

FDR Enroute For Vacation

Knox Tells of Plans to Repair Damaged British Ships

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battle of the Atlantic by repairing in American navy yards some of the ships damaged by Nazi U-boats and bombers.

The first naval aid to Britain, however, probably will be the transfer of a number of "mosquito" craft, such as motor torpedo boats, submarine chasers and converted yachts, Knox said. "Pretty fast production" is in immediate prospect, he added, for torpedo boats and other small vessels designed to combat undersea and surface marauders at close quarters.

Knox told a press conference that in the last three or four days Britain has asked for use of navy yards to repair damaged vessels, as permitted under the lend-lease act. Though reporting that "some" facilities were available immediately for the purpose, despite the expanding navy's own demands, Knox said no action had yet been taken on the request.

These indications of the form of aid to Britain were coupled with a hint that the voyage of four American cruisers and nine destroyers to the South Pacific involved more than the mere training which the navy has said was the purpose.

The plain spoken secretary said smilingly that the United States was "very closely in touch with Australia, and greatly in sympathy with her aspirations."

However, the detachments whose arrival this week at Sydney and Auckland was linked in speculation with far eastern tension will return shortly to the Pacific fleet's Honolulu base, Knox added.

While Knox was speaking Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) told reporters on Capitol hill that "it is now apparent the real purpose of the lend-lease bill is not merely to aid the people of England but to protect the British empire in the orient."

Traffic Manager Tells of Rates

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19—(AP)—Railroads were forced to reduce petroleum shipping rates from Portland to eastern Oregon in order to meet competition from barges and trucks, Harvey E. Lounsbury testified here Wednesday.

Lounsbury, traffic manager of the Union Pacific railroad, told E. C. Stiles, Interstate commerce commission examiner, that if the ICC increased rail rates to any extent, the railroads would be deprived of gasoline traffic to eastern Oregon.

Stiles is hearing a railroad request to increase petroleum shipping rates from tidewater to inland Oregon and to Washington points.

ELSINORE
Today and Friday - Two Hits

50 ENDS OUR NIGHT
FREDRIC MARCH
MARCH - SULLAVAN - DEE
Plus - Comedy Hit
"HERE COMES HAPPINESS"

CAPITOL
Tonight and Friday - Two Hits

LYNN LLOYD NOLAN
IRENE HERVEY
MR. DYNAMITE
with J. CARROLL NASH
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
Plus
GEORGE O'BRIEN
with VIRGINIA VILLE

STATE THEATRE
TROUBLE IN A TROPICAL PARADISE!
Dorothy LAMOUR - Robert PRESTON - Preston FOSTER
in **Moon Over Burma**
Paramount Picture
DANCING ON A DIME
IT'S A MUSICAL METEOR!
with JACK RANDALL

Maude Adams "Mobbed" by Movie Stars for Her Autograph

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—(AP)—The autograph situation here is completely jammed up. And some movie faces are quite red, now that the whole thing's over.

For one thing, 700 young things from Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., have completed a three-day visit here, and they haven't asked for a single autograph. They wanted them badly enough, but teachers said, "Eh, eh! Bad manners. Mustn't ask." So the kids didn't.

But then their famous drama teacher—Maude Adams—was a honor guest of movie royalty. Before she knew it—and Miss Adams was the original Garbo, when it comes to shyness—well, Miss Adams was mobbed by autograph hounds; such "hounds" as Joan Bennett, Mary Astor, Melvyn Douglas, Robert Montgomery—you fill in the rest. They all forgot their manners, but they got their autographs.

Oddities in the News

LANCASTER, Pa.—(AP)—Tired but uninjured, Assistant Fire Chief Fred Deen returned to his station house for a rest after fighting a huge lumber yard fire for seven hours.

Wearily, he stepped through the door—and fell smack down an open coal hole.

Result: Two broken ribs.

PORTLAND, Me.—(AP)—The police should recognize Howard W. Johnson's voice when he telephones to report another burglary of his market.

His establishment has been entered 30 times in the past 10 years.

The latest break yielded the thief 28 cents.

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—An eccentric sparrow that hangs around a St. Louis grocery store has gone crazy with curiosity over the owner's new automobile.

The feathered Don Quixote spends most of the daylight hours beating its head against the shiny hub caps in a furious attack on the reflected images.

Every five minutes or so it takes time out to rearrange ruffled feathers or scout around for food.

PORTLAND—(AP)—Artificial tools didn't frighten a natural-born honker that wandered onto a busy intersection and remained there to the consternation of motorists recently. The honker, a wild Canadian goose, walked onto the east-side intersection from a lake at Laurelhurst park where a flock of geese had landed for a rest. The bird forced motorists to drive around him for more than an hour.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(AP)—Answering a charge of beating his wife because she spent money to ride on a trolley car, the defendant jingled to the judge:

"Fame and shame is the name of a game, but a woman without brains drives a man insane."

Mexico Blames Nazis in Riots

MEXICO CITY, March 19.—(AP)—A Mexican government bulletin said Wednesday night an anti-United States demonstration of 200 National university students before the foreign ministry, the chamber of deputies and the senate this afternoon had been instigated by "under-cover organizers of Nazi and communist affiliation" whom the "authorities are now trying to discover."

The bulletin characterized the demonstration, which police riot squads broke up after a brief scuffle in front of the foreign ministry, as "completely without importance or significance."

Ten students were arrested after police and firemen dispersed the demonstrators in front of the foreign office.

Before being scattered, the students managed to penetrate into the interior patio of the foreign office and shout insults at Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla for his recent statements pledging military and economic cooperation with the United States.

Oranges were hurled by the demonstrators, making large splashes on the walls of the ministry's beautiful Spanish colonial building.

Salem Scouts Are Honored

Two Receive Life Rank Badge at District Court of Honor

Two Salem Boy Scouts were awarded life rank badges Wednesday night at the monthly Cherry City district court of honor.

Edward Newman of troop nine and Robert Singleton of troop 11 received the highest award made this month. Russell Kretz and Richard Givens of troop 11 became star scouts.

New first class scouts are Earl Cooley and Richard Barber of troop 11 and Norman Mann of troop four. Earning second class badges were George Lassie of troop four, Dick Whitley and Frank Deckerbach of troop one, Daryl Sim and Morris Hunsaker of troop 17, Glen Widdows, Allyn Singleton, Leland Hoar and R. Hammett of troop 11.

Merit badges were awarded to Elmer Jorgenson of troop 54, Wallace Hall, D. Heiken, Romeo Dare, Richard Cooley and Glenn Welch of troop 14, Robert Johnson of council, Douglas Carter, Cole Stephens, Bill Ready, Bobby Jones and Richard Barber of troop 11, Dean Thomas of troop one, Roy Burns of troop eight, Fred Brees, Jr., of SSShip 12, Bob McNeil of troop two, David Scott and Clarence Conrad of troop 13.

US, Canada Pact Flayed

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—An old controversy revived on Capitol hill Wednesday night after the United States and Canada signed an agreement to start the gigantic St. Lawrence seaway and power project at once as a joint defense measure.

Although President Roosevelt declared that the project was vital to defense and to British aid, Senator Adams (D-Colo.) who has opposed the project in the past, asserted:

"I can't see the national defense end of this agreement at all. Any project that takes four or five years to complete can't have much bearing on immediate defense needs."

On the other hand, Senator Norris (Ind-Neb.) said there was need for power for defense industries, and that the project would benefit the whole country.

Lumber Topples Into River When Ship Leaks

REEDSPORT, March 19.—(AP)—Nearly 75,000 board feet of lumber of a 125,000-foot log toppled into the Umpqua river Tuesday after the barge carrying it sprang a leak.

The lumber, under tow by the tug Westport, was part of a Gardiner Lumber company consignment to be loaded here for rail shipment. Tugs and small boats recovered most of the lumber.

Call Board

ELSINORE
Today—Frederic March, Margaret Sullavan in "So Ends Our Night," plus "Here Comes Happiness."

GRAND
Today—"Tobacco Road."
Saturday—Virginia Gilmore, William Henry in "Jennie." Marjorie Weaver, John Hubbard in "Murder Among Friends."

CAPITOL
Today—Lloyd Nolan, Irene Hervey in "Mr. Dynamite." George O'Brien in "Triple Justice."

STATE
Today—Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston, Preston Foster in "Moon Over Burma." Robert Paige, Virginia Dale in "Dancing on a Dime."

Saturday midnight—Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor in "Escape."

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Victor McLaglen in "Diamond Frontier." Lucille Ball, Richard Carlson, Ann Miller, Frances Langford in "Too Many Girls."

LIBERTY
Today—Jack Randall in "Land of the Six Guns." Robert Livingston, June Travis in "Night Hawk."

Friday—Tex Ritter in "Arizona Frontier." Robert Cummings, Helen Mack in "I Stand Accused."

SALEM'S NEWEST THEATRE
LIBERTY
LAST TIMES TODAY
"LAND OF THE SIX GUNS"
with Jack Randall
—plus—
"NIGHT HAWK"
Cartoon News
15c
CONTINUOUS SHOWING

City Welcomes Spring Fete

Store Windows to Blaze With Lights as Crowds Celebrate

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Steusloff building at Court and North Liberty, and the new addition to the DeLuxe Milk and Ice Cream company on State street at 18th.

Topping off this full night of entertainment will be the official Ad club dance at the Crystal Gardens where both big floors will be available for dancing old time and modern steps.

A partial list of participating merchants completed at a late hour Wednesday night included: Montgomery Ward & Co., Miller's, Stevens Brown Jewelers, Sally's, Milgrim's, Bloch's store, Jayson's, Hanner Hat shop, J. C. Penney Co., F. W. Woolworth Co., Capitol Drug store, Yeater Appliance Co., The Jewel Box, Needham's Book store, Arbuckle King & Co., Howard's Corset shop, Better Bedding store, Little French shop, Roem's Typewriter shop, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Mode O'Day, The Man's Shop, Hartman Bros. Jewelers, The Smart shop, Bishops, and Pomeroy & Keene, Jewelers.

Other Salem merchants will be contacted today.

Control Board To Give \$500

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county court since it took office on January 6.

At that time it was learned from the district attorney that a \$500 provision for animal control work contained in the 1941 budget was inoperative, since it had been added at the final budget meeting instead of at the first meeting of the county budget committee.

The district attorney also ruled that an expenditure of emergency funds on an item which had been discarded and later accepted in the making of the annual budget would not be proper, with the result recently turned to the dog control board as a possible source of revenue to finance the animal control work.

Free Textbooks Question Rages

Hundreds of telegrams and letters were received at the executive department here during the past 24 hours favoring and opposing a bill of the recent legislature extending free textbooks to parochial and private schools. The public schools now have free textbooks.

Executive department officials said most of the telegrams urged Governor Charles A. Sprague to veto the measure. Particular opposition centers on providing free textbooks for the private schools. Governor Sprague gave no indication as to what action he would take on the bill.

Springfield Reports Lowest Municipal Tax

SPRINGFIELD, March 19.—(AP)—A municipal tax of \$6.55 per capita levied by Springfield for 1941 was the smallest for any city of its size or larger in Oregon, city officials declared Wednesday.

Silverton to Make Temporary Repairs on Crashed Bridge

SILVERTON, March 19.—The James street bridge which collapsed last Tuesday afternoon will be temporarily repaired for pedestrians and light automobile traffic in the near future, was the opinion of City Manager Elgin McCleary, Wednesday.

Baricades have been placed to prevent further accidents.

Floyd A. Query and W. W. Stiffler from the maintenance division of the state highway department and E. G. Ricketts and Claude Darby from the bridge division made inspections of the broken span Wednesday.

McCleary stated the city would

Sally's Opens Doors Friday

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ished in light primavera wood with mahogany finished stock cases.

It is fitted with a balcony constructed in the form of the letter "S," with glass balustrade, and described by the store's proprietors as the only one of its kind in this region. Coat selections will be offered on the balcony level.

On the downstairs floor, the Sally's sports shop will occupy a large, rounded amphitheatre convenient alike for the display of merchandise and for selections.

Lighting in the new store is by means of fluorescent tubes designed to give an exact daylight effect. Ventilation, similarly, has been designed along the most modern lines, with a complete air-conditioning system installed to maintain fresh air at a constant temperature all seasons of the year.

Sally's will continue to be managed by Mr. and Mrs. Bloomberg, with Mrs. Bloomberg also serving as buyer. Max Schlesinger, now associated with Sally's and Mrs. Lee Schlesinger will also be on the management staff.

Reelect All Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—The Oregon State Motor association reelected all officers at the close of its annual convention here Wednesday. Renamed were: Dr. E. B. McDaniel, Portland, president; C. E. Gates, Medford, vice-president; Ralph Coan, Portland, treasurer; Ray Conway, Portland, general manager.

Today
Friday
Saturday

HOLLYWOOD

Two Big
Features **15c**

WHERE THE STRONGER LIVE LONGER
Victor M. LAGLEN
DIAMOND FRONTIER
JOHN LODER - ANNE HADLEY

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Too Many Girls
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with Lucille Ball - Richard Carlson - Ann Miller - Eddie Bracken
Frances Langford - Noel Arnes - Hal Leland
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THE DAGGER THAT FAILED
Depicting the dramatic capture of the world's most famous criminal
with Victor Jory
with Virginia Lee Corbin - Robert Montgomery - Robert Taylor

Tax Payments Set on City

Defunct Utility Firm Claims Salem Agreed to Assume Debts

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The company is represented by Hart, Spencer, McCulloch and Rockwood, Portland legal firm.

The city began condemnation proceedings against the water company in March, 1935, the answer states, and became owner in consequence as of January 1, 1934.

During the negotiations, in June, 1935, it was stipulated be-

tween the city and the company that the latter would pay all taxes levied and assessed for the year 1935, based on the assessment of March, 1934, the answer alleges.

The defendants further state that they were to be under no obligation to pay taxes on the water system property based on assessments subsequent to 1934. The tax now in question, it adds, is in this category, having been based on an assessment made in 1935.

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