

### Golden Chance Beckons Japan

#### Europe's Embroilment Is Opportunity; Course in Past Recalled

**TOKYO** — (Correspondence of The Associated Press) — Political observers are re-examining today Japan's actions in the last European war in an effort to chart her probable course during this one.

The end, they assert, is the same — to establish herself as the dominant power in the western Pacific, from Siberia to Australia. The means of pursuit are only slightly different.

In the World War, Japan: 1. Joined the allies, and made a clean sweep of German possessions in China and the south seas.

2. Presented to China the famous "twenty one demands," designed to consolidate her position in Manchuria and Mongolia, to provide special influence in Shantung, to obtain important economic rights in the Yangtze valley, to control Chinese harbors and coastal areas, and in general, to give her complete economic and political supremacy in China.

3. Concluded a semi-secret pact with Great Britain wherein the two countries agreed to divide between them the Pacific islands formerly belonging to Germany, with the equator as the line of demarcation.

4. Signed treaties with each of the allies which virtually obtained recognition of the territorial claims Japan ultimately made at Versailles.

Condition Similar That was Japan between 1915 and 1918. External conditions closely paralleled those existing today. Then, as now, her European competitors in China were too deeply engrossed in war to offer much resistance.

Observers regard Japan's actions today as merely an extension of the cycle launched in 1915. So do many Japanese.

They speak of "the golden opportunity."

In a recent address the minister of war asserted that "Japan's policy of non-intervention does not mean standing with folded arms."

Her official spokesmen speak of an "Asiatic Monroe doctrine." Some influential Japanese are preaching self-determination for all oriental peoples — naturally including the Japanese, Burmese, Ceylonese, Indo-Chinese, and others who now populate European-held colonies. In short, an Asiatic constellation with Japan as the sun and a number of small satellites swinging around her.

Thus, Japan has seized the present "golden opportunity" to apply to the southern orient the same policies that were employed in China during the last European war.

Already Some Gains She has:

1. Made what is considered an iron-clad agreement with the Dutch East Indies government guaranteeing continued access to the islands' oil, tin and rubber.

2. Brought about the suspension of trade between French

### Life Goes on in France Despite Ruins of War



A German-censored photo of a street scene in the wrecked town of Reoubaix, France, showing workers going about their business as ruins of buildings are neatly swept aside to await removal. The German radio tells all who will listen that life has resumed its peaceful tenor in all occupied France.

Indo-China and China, and placed warships in Indo-China waters and a military naval inspection party in Indo-China territory, won the right to use Hanoi as a stop-over and cross Indo-China with a Japan-Siam airline.

3. Concluded a treaty of friendship with Siam.

4. Demanded that Great Britain close the Burma road to China, which was done.

5. Completed military operations, the effect of which is to surround Hongkong, the British crown colony.

Plans for a new Japanese state, based on far-reaching totalitarianism at home and committed to a foreign policy involving Japanese domination over French Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies, were announced this week by the government of Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye.

Control Absolute The totalitarian principle of the new regime includes the doctrine of service to the state by all persons, regardless of status, and a unitary control system covering production, distribution and consumption of important commodities.

Under this regime, the announcement said, inequalities will be rectified and Japanese enabled to live a "plain, solid and vigorous life."

The government's statement did not take Japan any closer to the Rome-Berlin axis, but stressed a more independent attitude toward other western powers. The government is through with todayism, it said.

Closer relations with the axis powers depends, Japanese say, on the attitude of Germany and Italy to the far eastern colonies of France, Britain and Holland.

If the axis shows signs of taking these territories for itself, then Japan, automatically, will be in opposition to them.

### West Linn Locks Break Log Record

**OREGON CITY, Aug. 3.**—(AP)—A previous record for log jams, through the government Willamette river locks at West Linn were broken last month. The locks were constructed in 1872.

The July movement was 31,365,000 board feet against 26,875,000 in June, the previous record. Tonnage for all passage was 142,101 compared with 125,159 the month before.

Logs moved downstream from as far south as Albany, including more than 8,000,000 feet dumped in at Canby, Salem, Newberg, Lafayette and Dayton were among the shipping points.

### Roosevelt Goes Home

**HIGHLAND, N.Y., Aug. 3.**—(AP)—President Roosevelt arrived here tonight from Washington, stepping from his special train into a White House car to motor to his home in nearby Hyde Park for perhaps a week's stay.

### The Safety Valve

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It is inevitable that we should have cultural, racial or religious differences, but America must be made safe for such differences. Every citizen, every home, every religious or secular unit must work together on matters of common concern to them as citizens if we are to be truly united.

One who endeavors to defame any group of our citizenry, who attempts to cast suspicion upon the honor or honesty or patriotic devotion of the members of such group or implies that any group is superior or inferior to any other group, whether such groupings are based upon race, creed or origin, is not only traitorous to our American institutions, but is interfering with the effective mobilization of our people into a united front prepared to defend our American institutions from attack not only from without, but also from within our borders.

Everett R. Clinchy.

TRANSITION Where now this lovely City stands— A century ago. The Indians in nomad bands Were roving to and fro; The farmer now in happy mood, Turns up the yielding sod. Fresh from the hand of God, The rushing rivers in their might, Surged ever toward the sea. The towering mountains awful height, Were wonderful to see. From wilderness to Wonderland A peerless state has grown. Teeming in wealth on every hand, Hunger and want unknown. Proudly we hail thee, Oregon, Our City too with pride, We hail another century's dawn As bridegroom hails his bride. To all who join with us today We give a welcoming hand, We bid you join us in our play, And view the pageant grand. May God in his beneficence As ever in the past, Be with us in the century hence Year 'e'en unto the last. So, let us pause awhile today In grateful thanks to Him, Without whose guidance 'long the way, Our pathway would be dim. Thus may we ever forward move Untouched by doubts or fears. By trusting the God above, Throughout the coming years. J. C. FIELD, 15 Portland Road.

NEVELLA E. ISBELL SMALL, Coos Bay Times, Marshfield, Ore.

### Director Selected, Work Application

Job placement techniques, to be taught the youth now being trained in Oregon in basic skills essential to national defense will be handled by Mrs. Eugene Schmitz, according to announcement made yesterday by O. D. Adams, director for the state board for vocational education.

For the past five years Mrs. Schmitz was employed at the Edison vocational school at Seattle, Wash., teaching work-application to industrial groups.

Mrs. Schmitz will hold classes at Salem Junior High school, Eugene vocational school, Benson polytechnic in Portland and the Pendleton high school during August. She will operate under the state board for vocational education national defense training program.

### Choice Hay to Be Gift; Shower for Nancy Is Planned

**CHICAGO, Aug. 2.**—(AP)—The "girls" at Brookfield zoo are planning a shower for Nancy the elephant.

Ninety-six invitations, suitably tinted in pink and blue and elephant gray, went out in the mail today to elephants in other American zoos.

The party's set for August 11, and Robert Bean, assistant director of the zoo, said he presumed that choice bales of timothy and cases of canned milk, wrapped as gifts, would be arriving any day now.

According to the latest calculations, the big event should occur sometime between August 12 and September 12. Bean said that Nancy's calf would be the first one ever born in a zoo in this country.

SABEM This is the city of Salem Salem the sovereign of cities. Here were the dreamers of our fathers Molded and shaped to her greatness; Here are the tears and traditions Telling the tale of achievement, This is the city of Salem Salem the sovereign of cities. Gone are the founders of Salem Gone are the dreamers who planned her, Carefully carved from the forest

### Hay Fever Addict Society Organizes To Fight Ragweed

**NEW YORK, Aug. 3.**—(AP)—Some 100 sufferers this week formed the Hay Fever Sufferers society of America and began mapping a campaign against ambrosia (the ragweed family) and some of its offshoots.

Almost anyone can join the HFSSA—all you need is a snuffle or sniffle, watery eyes and an explosive sneeze now and then.

Urging all midsummer hikerschoers to attend the society's first annual convention August 7 at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn, President Michael Dorfman declared:

"We're going to put 'teeth' into the law against having ragweed growing wild on your property; we're going to form ragweed detective squads to track down the enemy."

Then he sneezed and added: "We're getting sick of people saying 'goodness!' every time we sneeze. It isn't American. If they want to say anything let 'em say: "God bless you and America."

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### Shortage of Fir Cones Deplored

#### Natural Reforestation Is Hampered in Burned Areas, Feared

**PORTLAND, Aug. 3.**—(AP)—A shortage of seed may seriously damage natural reforestation of logged and burned coniferous regions of the Pacific northwest this year, the forest service said today.

Director Stephen Wyckoff of the Pacific northwest forest and range experiment station said the Douglas fir cone crop was almost a total failure throughout the region west of the Cascade mountains.

Light yields also were reported on western hemlock, western red cedar, silver fir and noble fir.

East of the Cascades the ponderosa pine crop is spotty, Wyckoff said, with only a few localities reporting heavy yields.

"It will be more difficult than usual for those contemplating artificial reforestation to get a fresh supply of seed for their nurseries, but more important still is the effect on natural reforestation," Wyckoff said.

"The great area logged and burned this year will not get nature's sowing of seed from nearby stands of timber and reserved trees, but must lie unstocked for another year or two, giving competing herbage a head start, thereby decreasing the ultimate chance for satisfactory complete restocking."

### Portland Budget Calls for Boost

**PORTLAND, Aug. 3.**—(AP)—Portland saw the price of city government going up today.

Budget estimates for all departments were submitted to Budget Director Charles A. Alphonse, who said the total was \$6,092,157, an increase of \$36,271 over the current year.

### O'Daniel Still on Top in Texas



Pat and Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel Governor W. Lee (Pass the Biscuits, Pappy!) O'Daniel of Texas is shown at Fort Worth with his son Pat after he had received word of victory in the Texas gubernatorial primary. O'Daniel was elected two years ago to the tune of his hillbilly band.

### Holman Talks for Power of Columbia

#### Says System Has 44.5 per Cent of Potential Horsepower

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.**—(AP)—A senate proposal for an additional \$25,000,000 for TVA was supported Friday by Senator Rufus Holman (R-Ore.), but he insisted Columbia river plants already were authorized to furnish required power.

"In my judgment the time is coming when the government must scatter its industries and take into consideration the vast

expenditures which have been authorized on the Columbia river," he said.

"I doubt if many members of the senate realize the enormous power and flow proportions of the Columbia river. The Columbia, its tributaries and adjacent streams have far greater power potentialities than any other river system on the North American continent."

"There are 43,000,000 potential 90 per cent water horsepower on all streams in the United States. On the Columbia river system is found 18,000,000 horsepower, or 44.5 per cent of all the country's horsepower."

The senator cited figures to show the immensity of the Columbia and its greater average flow than any other river in the nation.

### Complaint Is Filed By Water Board

#### Validity of Election on May 17 Is Disputed by Commission

The dispute over the validity of the May 17 Silverton city election at which voters favored a managerial form of city government was taken into circuit court here yesterday with the filing of a complaint by A. W. Simmons, Roy Morley and A. R. Eastman, Silverton water commissioners, against the city.

The complaint attacks validity of procedure in connection with the election. It asserts that the proposal appeared only on the republican and democratic primary ballots, thereby withholding a right to vote on the measure as to persons of other political faiths. It also charges no notice of election was given, no voters pamphlet was sent out as required by law and that the water commissioners would be personally liable if they turned over the property of their department to the city council.

The commissioners declare in the complaint that they have in their possession a large amount of property and more than \$10,000 in cash with whose care they are charged.

An order restraining the city from making any attempt to take over the commission's property or funds and a \$500 allowance for attorney fees are asked.

### Rubber-Ear Horse Stolen, Complaint

**PORTLAND, Aug. 3.**—(AP)—Casey Officer began describing his stolen horse and police began to look skeptical.

"It's about three feet high, has rubber ears and orange spots on its sides," Officer said, then hastened to explain that it was an automatic hobby horse taken from his resort near Oregon City.

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