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Germans, Greeks in Clashes on Frontier

Red Curls Scare Stick-Thief



Dolores Picha, 5, demonstrates, more or less, how she routed the "stick burglar" Sunday night at the E. J. Church residence...

Salem Girl Routs Man Stealing Mama's Purse

Dolores Picha, Enroute to Bed, During Party, Grabs Stick Dropped by Sneak Thief; Wasn't Scared, She Said

By RALPH C. CURTIS

If there are three or more automobiles parked in front of a Salem residence in the early hours of night, it's almost a cinch that there's a party going on.

The Statesman Tells History Of Sports

War news, no matter how important, will share honors with baseball in the May 2 edition of The Statesman.

Sports-writing, an outstanding feature of the American newspaper scene, has grown up with The Statesman.

Orders for extra copies of the special edition are pouring into The Statesman's circulation department...

Two Planes Missing TUCUMCARI, NM, March 24 - Two airplanes being ferried to Los Angeles were reported missing Monday night...

Bombers Land Safe SALT LAKE CITY, March 24 - Three Boeing four-motored long-range bombers, flown here last week from McChord field...

Soviet Confirms Aid Treaty With Turkey; Yugoslavians Bitter

Nazis Show Awareness, Changed Russian View by Rushing Rumanian Troops to Red's Border; Greeks Victorious

BELGRADE, March 25-(Tuesday)-Unconfirmed reports reaching here from Bulgaria today said Greek and German sentries already had engaged in several clashes on the Bulgarian-Greek frontier.

Other reports reaching here today said Russian war materials began moving across the Caucasus frontier into Turkey a few hours after announcement of the Russo-Turk friendship agreement.

By The Associated Press

Uneasy soviet Russia took a hand Tuesday in the course of the world by giving Turkey a pledge of benevolent and helpful neutrality in case the Turks are attacked by Germany.

Diplomatic quarters in Ankara, Turkey's capital, said announcement of this Russo-Turk declaration of friendliness was deliberately timed to coincide with the departure of Yugoslav government leaders for Vienna to sign up as a junior partner in the axis.

War News Briefs

VIENNA, March 25-(Tuesday)-Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic and Foreign Minister Aleksander Cincar-Markovic of Yugoslavia arrived in Vienna by special train this morning and were welcomed by German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

The Japanese ambassador to Berlin, Lieut. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, arrived in Vienna at the same time.

Up to this time, there had been no formal confirmation of Belgrade dispatches that the Yugoslav premier and foreign minister were making the trip to add their nation to the axis line-up.

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Under its terms, the Russians apparently are ready to send material aid to Turkey if the Turks have to fight to defend the Dardanelles.

Germany Rushes Troops To Rumanian-Russ Border

That Germany was acutely aware of a changing Russian attitude to nazi expansion was evident in reports that Rumanian troops were being mobilized again and sent to take up position along the Prut river facing the soviet.

Russia considered her vital interests at stake with Germany's armies less than 100 miles from the Dardanelles, with the nazis in control of the en-

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Germany Reveals Battleships Operating Against Convoys

BERLIN, March 24-(AP)-The Germans officially reported Monday the destruction of at least 30,000 additional tons of British shipping, and issued an avowed eye-witness account of how a long earlier "cat and mouse" drama had ended in the sinking of 126,000 tons by U-boats supported by battleships—a new raiding technique.

The nazi story of the war at sea thus was in two sections.

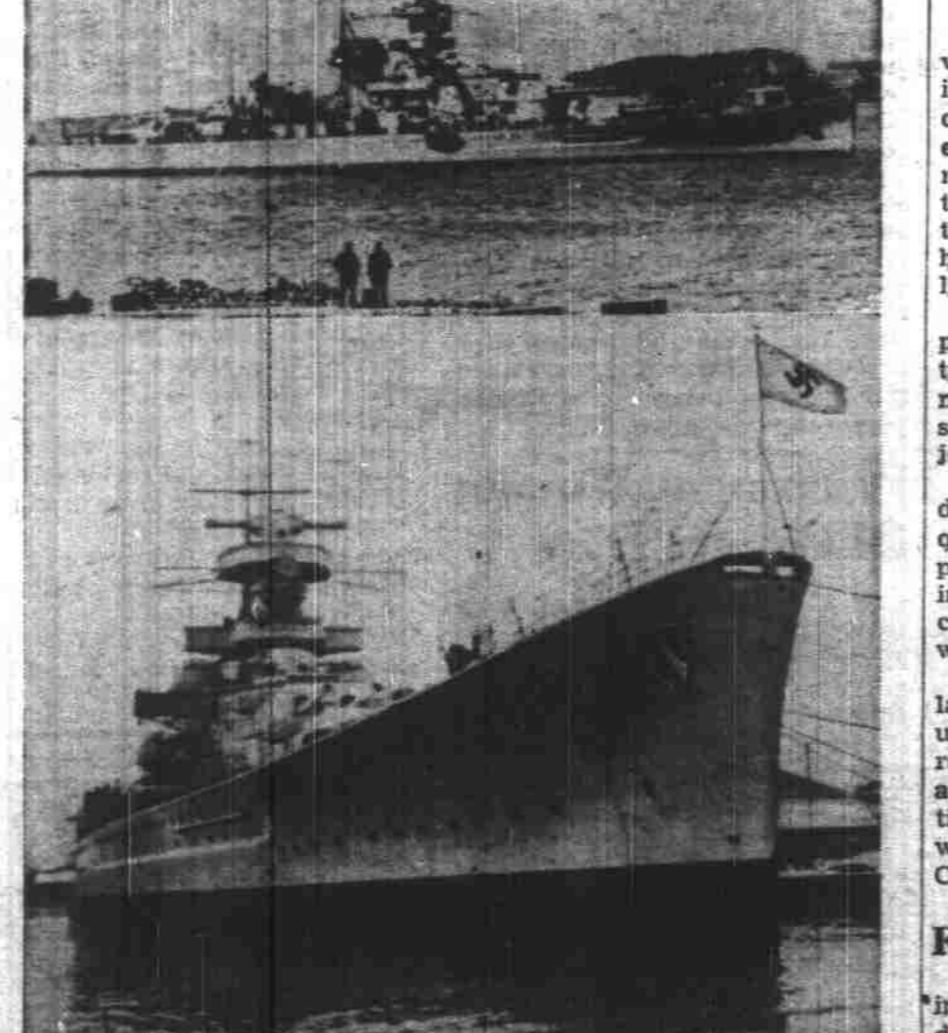
The first, dealing with current actions and issued by the high command itself, declared that U-boats operating in the north Atlantic had just knocked out 27,500 tons.

It was the second account, however, which told the longer and more spectacular story—a story in elaboration of previous and less detailed announcements.

This engagement, which the Germans termed historic in that it was "probably the first success by cooperation of battleships and U-boats in ocean warfare," was said to have begun about at mid-Atlantic.

The eye-witness narrative, as it was officially described, said that upon the approach to the British convoy "we sighted enemy fighting craft including a battleship of the Malaya class," and that many times that great vessel aimed her guns, but kept them silent, showing "no inclination to fight."

(Picture below are two of Germany's battleships believed involved in the above story.)



Above are pictured the two German battleships reliably reported preying on British shipping and averagely swarming American supply ships of the Atlantic seaboard. (Top) is the German battleship Gneisenau, one of Hitler's most powerful dreadnaughts. (Below) is the battleship Scharnhorst.

Willamette Students Pay Glee Debts



Bets were novel as always at Willamette university Monday as students paid up to members of other classes after losing in the 33rd annual Freshman Glee. All wagers were paid to higher classmen because judges placed the seniors first, juniors second, sophomores third and "poor, poor '41" last.

Strike Peace Board Meets

New Mediation Body Will Act on Four Major Tieups

(See strike story P. 2—Mediation board picture on editorial page.)

The new federal mediation board appointed by President Roosevelt to deal with strikes in defense industries will hold its organization meeting in Washington today (Tuesday) confronted by four major developments:

1. A CIO strike called late Monday at the Bethlehem Steel company, Bethlehem, Pa., which has more than \$1,000,000,000 of defense contracts, in a dispute over an unaffiliated union.

2. The International Harvester plant at Chicago, which had been closed since Feb. 28 by a CIO strike, reopened Monday under police guard but a CIO leader called for a "mass mobilization" Monday and that "no one" would enter. The company makes parts for defense contractors. The union seeks recognition, abolition of piece work and other demands.

3. The two-week-old CIO strike at the Midland Steel Products (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Court Demands Issues Before Pinball Trial

Lewelling Sets Deadline in Dissolving Injunction Obtained Against Police and City Attorney by Barber

The case of Beryl Burch vs. Salem Chief of Police Frank Minto and City Attorney Lawrence Brown will be tried as early as possible provided the issues are stated by next Tuesday, an injunction obtained several weeks ago when the case was filed.

C of C Burns Mortgage

\$5032 Debt Payment on Remodeling Celebrated; Bishop Speaks

The Salem chamber of commerce "burned the mortgage" Monday night.

That was the way Sen. Douglas McKay, ex-president in charge of the ceremony, described it and that's what it amounted to.

To a chorus of applause from the large audience of members and guests attending the banquet in honor of the occasion, McKay touched a match to a piece of paper representing the \$5032 debt incurred in 1938 for the remodeling and redecoration of the chamber quarters, and E. H. Bingenheimer, another ex-president, held it in a tray until only ashes remained.

Realization that a group of citizens could meet for such a "glad occasion" should bring realization that there are things "right with the world," as well (Turn to Page 10, Column 1)

Airport Bids Open Today

Bids for private contracting work on Salem municipal airport improvements under the \$160,000 civil aeronautics authority project will be opened today at CAA northwest headquarters in Seattle, while preliminary work to the airport expansion program here is apparently moving swiftly.

City Engineer J. H. Davis reported Monday that no difficulty is being found in getting permission to cut down trees considered obstructions on lands adjoining the airport.

Viewers of the 61 acres of additional land the city must acquire for the project have completed their appraisals of the land involved and it is believed the city may be able to acquire it within a few weeks.

The WPA, which will do a large share of work not handled under CAA specifications, is ready to begin work on receiving a certificate of necessity to aviation from the CAA. The WPA will pave two runways and the CAA one.

Cafes to Hike Meal Prices

Food costs in Salem have mounted 18 per cent during the past 60 days, members of the Salem Restaurant association, meeting in called session Monday night, agreed.

That the rise in cost of commodities will be reflected shortly in boosted prices for the consumer was generally accepted although no definite scale nor time for the increase was adopted. Committees appointed to make a closer study of the problem were asked to report with recommendations to the membership within the next week. Thirty of the 42 member restaurants were represented at

Oil Tanker Afire

NEW YORK, March 25-(Tuesday)-The coast guard reported today that the Cities service oil tanker Denver had caught fire south of Cape Hatteras and that 18 or 19 crew members were missing after the vessel was abandoned. About five seamen were saved, the coast guard added.

Flier's Condition Fair Willis Berkeley, pilot of the plane in which Garfield Voegt met death near Woodburn several weeks ago, was reported in "fair" condition at the Salem General hospital Monday night. Berkeley's leg was amputated for the third time Saturday.

Aid Fund Approved By Senate

Final Vote on Appropriation Is 67 to 9

WASHINGTON, March 24-(AP)-The senate passed the \$7,000,000,000 lease-lend appropriation bill Monday by a national-unity vote of 67 to 9 and plans were laid to fly it Tuesday to President Roosevelt, vacationing in the Caribbean.

The action came after less than two hours' discussions and the opposition did not so much as offer an amendment. The debate, in fact, consisted largely of statements of position from some of the many senators who had voted against the original lease-lend authorization bill, but voted for the appropriation.

Among these were Senators Adams (D-Colo.), Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Brooks (-Ill.), Willis (R-Ind) and Taft (R-Ohio). For the most part they said that since helping England and other nations resisting the axis powers had been approved by congress, it was the duty of the national legislature to provide funds for giving that policy effect.

The \$7,000,000,000 fund, the nation's largest peacetime appropriation, would provide, among other things:

- \$2,054,000,000 for aircraft and accessories. \$1,343,000,000 for ordnance and ordnance supplies. \$1,350,000,000 for the purchase of miscellaneous agricultural and industrial articles.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

The boys and girls up at Willamette U who keep singing they love to sit and dream down by the old mill stream did not sit and dream down by the old mill stream yesterday. At least not while we were watching them.

They had their little things up there on "To-Baxter Road" Saturday night and the freshmen lost. When it was all over the freshmen were told by their victorious seniors that, "confidentially, you sink" so the freshmen obligingly went out Monday and sunk.

It was the wettest aftermath of Freshman Glee we have ever attended. Usually there is enough water in the mill stream to douse the male members of the freshman class thoroughly and efficiently, but some seemed to think otherwise this year.

They called on the city water supply to help out. The staid old buildings of Willamette looked like a hotel holding a visiting high school football team. There were water-laden paper bags coming out of the windows like bombs on Rotterdam night. (Turn to Page 10, Column 2)

First Methodist Church Ends Centennial Celebration

Roles taken by the church in the world were described and commended by Bishop Bruce R. Baxter and Gov. Charles A. Sprague as Salem's First Methodist church concluded its centennial celebration with worship services Sunday morning.

The church lives because it has served, said Bishop Baxter, who quoted, from a second century letter, "These Christians hold the world together." To do this, he reminded, principles must find expression in conduct. He advised Christians to "take a long look ahead... a deep look within."

Gov. Sprague spoke of the close relation First church has had during its century in relation to the state of Oregon. He mentioned the significance of the crossing of Church and State streets, with State street having on one side two great Methodist institutions and on the other the home of county, federal and state government. "We hope they may stay in wholesome neighborly association."

District Superintendents J. Edgar Purdy and Sydney W. Hall and Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor, participated in the service. The cathedral choir sang Gounod's anthem, "Sanctus," with Director Melvin H. Geist as tenor soloist. Sunday night the choir sang Maunders' cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," to close the four-day observance. A dinner and program Thursday and the two Sunday sessions were all attended by capacity audiences.