and the other of a local socialist party meeting for the purpose of discussing presidential election plans, yesterday interrupted the quiet that followed on the heels of the May 17 primary election.

With a swing at the Oregon Commonwealth federation and a call on anti-fifth column sentiment, Nicklas J. Zylstra, who is putting out a community newspaper in the Hollywood district, announced he would run as an independent for the legislature. He formerly resided in Polk county and was active in politics there.

The socialists will make me (Turn to page 3, col. 8)

### Pageant Practice To Start Tonight

Dance groups for the Salem Centennial pageant will rehearse for the first time tonight in the Willamette university gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock. Director Alfred Lauraine announced yesterday.

Rehearsals for the pageant chorus, in charge of Yrjo Koski, will start Wednesday night at the First Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock, and of the Centennial orchestra, Friday night at Crystal Gardens at the same hour. Edward Hurlimann is music director for the pageant.

Koski said yesterday that he had received the complete musical score for the pageant and felt that only a few chorus rehearsals would be required.

### Temperature Reaches 93, New High; no Relief Near

No relief from the hot weather of the past three days, which yesterday pushed the mercury to a 1940 high of 93 degrees in Salem, is seen before Thursday at the earliest. The weather bureau has forecast "fair and continued warm" for today and Wednesday. The coast however is predicted to have an overcast sky with fog.

## Grangers Hear Policy Outline By State Chief

### Broadening of Tax Base, Repeal of Reciprocal Trade Advocated

### 67th Oregon Convention Under Way; Delegates Are Greeted Here

Opening the 67th annual Oregon state grange convention, Master Ray W. Gill in an address yesterday afternoon advised grangers to support public ownership of power, repeal of reciprocal trade agreements, registration of lobbyists and broadening the basis for taxation and to oppose fall primary in the state.

Also touching briefly on war and national defense, Gill emphasized the need to protect the country from fifth column activities but warned against spy hunting by "over-zealous patriots."

"It is the duty of every patriotic citizen to supply any information that will lead to the protection of our country from fifth column activities . . . but there is danger that in the excitement that prevails, over-zealous patriots may try to take the law into their own hands," he said.

After describing grange activities in attempts to establish public utility districts, the master declared, "With our country confronted with the greatest war de-fense of all time, we should not hesitate to strengthen the power of our state through the expansion of publicly owned power."

Reciprocal trade agreements, he said, have handicapped American (Turn to page 3, col. 5)

### Mrs. W. D. Smith Dies Here Monday

### Writer, Methodist Church Member Is Victim of Heart Ailment

Mrs. William Dillmon Smith, 32, resident of Salem since 1908, died last night at Salem General hospital where she was taken Saturday after suffering a heart attack. She lived at 1865 Center street.

Born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 12, 1868, Mary Elizabeth Leonard moved with her family to Oregon in 1888. She was married to William Dillmon Smith in Guthrie county in that state July 8, 1877. Before coming to Salem they moved to Kansas in 1888 and later back to Iowa.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the First Methodist church, of the Chapter A. B. P. E. O. sisterhood; the Salem Woman's club and the Modern Writers' club.

Surviving are three sons, William E. Smith, real estate broker, and Ray L. Smith, law professor at Willamette university, both of Salem; and Paul R. Smith, attorney at Salem, Oregon.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Wednesday from the chapel of the W. P. Rigdon company with Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Concluding services will be held at City View cemetery.

### War Declaration Voted at Ottawa

OTTAWA, June 10—(AP)—The Canadian house of commons unanimously approved declaration of a state of war against Italy today as Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King called Italian Premier Mussolini "a carrion bird waiting for brave men to die."

The resolution, calling on King Canada's Defense Minister, Norman Rogers had just been killed in an airplane crash, lifted his voice as he upbraided Italy for entering the war against Germany's side.

### Late Sports

PORTLAND, June 10—(AP)—Louis Jennings and Vincent Delp, both Portland, each carried a 71 today to lead at the halfway point of qualifying in the Oregon amateur golf tournament.

## First Thrust Secret As Italy Enters War

### France Moves Capital; Nazis Nearing Paris

### Some Tanks Reach City Region; Main Front Is 35 Miles Away

### Seine Is Combat Scene on West; Center of Line Holds Well

PARIS, June 10—(AP)—The government fled from Paris, the capital of the republic of France, tonight as marauding German tanks were reported to have reached the region of the city itself.

Premier Paul Reynaud has gone to the French armies, a brief ministry of information communique said.

"The high command asked the ministers to effect their withdrawal to the provinces in conformity with established dispositions. The withdrawal has been effected."

Havas, the French news agency, suspended services in Paris, starting at 2 a. m. tomorrow (5 p. m. PST Monday).

Newspapers already had ceased to appear in the French capital, which in peacetime has a population of nearly 3,000,000.

Some German armored advance guards were reported to have penetrated to the environs of Paris itself in isolated raids through the French lines.

But the main front was about 35 miles west and northeast of the capital.

The stream of civilians leaving the city was steadily swelling. Delay Announcement Until Move Completed.

The announcement of the departure of the ministers was made only after they were safely installed "somewhere in France" in the southern provinces.

The government transfer at Generalissimo Weyand's request was approved last night at a cabinet meeting.

Under cover of darkness the ministers drove to their new offices last night with their principal aides. This morning the rest of the functionaries followed. Most (Turn to page 3, col. 1)

### Battleship Oregon Sinking Attempted

### 600 Tons of Water Pumped out; Sabotage Act, Mayor Asserts

PORTLAND, June 10—(AP)—Six hundred tons of water were pumped from the historic Battleship Oregon today as police pressed investigation of an attempt to scuttle the old sea greyhound yesterday.

The Battleship Oregon commission offered \$1000 for information linking any person or persons with the scuttling attempt and planned to ask assistance of federal bureau of investigation.

Two sea valves were opened, allowing 600 tons of water to flood the after magazine compartment above the engine room. Damage was negligible, Capt. Samuel A. Munroe, chief custodian said.

Mayor Joseph K. Carson blamed saboteurs and ordered Detective Chief John J. Keegan to make a thorough investigation.

Harry V. Reed, vice chairman of the commission, said opinion was divided, some believing it was the work of juveniles and others maintaining it was deliberate sabotage.

Preliminary investigation showed the valves were opened between 2 a. m. and 2:30 a. m. Sunday.

The 44-year-old vessel, which made naval history with its 15,000-mile record run to participate in the battle of Santiago in 1898, is ensconched in a marine park.

### Dewey Criticizes Belligerent Talk

NEW YORK, June 10—(AP)—Commenting on President Roosevelt's radio speech tonight, Thomas E. Dewey, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, declared the president spoke in "the voice of a belligerent."

### Gives Fascists Order for War



BENITO MUSSOLINI

### Army Is Ordered Boosted, 400,000

### Authority for Mobilizing Guard Is Favored by House Committee

WASHINGTON, June 10—(AP)—An unprecedented peace-time increase in the size of the army—from 280,000 to 400,000—was approved today by the house military committee together with legislation empowering the president to mobilize the national guard for duty in the United States and its possessions.

This action on a question which had aroused much controversy in congress topped a day of many developments in connection with America's armament program.

1. The house accepted senate increases of about \$667,000,000 in the regular army appropriation bill, and sent the measure back to the senate for further consideration. The increases, all in line with the administration defense recommendations, raised the total of the bill to about \$1,500,000,000.

2. The senate passed compromise measures authorizing an 11 per cent increase in the navy and an expansion of the air force to 10,000 planes, and authorizing appropriations of \$655,000,000. The house has yet to give its final approval.

3. The house rules committee approved the \$1,004,000,000 defense tax program and scheduled it for debate in the house tomorrow.

4. President Roosevelt sent congress a request for legislation authorizing the navy to build three lighter-than-air craft of 1,000,000 cubic feet capacity for experimental purposes and coast patrol work.

5. The army was reported preparing to trade in about 150 combat training planes, mostly bombers, to manufacturers who would be free to sell them to the allies.

6. The senate judiciary committee urged the senate to approve legislation requiring that aliens be registered and fingerprinted, as an anti-fifth column measure.

### 15,000 Served Oysters

BAY CITY, Ore., June 10—(AP)—More than 200,000 Tillamook bay oysters were served to 15,000 persons at Bay City's fourth annual oyster festival Saturday and Sunday.

### Balkans Agog; Turkey Ready To Fill Obligations, States

BUDAPEST, June 10—(AP)—Turkey's imminent fulfillment of her mutual assistance pact with Britain and France became the key tonight to the future of the vast, war-torn Balkans, which rumpled with frenzied military preparations as a result of Italy's declaration of war against the allies.

Cloaked in sudden strict censorship, the Turkish government declared a state of "alert," putting the nation on a virtually full wartime basis.

Turkish officials said unofficially they were ready to live up to their own military precautions while casting anxious eyes toward Italy and Soviet Russia.

Despite Premier Mussolini's statement that Italy's little neighbors would be safe as long as they observed strict neutrality, the Balkans were taking no chances, for they have expected the worst while hoping for the best since war between Germany and the allies went to last September.

By nations, this is the way the situation shaped up tonight in this traditional tinder box of Europe.

## Surprise Strategy Indicated; Riviera Drive Unconfirmed

### Mussolini's Declaration Is Greeted With Cheers and Tears; Calls Allies "Holders of Gold"

### Mediterranean Control Is Cited as Aim; British Consulate Is Stormed but Protected by Troops

ROME, June 11—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Italy was at war today on the side of Germany against France and Great Britain but the ominously blacked out Italian capital gave no hint as to where Premier Mussolini's blackshirt legions struck first.

Although Berlin reports said Italian troops already had set foot upon France, striking up through the Riviera, there was no confirmation here.

This would comport with the long-anticipated Italian plan to strike secretly with the first blow, making fullest use of the strategy of surprise.

Rome was blacked out except for feeble blue lamps and dimmed headlights on the few automobiles and bicycles allowed to be at large. Steel-helmeted black-shirt troops patrolled the city through the night.

Premier Mussolini cast the fateful die in a dramatic announcement which called the allies "starvers" and the holders of "all the riches and gold on earth."

Italy cheered his decision, and wept, too; but mostly it cheered. Attacks on French possessions in Mediterranean were considered imminent in response to the continual cries for Italian conquest of such prizes as Corsica and Tunisia.

Mussolini defined his principal war aim as control of the Mediterranean and warned his non-belligerent neighbors to rigidly preserve neutrality, lest the war spread to the Balkans and to Egypt and Turkey.

The hate which had been hammered into Italian minds in a five-year propaganda campaign was epitomized in Mussolini's assertion that recent history might be summarized in "phrases, promises, threats of blackmail . . . and the League of Nations' lie."

This was in reference to the sanctions imposed on Italy during its conquest of Ethiopia.

Italy finally took the field with Germany, Mussolini said, "to smash the territorial military chains suffocating us in our own sea."

Posters on walls of every Italian community proclaim Italian rights to Nice, Savona, Corsica, Malta, Tunisia, Jibuti and the Suez canal.

In fighting for them, Mussolini asserted, Italy will keep her pledge to Germany to "march to the end with friends."

The plunge clearly was seen here as the fruition of the historic (Turn to page 3, col. 2)

### Manhattan Brings Load of Refugees

NEW YORK, June 10—(AP)—Her eight decks packed with humanity in search of peace, the liner Manhattan sped into safe harbor today carrying a record load of 1867 refugees—867 of whom were aliens from Genoa and Naples, only a few hours after Italy threw her armed forces into the cauldron of war.

Cradled in the vessel were so many babies—194 minor children were aboard—that the ship's laundry suspended all other services to wash diapers.

Only yesterday, a similar refugee ship—President Roosevelt—landed more than 700 persons, including 220 children, from England and Ireland, and racing across the Atlantic is a third vessel—the President Harrison—with some 500 men, women and children from Genoa. A fourth American ship, the liner Washington, sailed from Lisbon for Galway, Ireland, en route to New York to add more passengers to a load already exceeding her normal capacity.

### Budgeteers Hear Citizens Tonight

Citizens' hearing on the proposed 1940-41 school budget will be held at the meeting of the school board tonight at 8 o'clock at the administration building, 434 North High street.