

### Lack of Ships Hard on Trade

#### Northwest Area Suffering With War too; Sailing Ships May See Use

By PAUL F. EWING  
PORTLAND, July 20—(AP)—War may be what Sherman said it was to the belligerents, but to the Pacific northwest it's a sharp pain in the pocketbook.

Wars require ships, and their departure has left whopping piles of cargo on wharves, weakened industries and labor fearful of empty dinner pails.

What affects the northwest hits every section of the nation. Portland is America's second largest wool port, and first by a wide margin in out-shipments. The northwest leads ships with a goodly share of the United States' lumber. Wheat and flour shipments are immense.

Approximately 70 ships formerly in intercoastal trade have gone into the war zones; of these 50 were drawn directly from the Atlantic-Pacific trade.

Craft left on the run have been cut to 85 and deadweight tonnage has gone down from 1,337,353 to 881,359.

#### Foreign Ships Drop

Foreign ship arrivals in the port of Portland alone have dropped 384,000 tons—from 907,114 to 523,113—since the outbreak of war.

The cash loss is staggering. Ninety to 95 per cent of goods shipped from the Portland area—Oregon, southern Washington and part of Idaho—go by water with 45 per cent normally destined for foreign countries.

This foreign traffic was valued at \$17,500,000 in 1938. The Portland chamber of commerce estimates export losses since the war started at from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

Seattle's losses are approximately the same and other ports in the area add more to the total, which still does not include unestimated domestic trade declines. The West Coast Lumbermen's association said 43 ships which formerly carried 37 per cent of Oregon and Washington lumber moved in intercoastal trade have gone out of service.

#### Flour Cut to Half

Had ships been available, the Northwest Flour Millers' association estimates that 2,500,000 barrels of flour would have gone to gulf and Atlantic coast markets this season. Cargo space scarcity will cause a loss of about 2,000,000 barrels, equivalent to 9,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Wheat shippers refuse even to estimate their losses.

In 1939 Oregon-Washington-Idaho wool production was estimated by the Pacific wool growers at 39,572,000 pounds. Most of it went to Boston and the Atlantic coast by water, 27,000,000 pounds of it through Portland. Wool growers are wondering what will happen to this business—a large share of the nation's total for wool.

The lumber, fishing, wheat and wool industries determine the northwest's pay checks and business profits. Employment still is fairly high, due to stimulation of smaller industries, but northwest welfare officials fear a reaction if the depressed condition continues in the major fields.

#### Tonnage Prices up

Ship operators, not in business for their health, scarcely share the northwest's alarm. Ship prices for deadweight tonnage have climbed from \$15 to \$50 and \$55. The maritime commission and many ship owners see a building boom in the offing. In ten years, they expect to have 500 new vessels.

Shippers, who watch perishable goods that can not wait ten days gathering mold, begin to get a little hysterical at this point.

The famed old windjammer Commodore, noted in former years for fast passages from Hawaii but lately serving as a drilling company supply ship on the Alaskan coast, is reported being prepared to be towed to Seattle and refitted for the world's trade lanes.

Other sail-driven ships soon may lay off the coast. The Juan and the Columbia river bar at Astoria, helping to ease the northwest's jammed economic machinery.

### State Bar Meet Set for Corvallis

MEDFORD, June 20—(AP)—The 1940 convention of the Oregon state bar will be held at Corvallis October 10, 11 and 12, the board of governors decided at their regular monthly meeting held here Saturday. Ralph C. Portland, was named chairman of the program committee.

The board voted to recommend to the state supreme court the permanent disbarment of William S. Shenker, Portland, now under suspension. Shenker was found guilty on five counts by a trial committee, involving the handling of an estate, and alleged appropriation of its funds to his own use.

Attending the session were H. H. Dearmond, Bend; Robert D. Lytle, Vale; James A. Croasley; Lamar Toose, F. Sercombe and Alex G. Brown, Portland, and Allan G. Carson, Salem.

### Peninsula Region Air for Training

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20—(AP)—The air above Portland's Peninsula district was closed today to transport planes by the federal aeronautics commission, Inspector Charles Walker said.

It was designated as a student training area.

### Betty Is Back From the Boom-Booms



Tiny Betty Taft, three-and-a-half year old daughter of the United States vice consul at Algiers, was among the 790 refugees from the war zones of Europe who were aboard the United States liner Manhattan when it docked in New York. Betty is going home to Palo Alto, Calif. Her escorts for the moment were returning ambulance drivers.—Associated Press photo.

### Oregon College of Education Closes Training School Classes; Projects, Demonstrations Varied for Session

MONMOUTH—With the close of the first six weeks of summer session of Oregon College of Education, the training school's work ends for this year. A number of projects were worked out in the several grades, and some of the demonstrations classes took trips for further study of their projects.

At Monmouth the pre-primary group of very young children had an enrollment of 22. This was the first summer children of 4 years have had an opportunity to attend the training school.

The junior primary group has been studying pets this summer. Bantam chickens and guinea pigs were cared for at school. Of these children 17 will be enrolled this fall.

Since this year observes the 50th anniversary of the invention of movable printing type by Gutenberg at Mainz, Germany, the senior intermediate pupils of the training school studied the history of the way man has kept his records, from the pictures the cave-men carved on their story walls to the most modern forms of printing. The children visited the Monmouth Herald office and print shop where the staff members explained the setting of type, use of the presses, folding of paper, and operations of the linotype machines.

#### Tour Paper Mill

A trip through the Oregon Pulp and Paper mill was also taken. Findings of the trips were reported in an exhibit, July 17, with screens to show the history of recording; history of printing; uses of paper, making of paper, uses of printing and printing for the blind.

The junior high school group studies "Earning a Living in Our Community" with two main purposes in mind, to find out about the different kinds of work that are done in the community; and to study the kinds of work that the members of the group now plan to do.

This group also visited a newspaper office, the local bank, warehouse, and in Salem the Oregon Pulp and Paper company. They interviewed C. F. Gillette of Monmouth about the work of a lawyer; and Eleanor Gill of the health service concerning the nursing profession.

Scrap books were made on the occupation studies. The group joined the intermediate division in a final program for mothers and student teachers, Wednesday, July 17.

Supervisors included Florence Beardley, principal of the training school, Mrs. Phoebe Cox, Dora Scheffsky, Neva Dallas, Martha Taylor, Ruth McClure and Mrs. Dorothy Blake.

At the Independence training school, Mrs. Elsie Bolt, the second and third grade supervisor, directed her class in studying sea life through the summer session. At close of the term the children were taken to Depoe Bay to visit the museum. All student teachers accompanied the group, one teacher being responsible for supervision of two children.

Jan Dale's fourth and fifth grades studied the pony express this term, and as a finale to their project were taken to Salem Tuesday morning where they visited the Salem postoffice and the statehouse.

#### Study Resources

Mrs. Della Keener's seventh grade studied a combination of conservation resources in Oregon.

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#### Aumsville Group Will Be Incorporated for Aid in Death Costs

AUMSVILLE—The trustees of the Aumsville Farmers' Union Mutual Benefit association held a meeting here Thursday night to confer with their lawyer, George Duncan, of Stayton, and to complete the formalities of incorporation under the state laws.

The trustees present were T. C. Mountain, F. A. Garbe, Mrs. Alberta Sutton, Lee Sutton, Walter Rak.

The local Farmers' union members have long been engaged in cooperatives for their assistance in the high cost of living. The new mutual benefit association now being sponsored by the local is a step to provide for the inevitable high cost of dying. A small membership fee admits any one in good health, between the ages of 5 and 75 years, inclusive, to membership in the organization. At the occurrence of a death among the members each surviving member remits the sum of 50 cents, the penalty for not doing so, constituting a suspension of his membership.

Membership blanks are being recorded, with a goal of 500 members.

### Powder Contract Is Signed by US

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—Anticipated construction of a \$25,000,000 smokeless powder plant intended to triple United States production, the war department Friday placed an order for \$20,000,000 worth of explosive, ten months in advance of the plant's opening.

It also signed its first contract for bi-motored training planes—an undisclosed number at A.T. 8 planes with two 250-horsepower engines each. The contract went to the Cessna Aircraft company of Wichita, Kas., for \$900,375, with the delivery date not disclosed.

The planes will be used by advanced students in transition from light ships to twin-engine service airplanes.

The contract for smokeless powder went to E. I. DuPont de Nemours and company of Wilmington, Del., which contracted with the war department only this week to build and operate a plant at Charlestown, Ind., near Louisville, Ky., on a fixed fee basis. The plant will employ 5,000 men and have a daily production of 200,000 pounds.

### Sir Alan Brooke Head of Defense

LONDON, July 20—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, son of a northern Ireland family, known as "the fighting Brookes" became commander-in-chief of the British home forces Friday, succeeding Gen. Sir Edmund Ironside in a move to strengthen Britain's defenses.

Sir Alan is a World War hero who won additional fame as commander of the second corps of the British expeditionary force in France in the present war.

A military figure at 56, he is an expert on gunnery and machinery. He played a large part in mechanizing the army.

Sir Edmund was elevated to field marshal and kept on the active list, it was explained reliably, "to be available either in an advisory capacity or in command."

### Drive Is Started On Paris Morals

PARIS, July 20—(AP)—Delayed-Via Berlin—A crusade has begun to tidy up the carefree morals of the city that used to be Gay Paree and to urge that women "in these hard times" forego the fashions for which Paris has always been famous.

This morality movement, conducted through the press, is the most marked of all the changes wrought by the German occupation: changes which embrace antisemitic and anti-British outcries, an 11 p. m. curfew and traffic restrictions which have emptied the streets.

"The real countenance of Paris," says the writer Andre Morane, "is not that which some shameless women show you. The real countenance is one of French womanhood fulfilling its task; of the business woman in her shop; the salesgirl behind her counter; the young mother at her cradle."

Dora Gallagher, acting principal and Jane Dale, entertained their student teachers at a picnic at the Dale home Friday night.

### Woman Dies of Infection From Accident Injuries

PORTLAND, July 20—(AP)—Mrs. Theodore Blivens, 20, of St. Helens, died here today of streptococci meningitis resulting from injuries suffered in an automobile collision at St. Helens on May 29.

### Moose to Convene

EUGENE, July 20—(AP)—Two thousand delegates will arrive here Thursday for a four-day conference of state and northwest Moose.

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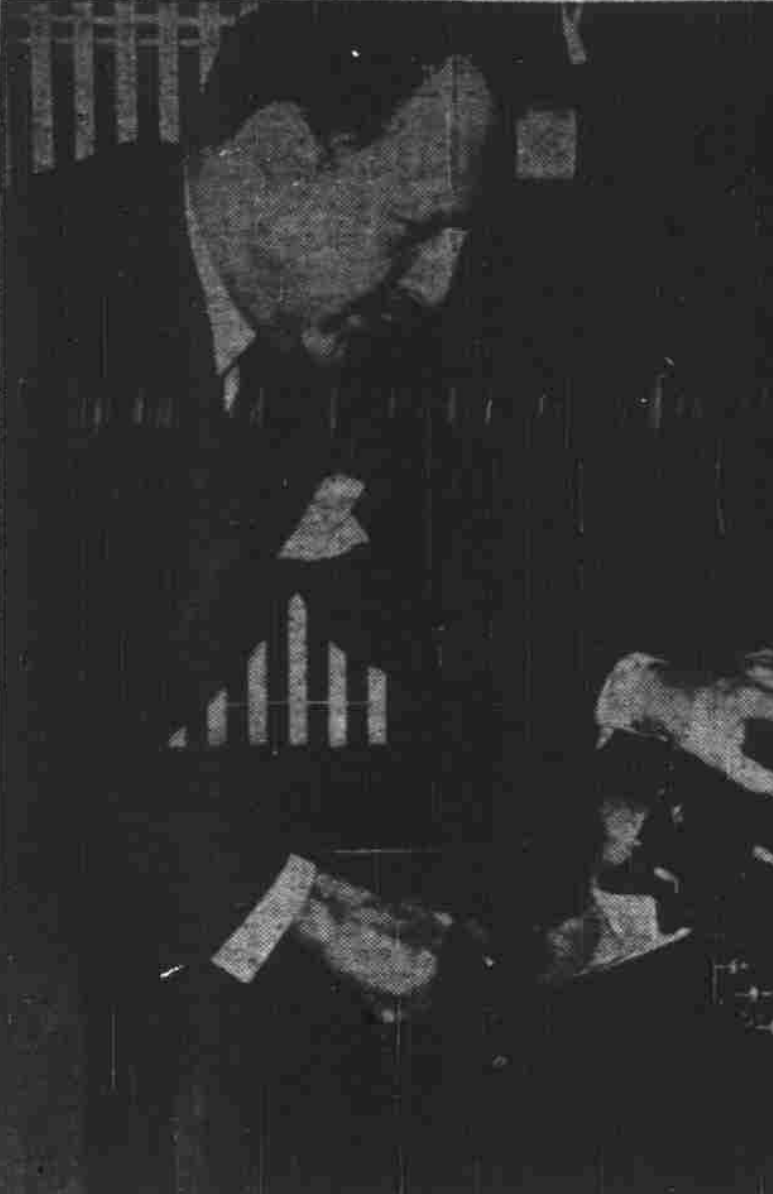


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A west coast broadcast of the speech made by Adolf Hitler before the reichstag was cut off without warning by Lewis A. Welis (above), general manager of the Mutual Don Lee Broadcasting system, who said the network management was of the opinion "Mr. Hitler should not be permitted to use our American facilities to justify his crimes against civilization itself."

### NW Resources for Defense Are Told

NEWPORT, Ore., July 20—(AP)—The Pacific northwest's contributions to national defense principally will be its agriculture and mineral resources, cheap power and shipbuilding in Seattle, Tacoma and probably Portland, David B. Simpson told the closing session of the northwest rivers and harbors congress today.

The officials of the Norris, Beggs and Simpson company of Portland urged all communities to notify the government of their qualifications to aid in the defense program.

V. A. Davis, president of the port of Camas-Washougal, Wash., was elected leader of the congress today, succeeding A. A. Kerary, Newport.

### Demand for Water Rights Is Large

#### Six Apply During Week for Irrigation, Power Use

Demand for water rights for irrigation and power in and near Marion county continued above average last week. Water permits applied for at the state engineer's office included:

Pamela Shingle company, Idanha, for 30 second-feet from Pamela creek for power purposes in Linn county.

Albert G. Mikkelsen, Silverton route two, for water from Silver creek for irrigation of 39 acres in Marion county.

J. C. Peters, Mill City, for 15 second-foot from unnamed tributary of Snake creek for domestic use and garden irrigation in Linn county.

S. G. Higdon, Mill City, for .61 second-foot from unnamed tributary of Snake creek for domestic and garden use in Linn county.

E. B. Henningsen, Jefferson, for 1.25 second-feet from Santiam river for irrigation of 100 acres in Linn county.

Trollinger Brothers, Seio, for 1.25 second-feet from Smallman creek for irrigation of 100 acres in Linn county.

### Say US Is Answer To Orient Problem

PORTLAND, July 20—(AP)—Passengers aboard the Dutch liner Kijffontein said today oriental possessions of western powers can be secured against Japanese aggression only by the United States.

The liner disembarked 110 passengers representing a cross-section of business, political and professional opinion in British and French possessions, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine islands.

Java residents, particularly, were believed by the return of the United States fleet to Hawaii after its recent "mystery" trip, passengers said.

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