

Argentina Hedges on Trusteeship Accord

Centennial Op... Tomorrow; Celebration Details Complete

Pageant Seats Advance Sales Reported Good

But No Shortage yet, Is Statement; Housing Held No Problem

Afternoon Forums to Be Constructive; Varied Topics Scheduled

Salem's Centennial, the celebration that comes once in a lifetime, centenarians excepted, is just around the corner.

Up today will go the 1200 extra bleacher seats in front of the 300-foot-long Walden hills settling for the Centennial pageant at the state fairgrounds.

Ticket sales for the pageant, principal means of financing the city's \$27,000 100th birthday party, will pass the 50 per cent stage before the first performance begins Wednesday night.

McSherry last night urged the purchase of pageant tickets today to avoid the last minute rush and to secure best reservations.

In One Ear... Paul Hauser's Column

Cobwebs From a Musty Notebook—Here's a note about the New Jos. restaurant on which we always intended to write a piece.

It used to be in San Francisco. It was just a hamburger joint in the Italian district, but what a hamburger!

But it was the act that was the best. Maybe it wasn't an act. Anyway there were three or four Italians behind the counter and humanity jam-packed five deep in front of the counter, which had stools for only about 15 people.

It was the cook who was the salt of the show. Every 15 minutes his fine Italian temperament would flare up and his fine Italian hand would start waving a carving knife.

Then to work and with a zest and verve only an Italian can give in sprint style. Another batch of hamburgers and spaghetti and then the was was on again.

This one's a note about a piece we intended to write on fun in a dictionary. For instance we were going to write about the word "funny" which always considered a part of the part of speech "inert so?"

Mark Shoosmith, Noted Sculptor, Declares Blindness No Handicap



Blinded at age 13 by an accident which occurred while he was living in Salem, Mark Shoosmith, now a noted sculptor, is in this city to visit his parents. He is shown working on a figure destined to emerge as that of a child.

Rising Young Artist Is Visiting Parents Here

"I Miss Nothing by not Seeing" Is Statement of Shoosmith; Teaches Other Sightless Folk His Art; Studied at U of Oregon

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR. Mark Shoosmith's sensitive hands carve fine sculptures that his eyes have never seen, but he doesn't believe his blindness is any handicap to his work.

Shoosmith, widely known blind sculptor, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shoosmith at their home at 1480 Bellevue street. He will leave today for New York where for three years he has been instructing other blind persons in sculpture at the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind.

Shoosmith's work has won national attention and he recently finished a piece depicting a woman holding a Pekinese dog in her arms which was presented to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The figure is entitled "Manhattan Madonna."

"I feel I miss nothing by not seeing," Shoosmith says. "Many of the sighted artists I know rely greatly on the sense of touch. They close their eyes to get the 'feel' of the work."

An exploding dynamite percussion cap took Shoosmith's eyesight when he was 13 years old. He at first resolved to be a musician and studied piano, but turned avidly to sculpture after being introduced to it at the University of Oregon. Before attending Oregon he had never modeled.

Ray Klavon, a mechanic, testified that he saw Shoosmith working on a figure destined to emerge as that of a child.

PGE Property not for Sale Piecemeal, Committee Told

Properties of the Portland General Electric Company are not for sale except in one piece, officials of the company told the city's special power committee, appointed by Mayor Chadwick to probe into the problems of municipal ownership, at a meeting in the council chambers last night.

"We're anxious to hold our properties," James H. Holthaus, president of the PGE, told the committee. "We can't afford to be dismembered. We can't have a leg cut off here and an arm cut off there."

Polhemus, advising the committee to act slowly and surely in any move toward public ownership, hinted that rate reductions and simplified rate schedules might be forthcoming after the first of the year. He said he was preparing recommendations for the company's directors including changes he was not able yet to make public.

China Rejects 'Peace' Terms; Probe Arrests

Tokyo Proposal Said to Call for Cession of Five Provinces

Purported Suicide Note of British Newsmen Under Suspicion

HONGKONG, July 29—(AP)—China was reported today to have turned down unconditionally Japanese peace overtures giving Japan five northern Chinese provinces outright, plus indirect hegemony over the Asiatic possessions of France and Britain.

Foreign quarters close to the Chungking government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek listed the Japanese proposals: 1. Outright cession by China to Japan of five provinces, Hopeh (which includes Tientsin and Peking), Chahar, Shantung, Shansi and Szechuan.

(This proposal apparently was predicated on a defeat of Britain by Germany. France's defeat already has jeopardized her Asiatic possessions and Japan has wrung concessions from both Britain and France to increase her blockade of China.)

The British charged Germany was using seaplanes marked with a medical Red Cross for "valuable reconnaissance" for the general ministry said two of those planes were shot down Sunday.

Highway Opening Reduces Distance

Completion of Willamette Route Draws Caravan; Some From Salem

Salem will be 16 miles closer to San Francisco, officially, this afternoon following the dedication of the completed Willamette highway from Eugene to The Dalles-California highway.

At least seven automobiles from Salem are due from those bearing state officials will join the dedication caravan which will arrive at Chemeketa and North Summer streets at 9:15 o'clock this morning and leave for Eugene and the Willamette road at 9:30.

Sam citizens who had notified Dan Hay, chamber of commerce caravan chairman, yesterday that they would attend the dedication are C. P. Bishop, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, George Arbuckle, Guy N. Hickock, George H. Riches, (Turn to page 2, col 8)

Bomb Explodes in Milwaukee Store

MILWAUKEE, July 29—(AP)—Twenty-four hours after Rowland H. Davis, manager, received an extortion note demanding \$100,000, a small bomb exploded in a Sears Roebuck and Company store last Wednesday, police revealed today.

Damage was slight, but the note promised "a bomb 200 times larger will go off at your south and north side stores in a 'good and strong bag' and danger if you fail."

The note demanded that Davis place \$100,000 in used money of \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations in "good and strong bag" and drop it from an airplane. He was to receive later instructions as to where to fly.

Our Senators

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Dover Assault Hints Big Nazi Drive Nearing

Attacking Planes "Fall Like Autumn Leaves" Defenders Claim

17 Nazi Airdromes Are Bombed; Red Cross Misuse Charged

(By The Associated Press) Germany, aiming at England's southeastern "chin" which juts out close to France, struck new bomb blows on teeming town and countryside today following Monday's heavy raid on Dover, greatest single smash at a British city thus far.

The bombers this morning spent their hours bombing Wales and other localities, but their most massive attacks seemed to center in the southeast.

Bombs fell in a workmen's residential district there before the populace could get to shelters. There was no report on the number of casualties, but the British acknowledged that homes had been destroyed.

As the British sternly defended Dover yesterday against at least 80 German dive-bombers and fighter planes, witnesses said "German planes were falling like autumn leaves."

The British air ministry reported 17 Nazi planes had been shot down, and three other bombers were destroyed elsewhere.

Dover is the nearest English port to German-occupied France and a logical place for debarking German troops. Reports train service between unoccupied and occupied France has been halted, denied in Berlin, plus more intense air attacks, heightened speculation that Adolf Hitler might not be long in giving the expected order for an attempt to invade England.

The air ministry, however, reported 17 Nazi airdromes in Germany, Holland, Belgium and northern France had been bombed Sunday night along with oil depots and docks in Germany. Three British planes failed to return.

The Germans placed Britain's plane losses at 11 and said the raids Sunday night did not hit military targets.

The British charged Germany was using seaplanes marked with a medical Red Cross for "valuable reconnaissance" for the general ministry said two of those planes were shot down Sunday.

Loss Is Admitted Britain acknowledged the loss of the 1260-ton destroyer Wrenher 28th destroyer lost since the war began. The admiral said the warship was hit squarely by a bomb. Casualties were not disclosed.

The British also announced loss of the trawler Staunton, sunk by a mine.

Germany and Italy waited for the Balkans to reorganize according to plans laid down by Hitler and Premier Mussolini during conferences over the weekend with Balkan representatives.

Rumania was expected to deal directly with Hungary and Bulgaria in satisfying their claims for lost territory. It was reported in Berlin that Bulgaria would take southern Dobruja, yielded to Rumania just before the World war, and Hungary would recover at least a thin part of Transylvania, huge province lost to Rumania in post-World war settlements. Bucharest heard Germany had given Rumania until September 15 to decide.

SILVERTON, July 29—SILVERTON and Jack & Jill of Portland won the Oregon semi-pro baseball tournament semi-final game, a nine-inning affair starting at 8:30, for the right to play Albany in the final at that city Wednesday night.

Silverton reached the semi-final by out-slugging B & O Transfer of Portland tonight to win 16 to 8, while Jack & Jill trounced Reliable Shoe 5 to 3.

Silverton's 12-hit attack included two triples by Don Kirsh and one by Whitman B & O was aided by Berry's homer and triples by L. Linde, Lewis and Smith. Silverton had a six-run rally in the third inning on four hits and two errors. B & O matched it in the fifth on five hits and a homer.

Pleads Guilty To 5 Slayings



Verlin Spencer, a picture of detection as he appeared in court Monday at Los Angeles to plead guilty to charges of murdering five associates.—AP Telegram

Spencer to Avoid Penalty of Death

Provable Motive Missing Says Prosecutor as Guilt Admitted

LOS ANGELES, July 29—(AP)—Sharp faced Verlin Spencer, 37, former South Pasadena junior high school principal, pleaded guilty today to the murder of five associates and attempted murder of a sixth.

He threw himself on the mercy of the court.

Deputy District Attorney Arthur Vetch agreed to the change in plea from innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, with the recommendation that Spencer's sentence should run concurrent.

"The prosecution has no proof of motive worthy of serious consideration," Vetch admitted.

"The difference between having his (Spencer's) dead body and having him incarcerated for life is not sufficient to warrant taking any chance in the case."

Spencer went to confer May 6 with George C. Bush, 64, South Pasadena superintendent of schools; John E. Alman, 58, high school principal, and William R. Spear, 53, school business manager, and killed them all. As he left the office he shot Bush's secretary, Dorothea Talbert, through the spine and she may be paralyzed for life.

Returning to his school, Spencer killed teacher W. Vanderlip, 41, and a fatally wounded Ruth Sturgeon, 56, both teachers.

Views of Willkie On Training Asked

WASHINGTON, July 29—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) challenged Wendell L. Willkie tonight to state his position on compulsory military training.

"The American people have a right to know," said a statement issued by Wheeler, a leading foe of the pending Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill.

The bill, the Montana senator said, presented the greatest issue confronting congress and the people today. It would permit the president to add, to conscript 42,000,000 men, if he saw fit.

Asserting that he would propose as a substitute a measure reducing army enlistments from three years to one, and was sure that would get all the men needed," he added.

"The American people ought to be told why all this haste and why all the hysteria. Are we going to war with Japan? Are we going to set up an armed camp between now and election time?"

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Home Government's Ratification to Be Awaited, Explained

All Others Sign Virtual Endorsement of Monroe Doctrine but Unanimity Spoiled by Last-Minute Move

Conference Work Concluded; Program of Economic and Anti-5th Column Defense Generally Approved

HAVANA, July 29—(AP)—Argentina hedged tonight on the important American foreign ministers' conference agreement on treatment of foreign possessions in America by making a reservation to its signature of the "Act of Havana."

Members of the Argentine delegation said that any signature put on the document here would have to be approved finally by the government in Buenos Aires.

Although they said the matter was merely an "academic question," the fact was that Argentina, by making the reservation, left the door open to back out of an agreement that had been accepted by other nations as the most important continental defense measure ever taken in a Pan-American conference.

In making the reservation at the last minute, Argentina kept her pre-convention promise not to sign any binding agreements at this conference.

The diplomatic maneuver was executed so smoothly that many persons attending the conference did not immediately see the importance of it.

Anonymous consent may be disrupted. The Argentine action created a complicated situation with regard to the old Pan-American conference rule of unanimity.

The United States, which always has been a stickler for unanimous consent to such matters, actually had the agreement of the 20 other American republics to sign the "Act of Havana," yet Argentina at any time could say: "We withdraw our consent."

Just as Argentina waited until the last minute on Thursday to introduce its own resolution on foreign possessions in this hemisphere, it waited until the "Act of Havana" was ready for the final plenary action—the formal signature—before slipping in the reservation about the necessity of getting its government approval.

It came when all the other delegates were certain that everything had been accomplished as planned in Havana and many of them already were thinking about transportation home.

The work of the conference was concluded at a private plenary session tonight, all but the formal signatures which will be affixed at a public session Tuesday, approving a policy of resisting political, military or economic threats to this hemisphere free of foreign powers.

Some observers linked the Argentine maneuver with the United States economic plan, which is couched in broad terms and leaves unspecified the amount of financial assistance to be given to other countries.

It was understood that this proposal was drawn purposely without specific financial promises so the other countries would show their willingness to support the United States measures on defense.

By reserving commitment on the question of European possessions in this hemisphere, Argentina thus is in a good economic bargaining position.

An Argentine reservation also excluded from the American "trusteeship" plan the Falkland Islands, British south Atlantic base, ownership of which Argentina long has disputed. This, however, merely restored a provision embodied in the United States' original proposal.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, weary from long hours of persuasion and argument to satisfy objections raised chiefly by Argentina, was happy over what sources close to him described as substantial success of the United States in welding the American nations into a close-knit group to face perils lying ahead in a war-disrupted world.

Three main United States objectives were accomplished in the tedious negotiations, although the documents emerged in language couched differently from the original proposals. These were:

1. An "Act of Havana," representing a step forward from previous mere declarations, in which the other 20 republics virtually embraced the Monroe doctrine and gave their prior consent to its enforcement to prevent any new foreign powers from gaining control over possessions in this hemisphere.

2. A program for economic protection and development designed both to relieve existing distress resulting from the loss of European markets and to prevent future distress. (Turn to page 2, col 3)

Weather

Partly cloudy preceded by showers today; Wednesday fair; little change in temperature and humidity. Max. temp. Monday 73, min. 61. River -3.7 ft. West wind.