

### Blind Act

Lack of sight isn't preventing students at the state school for the blind from putting on plays, with stage settings and all the usual props. Read of this new activity in the Sunday Statesman.

### Weather

Partly cloudy today and Saturday; local frosts with rising daytime temperatures. Max. Temp. Thursday, 67. Min. 33. West wind. River -1 foot. Clear.

NINETY-FIRST YEAR

# Allied Line Buckles as Greeks Fall Back

## New Auto Walkout Planned

### CIO Files Notice General Motors Next on List

DETROIT, April 17-(P)-R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), announced Thursday night that his union, which only Saturday concluded a ten-day strike at the Ford Motor company, was filing a five-day notice of intention to strike against General Motors corporation.

A one-year union-corporation agreement on wages and working conditions expires Sunday, and Thomas said that a strike "if necessary," would be carried out to enforce UAW-CIO demands for a new proposed agreement.

Thomas said that he had instructed subordinates to file the strike notice with the state labor mediation board. State law requires a five-day "cooling off period" before a strike may be called.

The 61 plants, the union said, employ approximately 160,000.

NEW YORK, April 17-(P)-The policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America (CIO) voted early Thursday night not to send miners back into the nation's soft coal mines until wage disputes with southern Appalachian coal operators could be settled.

The southern group, earlier, had suggested that the union representatives meet their negotiators in Washington and negotiate a separate contract on the basis of the south group's proposal to increase wages 11 per cent.

SEATTLE, April 17-(P)-An inchoate Congress of Industrial Organization's challenge of the American Federation of Labor dominance among Boeing Aircraft workers loomed Thursday on bold outline.

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## In One Ear.

—Paul Hauser's Column

Now they aren't all professors. When it comes to absent-mindedness there are also citizens, nurses and basketball teams.

Take the basketball team at East Rockford, Ill., for instance. It forgot that it was trailing by a few points instead of leading by the same and stalled until it lost the game.

And the city of Smithville, Miss., which plumb forgot about a municipal election that was duly and constitutionally scheduled.

It was a Smithville, Miss., who got so interested in showing some other nurses how a child had contrived to swallow a toy airplane that she swallowed the spoon she was using for the airplane in her demonstration.

And there's the example, now almost classic, of the soldier who was instructed to make some pork and beef sandwiches and turned up with sandwiches made of pork and beans.

Around Richmond, Va., hunters got so near-sighted that the cemetery management had to ask them to stop shooting the iron animals on an Elks monument.

The guides at the New Jersey state capitol got quite a shock, too, when a family of tourists tried to check in there under the impression it was a hotel.

We have an absent-minded prof, though, come to think of it. It was in Saw Mills, N.E. Demonstrating to his class how to avoid violent sneezing, he sneezed so hard he blew his false teeth right out the window.

A movie magnate has been convicted of federal income tax evasion. He found out the government doesn't give away free dishes or anything else.

### SEATTLE NOTE

The Wheatland Ferry weighed anchor yesterday for convoy duty in the Red sea. The commander took along a new purse and a new life raft, both of which he said would keep him out of the Red.

## Seek to Lead W U Students



Would-be gavel wielders over the Willamette university student body next year are these four young men, who will vie for the student presidency at an election next Wednesday. The four pictured are, top row, Ralph May, at left, and Oscar Swenson; bottom row, Dave Reinhard, at left, and John Hathaway.—Kennell-Ellis photos.

## Mother's Boys Home Due to Close Doors

### Board of Directors Decides Burdens of Management and Lack of Finances too Great; Plan to Board Nine Boys

Mother's Boys home, started by an itinerant rummage collector and provided with its first boy charges by an advertisement in a Portland newspaper, is closing its doors.

The board of directors recruited from among Salem citizens by the founder, William Mulrooney, in an effort to gain approval from the state public welfare commission last December, has decided the burdens of management—immediate financial demands and uncertainty of ever qualifying with the state agency—are too great to shoulder, Rev. Stewart G. Billings, chairman, announced Thursday.

As a result, M. E. Holcomb, Marion county public welfare administrator, met with Mrs. Zola Kirkpatrick, acting manager, at the home Thursday afternoon to work out a plan for caring for the institution's nine boys, who range in age from five to 19 years. Holcomb said they would be placed in foster homes "within the next 48 hours" until better arrangements, such as returning them to parents or relatives, could be made.

Closing of the home's doors may prove painful to its creditors, but no more so than would continued operation, Rev. Billings indicated. Mulrooney, who left the home "by request" last February, "in his dealings had run us so far in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

## Road Work to Start

WALDFORD, April 17-(P)-A WPA crew will begin grading and graveling the new road to the Waldport cemetery next week. The 3500-foot right-of-way already has been cleared.

## US Air Raid Warning System By Volunteers Is Ordered

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)-The army Thursday ordered the creation of a nation-wide air raid warning system, to be staffed by 800,000 or more civilian volunteers, as a step toward "real preparedness for a possible emergency."

Patterned largely on the British organization for spotting raiding Nazi bombers, the new observer corps is expected to include many women.

The announcement came from General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, without a hint that the move was more than generally precautionary. He made it clear, however, that no time would be lost in setting up the safeguard for use in the event of actual war.

The campaign for volunteers is to be opened Friday by Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, commander of the army's general headquarters air force, who will be in charge. Officials hope to have between 500,000 and 600,000

## US Plans Huge Tax Program

### Present Levies to Be Raised; Chiefs Concur

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)-A tremendous new tax program designed to add \$3,500,000,000 to the government's annual income, perhaps by increasing virtually all present tax rates and assessing new levies as well, was proposed by the administration Thursday—with both republican and democratic leaders approving.

Details of the program remained to be worked out, but Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was authoritatively reported to have advocated raising all present tax rates—income, excess profits, excise, etc.—from 25 to 50 per cent higher than existing levels. The present individual income tax is 4.4 per cent; the corporation income tax is 24 per cent.

In addition to boosts "all along the line," the treasury plan was said also to include several additional excise taxes, such as levies on washing machines, radios and other so-called luxury objects not now taxed.

Whether or not the treasury program is adopted in detail, most sources considered that a big jump in the income tax levies possibly accompanied by a reduction in exemptions, was a foregone conclusion. Increases in the liquor and other excise taxes, in the excess profits tax and in the estate and gift taxes were also expected.

Although one source said the treasury plan did not include a general sales tax, others indicated such a possibility could not be ruled out definitely, however much this method of taxation has been frowned upon by the administration in the past.

Explaining that President Roosevelt had already approved the idea of raising \$3,500,000,000 of new taxes and would soon discuss the subject with the people, Secretary Morgenthau outlined the plan to leading members of the house and senate committees in charge of taxes at a comparatively early morning meeting in his treasury office.

They, too, agreed that it was necessary to impose taxes to raise the money. Then, Morgenthau (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

## Service Clubs' Drive Approved For US Troops

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)-Spurred by appeals from President Roosevelt and defense officials, 776 community leaders agreed to raise \$10,765,000 by public subscription to provide recreation for service men and defense workers.

The program calls for the building and operation of 338 service clubs near major army camps and naval stations. The government is expected to build the camps and their operation is to be privately financed.

President Roosevelt termed the work "a great enterprise." Secretary Stimson, secretary Knox and George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, addressed the workers who represented the United Service organizations. The USO is made up of the Salvation Army, YMCA, YWCA, National Catholic Community service, Jewish welfare board and the National Travelers Aid association.

## Officer Training for Draft Men Disclosed

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)-General George C. Marshall said Thursday the army would give officer training to approximately 10,000 selective service soldiers annually.

The disclosure by the chief of staff enlarged original plans nearly five-fold. Instead of four training schools, Marshall said, there will open three-month courses in July.

"Dr. Pepper" Dies DALLAS, Texas, April 17-(P)—Robert Sherman Lazenby, 74, eminent chemist, founder of the formula for the carbonated drink, Dr. Pepper, and for nearly 40 years president of the Dr. Pepper company, died Thursday.

# Violent Battle on Right Wing Causes Enormous Nazi Losses

## Albion Fears New Invasion Try by Nazis

### Bombings Continue as London Attempts to Clear Bomb Debris

LONDON, April 18-(Friday)-(P)—The second air-raid alert since midnight sounded in the London area at 3:30 a.m. today (6:30 p.m. Thursday, PST).

The alert was brief and no incidents were reported. One German bomber crashed and exploded in a rural area and presumably the crew was killed.

Bombs fell in many open areas near the coast, indicating the German airmen at times had to jettison their loads in the face of stubborn ground fire.

Authoritative British sources said at least 400 planes were continuously attacking for eight hours, declaring, "They just wouldn't have had fields to fly from or room to fly if there had been any more."

Notables among the dead—the total still unknown—include Lord Stamp, government economic adviser, his lady and his eldest son, and Lord Auckland, prominent amateur wild-animal trainer well known in America.

Serious talk that this might be the forerunner of invasion gained increasing attention. Some well-informed observers (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## Editors Told Censorship Not Planned

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)—Asserting that free speech was "in undisputed possession" of the press, the radio and motion pictures, President Roosevelt told the American Society of Newspaper Editors Thursday that there would be "no government control of news unless it be vital military information."

In a letter read to the opening session of the society's annual convention, Mr. Roosevelt said that "those who disagree with what is being done, and with the manner in which it is being done, are free to use their freedom of speech."

The letter was read by Tom Wallace, retiring president of the society and editor of the Louisville Times. Wallace said it "may become a very historic document."

After saying that free speech was "in undisputed possession" of publishers, editors, reporters, magazines, motion pictures, and of radio, President Roosevelt added that so far as he was concerned "it will remain there for that is where it belongs."

## Duke Sails for US

NASSAU, The Bahamas, April 17-(P)—The Duke of Windsor, governor of the Bahamas, and the duchess sailed Thursday night for Palm Beach, where he is to confer with his financial advisers.

# Athens Admits German Power Too Strong; Yugos Reported Will Capitulate Today Noon

## British Hold African Town

### Capture Axis Troops in Defending Tobruk; Naval Units Active

CAIRO, Egypt, April 17-(P)—Defenders of the British garrison at Tobruk, Libya, fighting bitterly against mechanized axis forces, captured 25 officers and hundreds of men and destroyed 20 tanks while British naval units shelled Fort Capuzzo, near the Egyptian frontier, it was announced officially tonight.

The British middle east headquarters said a British patrol had successfully penetrated enemy positions outside Tobruk and had captured seven Italian officers and 139 men in a single phase of operations. Axis dead during the day were placed above 200.

Officers said that an axis attack on Tobruk was repulsed by artillery fire, while patrol activity continued at a high pitch in the Salamis, Egypt, area and further progress was made by troops pushing on in Ethiopia. In Addis Ababa, 5000 Italians and 4000 of their colonial troops already are prisoners.

The work of the Tobruk defenders, the British said, brought to at least 1500 the number of German casualties, wounded and prisoners, in the desert campaign and increased the number of tanks destroyed to 35. The British losses were reported to be light.

The naval shelling of the Libyan Fort Capuzzo, apparently was carried out by the same naval units which yesterday were credited with destroying an eight-ship convoy in an attack on the axis-African supply line.

While the ships shelled the fort, which has changed hands several times in the current conflict, British aircraft attacked a motorized (Turn to Page 3, Col. 8)

## More Business For Oregon

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)—Contracts for 32 shipways awarded by the maritime commission will total \$22,507,150, the office of production management said Thursday. Included was \$1,538,000 for three ways of the Oregon shipbuilding corporation at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17-(P)—Milton P. Higgins, treasurer of the Norton company, Worcester, Mass., one of the nation's large abrasive manufacturers, conferred with utilities officials here Thursday. Higgins admitted that "my trip here is being made just as a preliminary investigation."

## Dispatches Indicate Hitler Troops Dying by Thousands In All-out Surge to Win

By The Associated Press  
A Greek retreat somewhere to the west of Mount Olympus, where the British were reported today, Friday, to have smashed repeated Nazi attacks, threatened to buckle the entire allied defense line and caused an Athens spokesman to make this despairing statement:

"The situation is developing unfavorably . . . the struggle against two empires (German and Italian) which was imposed on us by Germany could not last indefinitely."

English, Australian and New Zealand troops fighting violently in the Mount Olympus sector were said to have rolled up enormous German casualties in hurling back wave after wave of Nazi attackers, but British sources admitted that German advances on their left, south of Monastir (Bitol), Yugoslavia) gap might force a rectification of their lines.

British sources earlier had said significantly that collapse of the Greek forces on the Albanian front might have " repercussions" on the British expeditionary force. Observers took this to mean one of three things:

An imminent British attempt to evacuate its Balkan army because of the overwhelming odds and reverse; capitulation of allied troops; or a last-ditch British stand against the vastly more numerous axis forces.

"Increased power of the German troops" forced the Greek retreat, the spokesman said. "The unbusiness and regret regarding the military situation is justified."

Presumably the retreat was in the center of the line or on the west wing along the Albanian frontier. Earlier reports had said the eastern wing was holding out unbroken on a 25-mile front from Katerina near the Gulf of Salonika southwestward to Servia despite wholesale assaults by the Germans who crossed the Alikamon river.

Even before the Greek spokesman's dark utterance, Berlin had announced the unconditional surrender of the fighting remnants of the 1,200,000-strong Yugoslav army in the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## British Get Four Vessels

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)—The United States started making good Thursday on President Roosevelt's promise to provide Great Britain with sorely needed cargo ships by transferring four new, high-speed freighters.

The maritime commission announced that three of the four vessels were being acquired from their American owners "for immediate delivery" to the British government under the lease-lend law. The fourth, it was said, already had been turned over.

They will be registered under the British flag and will be manned entirely by British officers and crews.

## Orient Jaunt Seen for Roosevelt and Bride

LOS ANGELES, April 17-(P)—James Roosevelt, his bride and two members of her family flew to San Francisco Thursday, the first leg—for the president's son, at least—of a possible trip to the orient.

Roosevelt, a captain in the marines who has been stationed at San Diego, declined to comment on reports that he had booked passage for two on the Pan-American clipper leaving San Francisco for Hong Kong Saturday.

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# Lindbergh Sees British Defeat

CHICAGO, April 17-(P)-Col. Charles A. Lindbergh asserted Thursday night that "it will be a tragedy to the world—a tragedy even to Germany—if the British empire collapses," but he opined that the "war was lost" by the allies "even before it was declared."

He called for unity among people opposed to US intervention and, in an address prepared for a rally in the Chicago arena sponsored by the America First committee, declared that "it is not yet too late for us to save our own country from the chaos and failure of this war."

"I believe that it is not within our power in America today to win the war for England even though we throw the entire resources of our nation into the conflict."

"With all our organization and industry, we are not and will not be able to transport an army

across the ocean large enough to invade the continent of Europe successfully as long as strong European armies are there for its defense."

Lindbergh declared that "England is in a desperate position" and added:

"Up to date she has lost every major campaign in which she has participated. Her shipping losses are of the utmost seriousness, and her cities have been devastated by bombs. Her geographical and economic position is as great a disadvantage in this age of aircraft and submarines as it was an advantage in the era of sailing ships."

He said the United States was able to defend itself against any foreign power, but held that it was to maintain that ability "we must not expose our fleet in European war zones and we must stop sending most of our fighting planes abroad."

Lindbergh contended that, if the American navy convoyed ships to England, American battleships would be sunk and American sailors would be killed.

He also held that sending arms to Europe was a "mistake" because it "weakened our position, added to the bloodshed in European countries," and failed to change the "trend" of the war.

"Interventionists shout that we are defeatists because we oppose jumping blindly into a war in Europe," he said. "But I ask you: whose policy has led to defeat, ours or theirs?" What have they to say about the long list of prostrate nations in Europe, who under their leadership, jumped into war hastily and unprepared?

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## Auto Production Cut

WASHINGTON, April 17-(P)—The automobile industry agreed Thursday to cut its production next year 20 per cent in order to increase its output of armaments.