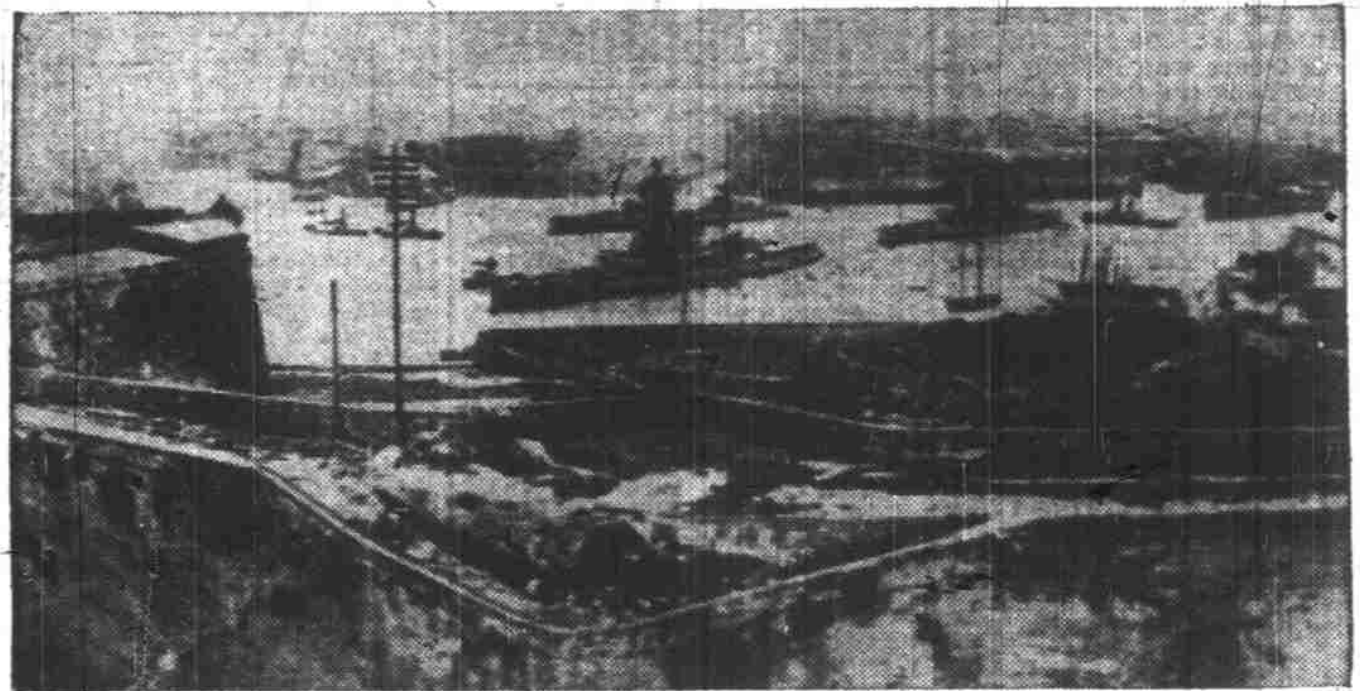


Hundreds Abandon Flaming, Bombed Belgian Ship



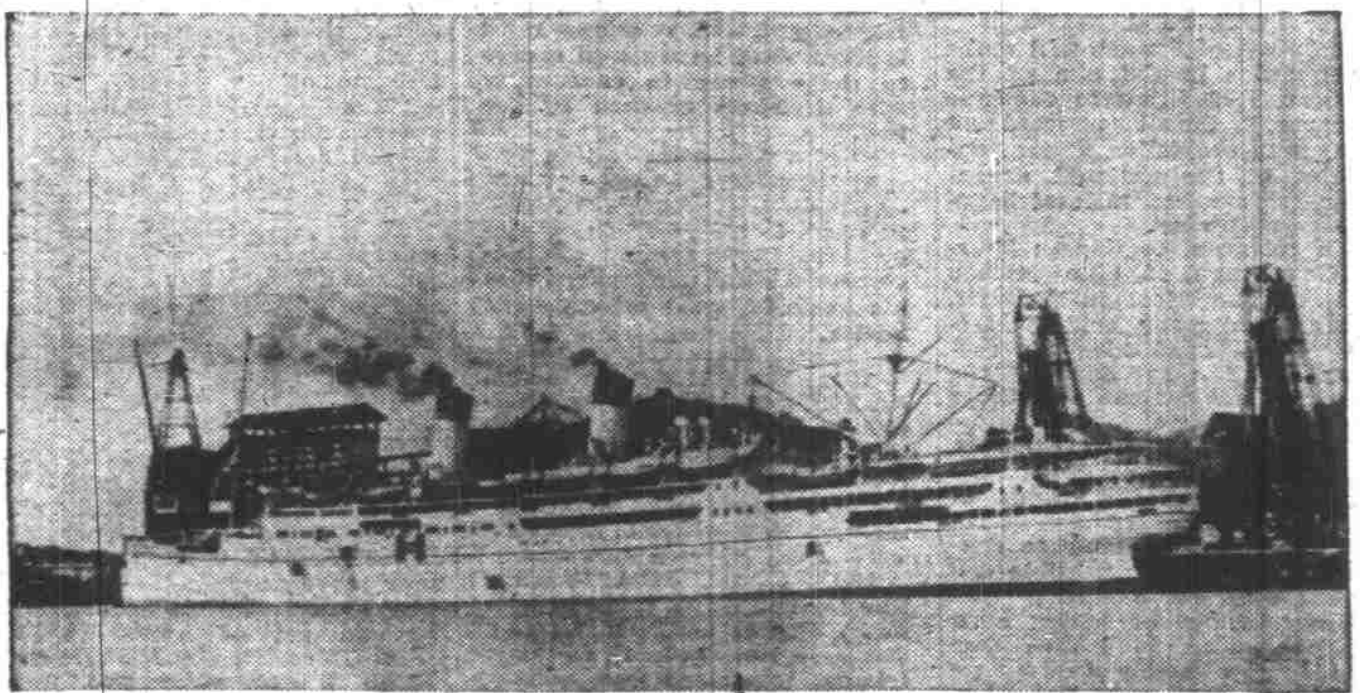
Flaming Belgian liner Ville de Bruges, torpedoed from the air by a Nazi warplane, is pictured sinking in the Scheldt river while refugees, in lifeboat, foreground, pull to safety. The vessel was the former U. S. liner President Harding. Torpedo split the ship from deck to keel.—IIN photo.

British Ships Concentrated at Island of Malta



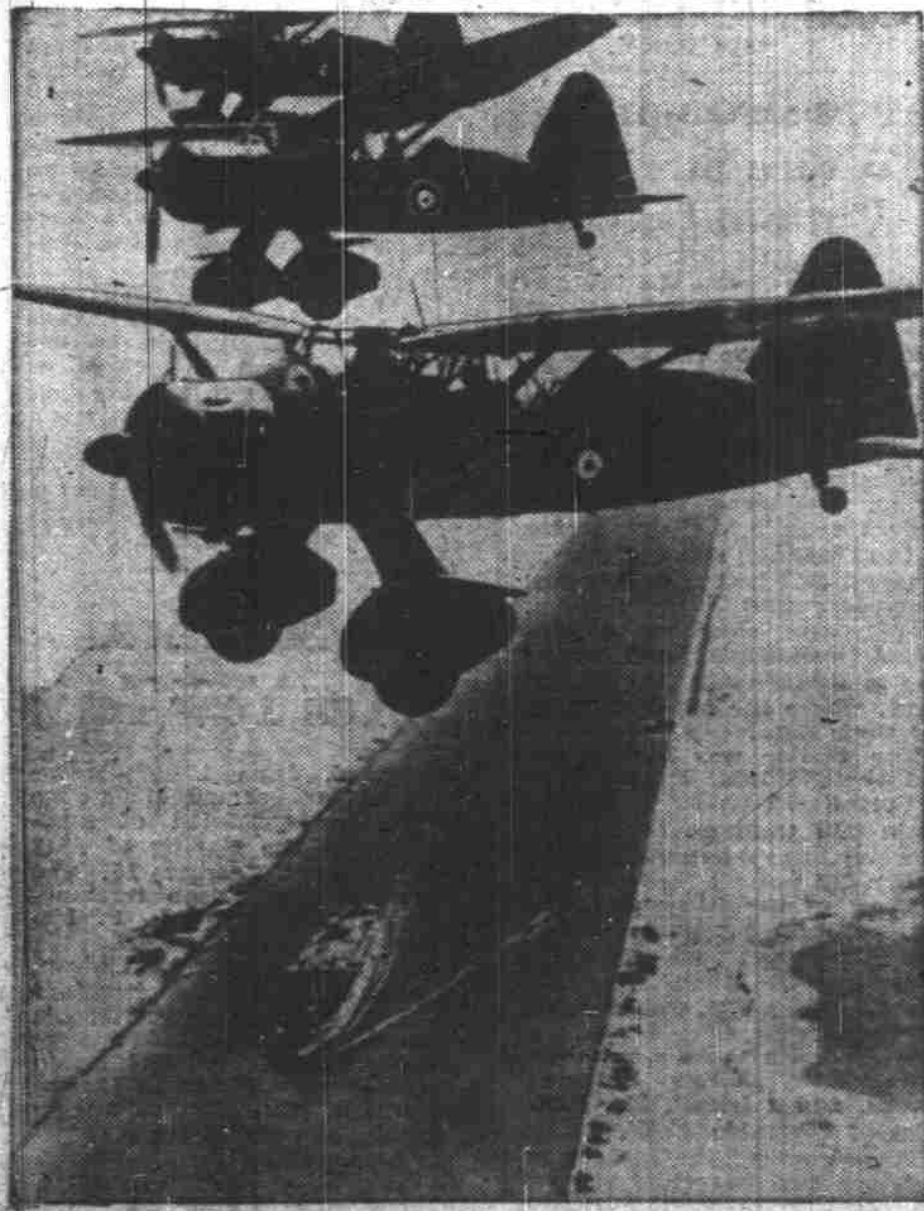
Here is how the British fleet has been concentrated in the harbors at Malta, British island possession in the Mediterranean. Malta is one of the principal targets of attack.—IIN photo.

Italian Liner Halted by Rome Order, Canal Zone



The Italian liner, Biancamano, is pictured above as it waited at Balboa, Canal Zone, for further orders from Rome. The ship was ordered not to proceed through the canal after leaving Chile, shortly before Italy's entry into the war. The ship's destination had been Gibraltar.—IIN photo.

British on Guard Over Suez



British fighting planes are shown on patrol over the Suez canal, Italian lifeline to its African possessions. The British fear Italian attack on the canal and have increased defenses.—IIN photo.

"No Comment"



Italy's ambassador to the United States, Don Ascanio Colonna, is shown in Washington as he entered the Italian embassy after Mussolini's announced entry in the war. Colonna had no comment to make to newsmen.

Council Tables Issue of Poles

Report Favorable; Jones Elected, City Civil Service Board

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be a law covering this, but it should also be covered by city ordinance.

There was sufficient collateral as of December 31, 1939, to protect all deposits, the report stated.

Total assets of the city on December 31, 1939, were found to be \$7,298,022.36 and liabilities the same. The audit showed a deficit of \$9980 in the total fund balances with a \$30,615.72 deficit in the general fund and interest sinking fund and a deficit of \$158,434.53 in the street improvement bond and interest sinking fund.

Bonds listed as payable under liabilities included general bonds, \$651,000, water bonds, \$2,200,000, Bancroft improvement bonds \$400,107.30, and matured bond coupons payable, \$1295.

Building Code Is Changed Slightly

The council passed an ordinance changing the building code in order to provide machinery that the council may give permission for erection of sidewalk stairways to buildings. The ordinance will make it possible for the council to grant builders of the Murphy building at Commercial and State streets permission to build such a stairway.

An ordinance bill was introduced which would establish a license of \$10 per day for all airplanes engaged in transporting sightseers over the city.

Following recommendation of a resolution adopted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars local post No. 1, the council granted a month's vacation with pay to all city employees attending national guard or reserve officers training camps. The resolution will affect two city employees, Don Poulade, radio operator, and John George, deputy city engineer.

Settle Shelton Ditch Damages

Settlement in the sum of \$250 each for damages to the properties of Hannah Purvine and George N. Patterson resulting from flood conditions in Shelton ditch was voted. Suit on the matter has been in circuit court.

Appointment of a committee to confer with the Oregon Pulp & Paper company relative to installing some means of controlling noxious sulphur dioxide fumes was recommended in a report by the health and sanitation committee. The committee presented correspondence from a number of cities troubled with paper mill odors.

Fire Chief Harry Hutton was voted \$25 for expenses to attend the convention of the Oregon Fire Chiefs association in Roseburg.

Paving on 16th Street Approved

Street committee resolutions approved authorization for paving of North 16th street between Norway and Roosevelt streets, a request that the Southern Pacific raise its tracks at 12th and Center streets to conform to the street grade and for establishment of safety lanes at Tamarrack and Fairgrounds road and at Capitol street and Tilt road.

Residents of Turner road within the city limits petitioned that that portion of Turner road, an extension of Mission street, be renamed Mission street.

Despite the heat, the council authorized purchase of 19 overcoats for the police department. Cost is not to exceed \$31.50 and the city will be reimbursed by policemen receiving the coats.

Closing of 26th street was authorized.

FVA Rates Adopted In Offer to City

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piled by the Portland General Electric company at the same price charged for Bonneville power, James Polhemus, PGE president, announced today.

Canby and Forest Grove receive power from Bonneville at 2 cents for the first 150 kilowatt hours, 2 cents for the next 350 and 1 cent above 500, Polhemus said.

Jailed Half-Hour After Stick-up

PORTLAND, June 17—(P)—Two seamen were jailed on charges of assault and robbery while armed last night, 30 minutes after a crowded restaurant was robbed of \$126.

The men, James W. Jackson, 24, and Robert D. Wolf, 22, were arrested by Sergeant O. R. Williams, who received the license number of the robbers' car from a waitress.

Williams said the automobile was stolen shortly before the robbery.

Fireman Is Pulled From His Engine

LA GRANDE, June 17—(P)—Fireman J. K. Wolfe, 56, Union Pacific, was happy today, although nursing a few scratches.

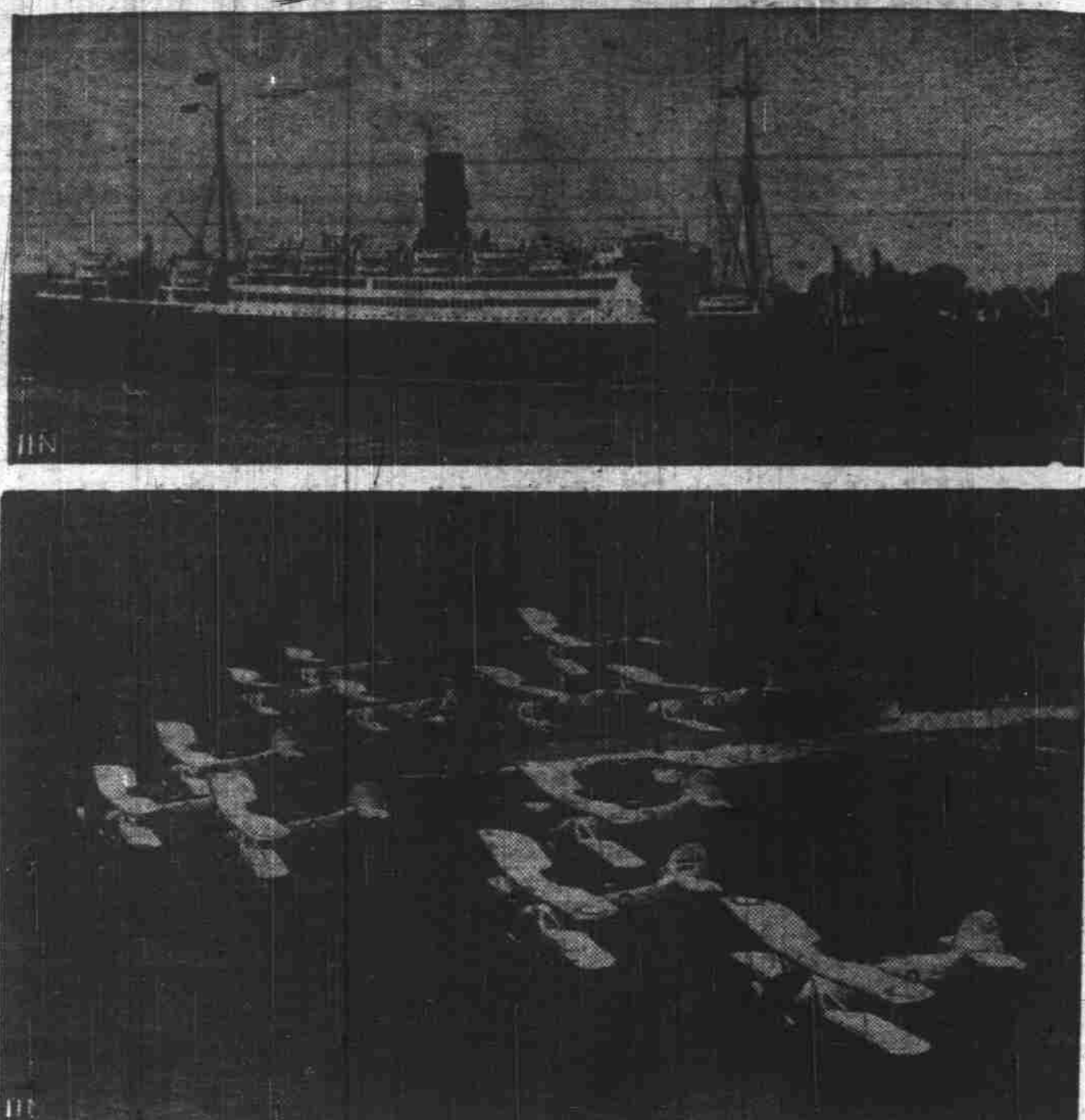
He narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday when he leaned too far from the cab of a speeding locomotive. His clothing caught on the Meacham mill crane stand, jerking him from the engine.

Soap Manufacturer Has Estate of \$300,000

PORTLAND, June 17—(P)—J. Conrad Luckel, 35, soap manufacturer, who died June 6, left an estate valued at about \$300,000, it was revealed today when his will was admitted to probate.

Bulk of the estate was left to the widow.

Germans Claim They Sank These British Ships



Aerial view of Berlin, German capital, top; city of Dusseldorf, below

According to German announcements these two British ships have been sunk. The Carinthia, well-known in New York as a transatlantic passenger ship and lately an armed merchantman, was sunk by a German submarine. The British aircraft carrier Glorious, a \$20,000,000 sister ship of the Courageous, which was sunk last September with a loss of 500 men, went down in a fight with two German battleships in the North sea, according to Berlin claims.

Capital Post Will Purchase Building

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tion acquired title to the property when the local Unitarian church was dissolved several years ago. The deal was handled by Childs & Miller, Salem realtors.

Stumbo Is Assured of Commander Role

Ray L. Stumbo will be commander of Capital post next year, it was determined when no further nominations were made for this office. Stumbo was the only candidate for commander nominated at the previous meeting.

Fred Gahlsdorf was nominated for first vice-commander by Herman Brown who, nominated at the previous meeting, withdrew last night.

There will be no contests at the election July 1 except for executive committee posts and for delegates to the department convention. Additional nominations for executive committee Monday night were George Edwards, B. E. "Kelly" Owen, Harry Holt and Hans Hofstetter; and for delegate, Jerry Owen, Billy Owen, Hardy, Dr. Rocke, Don McLean, William Bliven, Harry Caldwell, C. V. Richardson, Ray Bassett and Breyman Boise.

At the Marion County Legion council following the post meeting, presided over by George Macchols of Silverton, council president, Harry Humphreys, district No. 2 commander, reported that the district had 96 per cent of its membership quota for the year.

Commanders of the Silverton, Woodburn, Astoria, Mt. Angel, Starion and Salem posts reported on activities. A resolution was ordered addressed to the Multnomah county council urging that Portland merchants be persuaded to close their stores on Armistice day.

Legion and auxiliary members of their respective county councils held a joint session to hear Captain Jack Keegan of the Portland detective force and William Browne of the legion's subversive activities committee discuss subjects related to the "fifth column" menace.

The communist menace, Browne declared, is not as serious as it was five years ago, because Americans' eyes have been opened to the true nature of communism by Russia's attack on Finland.

Browne cautioned legionnaires against "letting their patriotism get them in trouble," urging that action be left to the constituted authorities who are prepared to handle the situation if the nation becomes involved in war. He said there were 7 1/2 million aliens in the United States, nearly half of them having "entered illegally."

He also pointed out that there are a million fascists in South America and half a million communists in Mexico where, he predicted, there will be a revolution within six months.

Keegan criticized Congressman Walter Pierce of Oregon who he said "voted against the Dies committee and voted for Harry Bridges."

Director Elected

PRATUM—A. L. Bowen was elected director of the annual school meeting Monday night to succeed Oscar Meyer. Willis Geobel was reelected clerk.

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Portland Youth Killed When Auto Leaves Road

PORTLAND, June 17—(P)—Robert B. Thurston, 19, Portland, was killed today when a car he was driving left a road on the outskirts of the city, Deputy Sheriff Arthur Pratt reported.

Russell Hill of Portland, a passenger, suffered back and possible internal injuries.

School Districts Hold Annual Meet

Residents of 112 county school districts held their annual school meetings yesterday and last night at as many places over the county in order to elect directors and, in the case of first and second class districts, vote taxes.

Voting and recording supplies for the meetings have been in the hands of district clerks for a number of days, having been sent out from the office of County Superintendent Agnes C. Booth.

Of the total number of districts voting, 97 are third class districts which are not required to vote taxes because of statutory provisions allowing them to wait until December 1 to report on necessary levies. Voting of the levy may occur at any time before that date.

Non high school district, which will also participate in the election, since Ernest Werner is a candidate to succeed himself in the fourth zone. He has no opposition.

Last year 118 districts participated in the election, of which 103 were third class. The diminished number is accounted for by consolidations of districts which have occurred since.

Hitler Must Go on Claimed by Exile

PORTLAND, June 17—(P)—Dr. Jurt Von Frits, former University of Rostock professor, said today that "Hitler has to go on."

The German exile told the chamber of commerce that "there are an increasing number of young people in Germany to whom the idea of world conquest has a strange and powerful appeal."

"It is not a question of whether Hitler wants to dominate the western hemisphere. He not only wants to go on. He has to go on," Dr. Von Frits declared.

Barrick Returned To Board in Dull Election, 43-22

Dr. L. E. Barrick was reelected to the school board in a record-setting vote yesterday that went to the opposite extreme from last year's record of 2087 votes. Only 65 residents went to the polls yesterday, 43 of them voting for Barrick and 22 of them writing in the name of Francis E. Manley.

Barrick was the only candidate to have filed, and support for Manley came without open campaign. Bulk of the voting came just before the polls closed, according to the election board.

This is the first time in 10 years that fewer than a thousand persons have voted in a Salem school election, according to Otto N. Hoppes, who has served as chairman of the election board for nine elections. In 1928 votes totaled 2273 and in 1937 they totaled 2122.

Fight Goes on Despite Offer

Germans Claim Million Men Are Trapped in St. Mihiel Area

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faith and purpose," Churchill shouted to the axis partners.

"Britain has become the sole champion now in arms to defend the world cause. We shall do our best to be worthy of this high honor; we are sure that in the end all will come right."

There was some speculation that Hitler might dramatically choose the hall of Versailles, seat of the peace treaties after the wars of 1870 and 1918, for his historic conference with Mussolini.

At the beginning of the war last September 3 the French assumed command of allied land forces and the British took over combined allied naval operations. With the French fleet, the Germans and Italians would have added sea power against Britain; without it the British would have an overwhelming sea edge.

Germans Drive to Swiss Border

The German army during the day drove to the Swiss border, reported some 1,000,000 Frenchmen trapped in the St. Mihiel area alone, and stormed without pause through the Maginot lines, now only a broken shell of France's one-time symbol of security.

Metz, which Germany surrendered to France after the World war and which subsequently became one of the key fortresses of the Maginot fortifications, fell.

Some Berlin quarters believed that Hitler, having forced the British off the continent, might refrain from a frontal assault on the British Isles.

Others recalled repeated Nazi declarations that Britain was the real enemy; that she "must be destroyed."

In Madrid, usually reliable sources said Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco had been invited to act as intermediary in French-German armistice negotiations and to send delegates to any subsequent peace discussions.

Reynaud Reported on Way to US

Paul Reynaud, who resigned as French premier Sunday to be succeeded by Petain, was reported in a German broadcast to have boarded a clipper plane at Lisbon, Portugal, for the United States.

The Italian high command reported Sunday aerial assaults—practically the only kind of warfare they have waged thus far—on allied naval bases and flying fields in Malta, Corsica and Tunisia.

Italian and British troops clashed in North Africa but unfavorable weather interfered with aerial activity on both sides.

Soviet Russia, on the march again, rushed troops and tanks to new Baltic bases seized by ultimatum from Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

The immediate results of Russia's influence could not be foretold, but it gave Moscow unchallenged command of the eastern end of the Baltic and put its armies on new German frontiers. Russian influence in Turkey was reflected in an Istanbul report that the Turkish foreign minister would leave soon for Moscow, foreshadowing a struggle between Moscow and Berlin for the favor of the Balkan state.

Suicide Is Verdict

PORTLAND, June 17—(P)—Coroner E. M. Erwin said today that Steve Anton, 57, Portland, apparently committed suicide. His body was found yesterday beneath the Vista avenue viaduct.

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