

Shows first in Salem, INN and AP photos on pages one and two of this morning's Statesman give graphic portrayal of key US actions in meeting repercussions of the European war in this country.

Mostly cloudy with scattered light showers and continued cool today and Wednesday. Max. temp. Sunday, 87. Min. 59. South wind. Rain 88 inch. River 1.6 feet. Cloudy.

Germany Mass Troops for Attack on Yugos

Salem to Buy Land For Field

Council Agrees to Pay \$11,597 for Airport Acreage

The Salem city council, speeding to clear the way for civil aeronautics authority expansion of the municipal airport, voted Monday night to pay \$11,597.10 for 89 acres of land adjoining the airport, approved contracts for removal of obstructions, but ran into obstructions itself.

Main obstruction which halted the council and may delay the airport program was a contract proffered by Chandler Brown, as agent for William Brown, to permit the city to remove buildings on the Brown property adjoining the airport which are considered hazards to aviation.

The contract included so many stipulations that aldermen feared it might cost the city or CAA \$30,000 or \$40,000 to move the buildings. It was referred to the airport committee and the attorney for action.

The second obstruction was a question of whether CAA, WPA or the city was to pay for removal of obstructions surrounding the airport. Aldermen said that the original agreement with CAA provided that the city's only expenses would be purchase of land needed for airport expansion, while Engineer J. R. Keefe of the CAA said that he had never said that the CAA would pay for moving of buildings.

The council got around the argument by inserting an amendment specifying "if paid for by WPA or CAA" in resolutions for payment for removal of obstructions on property adjoining the airport.

Mayor W. W. Chadwick was given authority to execute an affidavit that the city has met the CAA requirements of having title to the land needed and of holding permission to remove obstructions, but with the Brown matter up in the air it was doubtful when he could issue the document.

Keefe and other CAA officials who attended the special meeting, anxious to get all legal matters cleared up so that construction may start, said that they would stay over today in hope that the necessary action can be taken and papers started on their way to Washington.

City Attorney Lawrence N. Brown said he would meet with Chandler Brown today to negotiate further on removal of the buildings, now occupied by a dairy farm.

Purchase of land was authorized with \$15,000 transferred by resolution from the incinerator fund and the budgeted fund for sewer maintenance.

Payments authorized were: To Roy and Masde Rae for 32 acres \$2800; to Chandler Brown, representing William Brown of Redlands, Calif., for 42.7 acres \$5337.50; to James E. and Farris S. Linn for 10.6 acres \$1977.50; to state of Oregon for 3.86 acres, \$551.80.

The council also authorized payment of \$600 to Linn for cutting trees on his property and \$100 to W. H. Clark for the same purpose. Licenses for removing trees also accepted from Gus Schlicker, Frank Shedeck, Norval E. Edwards, and Cecil Montgomery, all of whom give the city the right in exchange for removal of debris and cordwood from the trees cut.

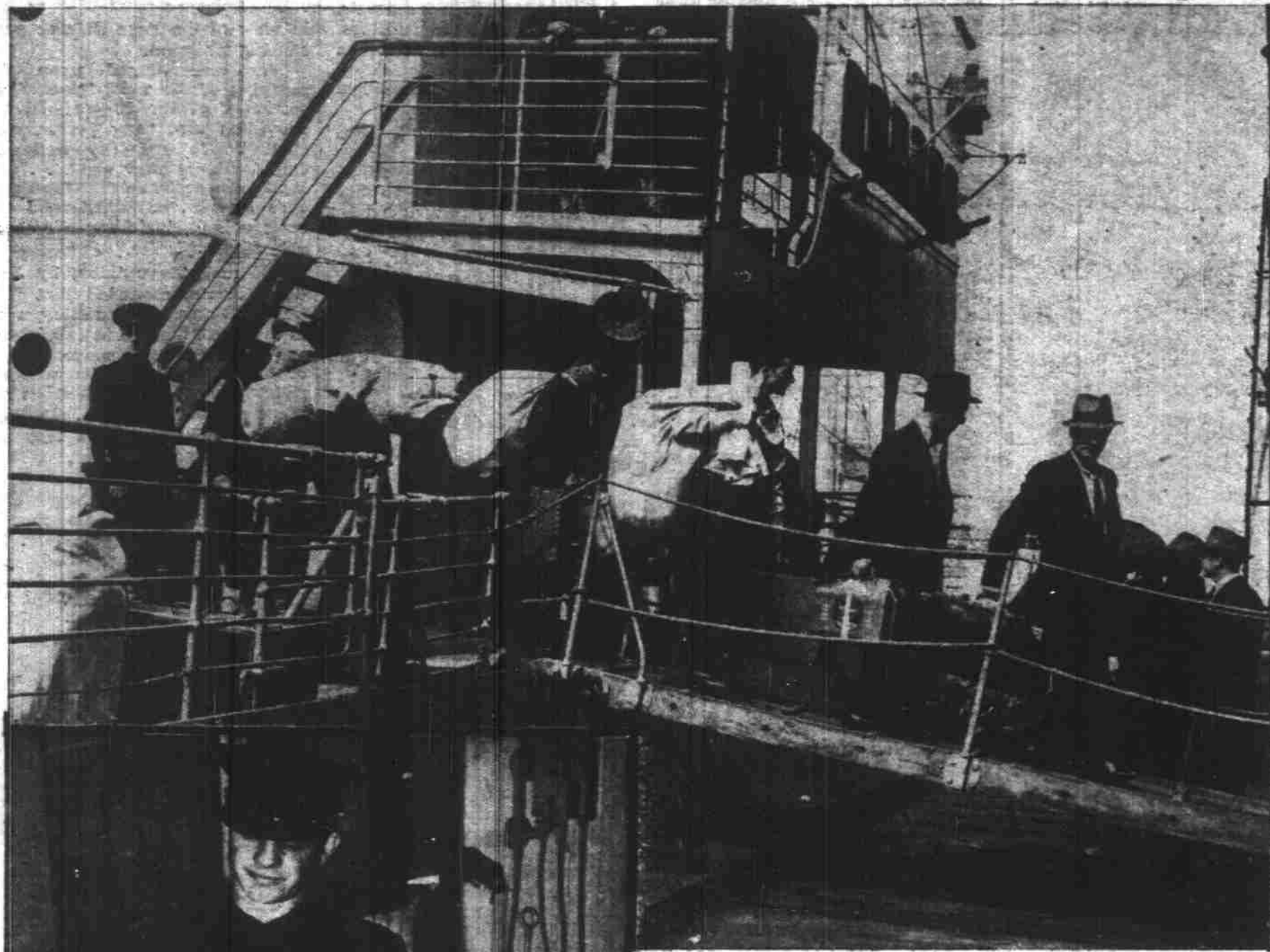
The mayor and city recorder were authorized to accept other easements and licenses needed for removal of obstructions. There (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Lil' Senator Here Again

Traveling into Salem Monday, as is pictured by the little Roman rascal here adjoining, were many aspirants to jobs with the Salem Senator baseball club which opens its training season at George E. Waters park today.

The "Little Senator" here hanging on to his suitcase, is in the prospective fence buster who arrived here over the weekend, is but one of a series of the wee genies who daily throughout the baseball season depict the doings of the Solons in The Statesman. (See page 8 for detailed story.)

Uncle Sam Acts Quickly to Halt Sabotage of Ships



The picture above and those on page two are the first published in Salem showing the crew of the Italian freighter Leme under the arrest of US coast guards and enroute to Multnomah county jail where they are held under federal charges of sabotage. (Left) is CC Boat-swain's Mate W. W. Grue surveying the smashed gyro-compass of the Leme, seized in Portland late Saturday night. The Statesman was the only big morning daily in Oregon to carry the story Sunday morning. Photos by International Illustrated News, this page.

Large Bail Set on Italian Ship Crew

Sabotage Charges Filed Against Men of Duce Freighter; Penalty Carries 20 Years, \$10,000 Fine

PORTLAND, March 31-(AP)—Fifty two Italian officers and seamen appeared before the US commissioner here Monday on charges of sabotaging the 8059-ton motorship Leme.

Preliminary hearing was set for April 10, with bail set at \$10,000 for each of six officers and \$7500 for crew members. The charges were drawn up by US Attorney Carl Donaghue under a 1917 statute which carries penalties of 20 years in prison, \$10,000 fines or both.

Donaghue said the men had used sledge hammers on electric motors on the Italian ship, put emery dust in the engines and smashed navigation instruments and control switches.

The Leme was one of two ships seized by the coast guard in the Pacific northwest Saturday night. The other was the Nordvest, of Danish registry, taken into possession at Aberdeen, Wash.

Capt. Giovanna Polonio of the Leme, who terms seizure of the ship "an act of war," said the vessel was "immobilized. She can no longer move." With the other 51 seamen taken off the Leme, he was held in the Multnomah county jail.

Marshal Jack Summerville said he found five large cans of oil-soaked rags placed strategically in the lower hold of the Leme. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

County now One District

Marion county alone will comprise the third judicial district and Linn county will be merged with Benton as a new district on June 14 as the result of the signing by Gov. Charles A. Sprague Monday of two 1941 legislative acts.

On that date, when all 1941 enactments not bearing the emergency clause go into effect, the new one-county district with Salem as its seat will come into existence and appointment by the governor of a second judge to sit with Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan will become due.

The act authorizes the two judges both receiving \$8000 a year, to preside jointly or separately over all types of actions and to decide between themselves as to the distribution of cases. They will be elected by position in future. (Turn to Page 3 Column 8)

Boys' School Head Selected

M. D. Wooley, 36-year-old Portland man, was unanimously elected by the state board of control Monday to succeed Sam Laughlin, resigned, as superintendent of the state training school for boys, located near Woodburn.

The new superintendent will take over his duties this morning. Laughlin said he would move today to his home at McMinnville.

Wooley recently has been district director of the division of employment for the WPA in the Portland area. He served formerly as probation officer of the court of domestic relations, Multnomah county, three years as director of the Portland transient relief service and two years as superintendent of WPA construction camps. He is past president of the Oregon Conference of Social workers. The new superintendent is a graduate of Kansas State Teach-



M. D. WOOLEY

Nazi Envoy Beats Exodus "Deadline"

Axis Protests Ship Seizures In America

Embassies Act Quickly When US Takes Over 68 as Protection

WASHINGTON, March 31-(AP)—Germany and Italy protested to the United States Monday the government's action in taking axis ships into "protective custody" on the grounds of sabotage.

The embassies of the two axis powers acted quickly after the seizure of a total of 68 German, Italian and Danish vessels in sweeping weekend raids.

The contents of the notes were not disclosed, but it was considered likely Germany's was couched in more violent language than that of Italy.

Although Denmark is under occupation, diplomatic officials of that country were said to have no knowledge of any plans for protesting the simultaneous seizure of 35 Danish vessels along with those flying axis flags.

The Italian note was delivered personally by the ambassador, Prince Colonna, to Breckenridge Long, assistant secretary of state.

Germany's was dispatched later by messenger to the state department. It arrived after most officials had departed for the day and was left in the custody of a guard.

A long conference of the secretaries of state, war and navy was held at the state department late in the day, but whether it had any connection with the seizure of the ships was not made known.

Following up its dramatic seizure of the vessels, the United States Monday issued formal warrants accusing the German and Italian crews of violating the immigration laws.

The 100 Germans and 775 Italians were alleged to have overstayed the statutory limit of 90 days permitted alien seamen and were ordered held pending deportation proceedings, officials of the immigration service of the justice department said. No warrants were issued for the sailors of the Danish vessels.

Meanwhile, responsible sources said that new legislation might be necessary before the United States could operate or otherwise benefit from the ships, which were taken (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

No Lights? No Excuse!

John H. Ellis, Morks auto court, had a novel excuse for going faster than the law allows.

When picked up by Salem police on South Commercial street shortly after midnight Monday morning Ellis said he was hurrying to get out of town because he had NO lights on his car.

The policeman looked and, sure enough, there weren't. Ellis pleaded guilty to reckless driving and paid a \$25 fine in municipal court.

Croats Foil Axis, Stick With Serbs; US Action Flayed

Late Details of British Victory in Mediterranean Show Italo Navy Terribly Crippled

By The Associated Press

Five German divisions of some 75,000 men were reported concentrated early Tuesday on the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier to augment thousands of nazi troops stationed on the Bulgarian side of the country which apparently intends to fight rather than to submit to Germany's "new order."

Eight minutes before midnight—the deadline set for the exodus of German nationals from Yugoslavia—the German minister boarded a train for Berlin. Presumably this was the fore-runner of a German ultimatum to Yugoslavia to demobilize its army of 1,200,000 men.

These swift developments coincided with British claims of having destroyed five and possibly eight fascist warships in the epic Friday night battle in the Mediterranean west of Crete.

A rescued Italian captain was quoted by the British as saying the Vittorio Veneto, 35,000-ton Italian battleship was so badly damaged that she probably never reached her home port. Some 3000 Italian officers and men were believed to have lost their lives. Croats Decide to Stand With Serbs Against Axis

The reported concentration of German troops opposite Croatia coincided with word that Yugoslavia's big croat element had decided to stand united with the Serbian leaders who overthrew the government which only last Tuesday had signed the tri-partite pact.

In Berlin the Germans still talked the language of diplomacy, but manifestly through gritted teeth, taking the line that the time had not come yet to enforce with tanks and cannon the southeastern new order they have sworn to create. Nevertheless, even in Berlin there was every indication that the period of uneasy peace was

BUDAPEST, April 1-(Tuesday)-(AP)—The Hungarian telegraph agency said today in a dispatch from Berlin that the Wilhelmstrasse had received a note from Belgrade explaining the Yugoslav foreign policy but that the note did not mention the three-power pact into which the since deposed regency government signed that kingdom.

ANKARA, Turkey, March 31-(AP)—Turkey soon will call up youths in military classes of 1924, 1925 and 1926 in unspecified districts for training. It was learned unofficially Monday night.

LONDON, April 1-(Tuesday)-(AP)—The government reported today considerable damage resulted from a sharp German bombing raid on a northeast coast town during the night.

BERLIN, April 1-(Tuesday)-(AP)—German airmen operating over Britain during the night effectively bombed objectives in southern and central England, preliminary German reports said today.

ATHENS, March 31-(AP)—Fast-moving developments in the Balkans brought Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, and (Turn to Page 3, Col. 4)

Belle Passi School Burns

WOODBURN—Fire, believed to have started from a defective furnace, burned to the ground the 30-year-old Belle Passi school, on the highway about a mile south of Woodburn, at 11:30 Monday morning.

Miss Mamie Vincent, who teaches the 23 children attending there, first noticed the smoke coming through the floor and after dismissing the students called for assistance. Both the Woodburn and Hubbard fire departments responded.

The pupils will continue their studies at Woodburn for the remainder of the year.

Tells Communist Aims

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31-(AP)—Benjamin Gitlow, twice communist party candidate for president of the United States, declared Monday that weakening the military strength of this country was a party aim in testimony at the deportation trial of Harry Renton Bridges, west coast maritime labor leader.

Supreme Court In One Ear.. Blocks Suit —Paul Hauser's Column

WASHINGTON, March 31-(AP)—The supreme court ruled Monday that the government is not entitled to sue alleged price-fixing combinations for triple damages under the Sherman antitrust law, as a private individual or corporation can.

The 4-3 decision, blocking a justice department suit to collect \$1,053,474 from 17 tire manufacturers accused of conspiring to fix "collusive prices" in 1936 and 1937, assumed special importance (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, BC, March 31-(CP)—Spokane's Palm-Vickers-Scharfe line kept, the Bombers in the running for the Pacific Coast hockey league title by defeating Vancouver Lions 4-1 here Monday night in the third game of the best-of-five final series. Lions had taken the first two games, both by scores of 2-1.

LANCASTER, Pa., March 31-(AP)—Ken Overlin, the California and New York middleweight champion, preparing for his title bout with Billy Soose in May, won a 10-round decision over Harvey Massey, of Brooklyn, in a non-title scrap here Monday night.

GREENVILLE, SC, March 31-(AP)—Paul Runyan of White Plains, NY, two times former PGA champion, was injured in an automobile accident near here Monday and his physician said Monday night it was very doubtful that he could play in the masters golf tournament starting at Augusta, Ga., Thursday.

PRINCETON, NJ, March 31-(AP)—Dean Christian Gauss, chairman of the Princeton university council on athletics, said Monday the seventh annual Princeton invitation track meet had been cancelled because of the "uncertainties of the times."

We have been thinking about today for a long time, but it isn't going to do us any good. We're never quite fast enough on the first day of April.

We are the guy who is always grabbing at those billboards that are yanked out of reach when you stoop. We are the guy who for 25 years has never failed to eat flannel filled pancakes on the first day of April. We are the guy who bites on everything, including those delectable chocolates filled with mullage and red pepper.

We are always thinking that some day our time will come, that some day we will be able to get there first and pull an April food gag before it gets pulled on us. "There'll come a day," we always say, but up to now it's never come. We're going to get there first soon or die in the attempt. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Last Call for Income Filing

Penalty and interest will accrue on state income taxes of persons and corporations who fail to file their 1941 returns before midnight tonight, the state tax commission advised Monday. The commission office here will remain open until that hour. Tax officials estimated 1941 collections would exceed those for 1940 by 12 per cent.

Two Inmates Escape

Two inmates of the Oregon Fairview home, Delbert Downing, 12, and Everett Ware, 15, were reported escaped by home authorities Monday night, state police were informed.