

Too late for afternoon papers, often too late for the last radio broadcast at night come bulletin after bulletin and extended stories of the war over the AP wires to YOUR morning paper.

Fair today and Saturday with fog or low clouds near coast; continued mild temperatures. Max. Temp. Thursday, 66, Min. 38. Northeast wind. River -1 foot. Clear.

British Radio Denies Evacuation of Greece

Sternwheel Steamer Pays First Visit Salem in Five Years

Columbia River Pilot Brings Boat From Portland to Clear Channel Near Paper Mill

"Steamboat 'round the bend!" For the first time since July of 1936 that old cry could be true in Salem Thursday.

There was a steamboat, a husky stern wheeler, in the Willamette, with smoke puffing from her stacks and a frothy wake churning out from her big wheel.

Up on the bridge of the river steamer Claire was Captain E. P. Williams of Portland, who was making his first trip up the river in 20 years when he piloted the Claire Wednesday through the Willamette's sometimes narrow and often shallow channel.

Regular River Pilot Pays Channel After Twenty Years

Captain Williams, now a Columbia river pilot bringing ocean going vessels up from Astoria to Portland, used to pilot river craft up the Willamette to Salem and Corvallis regularly in the old days when it was no uncommon sight to see four or five river boats tied up at the dock here.

Another old river captain, Captain Clyde Rabe, brother-in-law of Captain Williams and also a Columbia river pilot, came along on the Claire just for the ride and to see what the Willamette looked like 20 years after.

"The river has changed a lot," Captain Williams said, but added that he had no difficulty in piloting his craft up the now unfamiliar channel.

The Claire steamed up the river without cargo from Oregon City, where it left a loaded barge it had shoved from Portland. It came to do a special job for the Oregon Pulp & Paper company in cleaning out silt and mud which has threatened to block the entrance to the Willamette slough where the paper company stores pulp logs.

Claire Does Work That High Water Used to Do

Because of the dryness of recent years there have been no high water periods when the Willamette (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

US Plans Army Of 2,000,000; Gets New Tanks

WASHINGTON, April 24-(AP)—The army received a second lot of 28-ton tanks Thursday, while word came from the war department that it would be ready to house 1,418,000 men by summer and had plans to arm a fighting force of two million.

Initial deliveries of the big mobile land forts were made to the army at Detroit and Eddystone, Pa. They include among their armament 75-millimeter field cannon, 37-millimeter guns for use against other tanks or airplanes and a battery of machine guns.

A general staff officer, Colonel Stephen J. Chamberlain, told a congressional committee that quarters would be ready for all of the 1,418,000 men expected to be in the army by July 1. Accommodations for 1,150,000 now are available, he said.

Under the questioning of a senate defense investigating committee, Chamberlain discussed the comparatively permanent character of present army housing, then added:

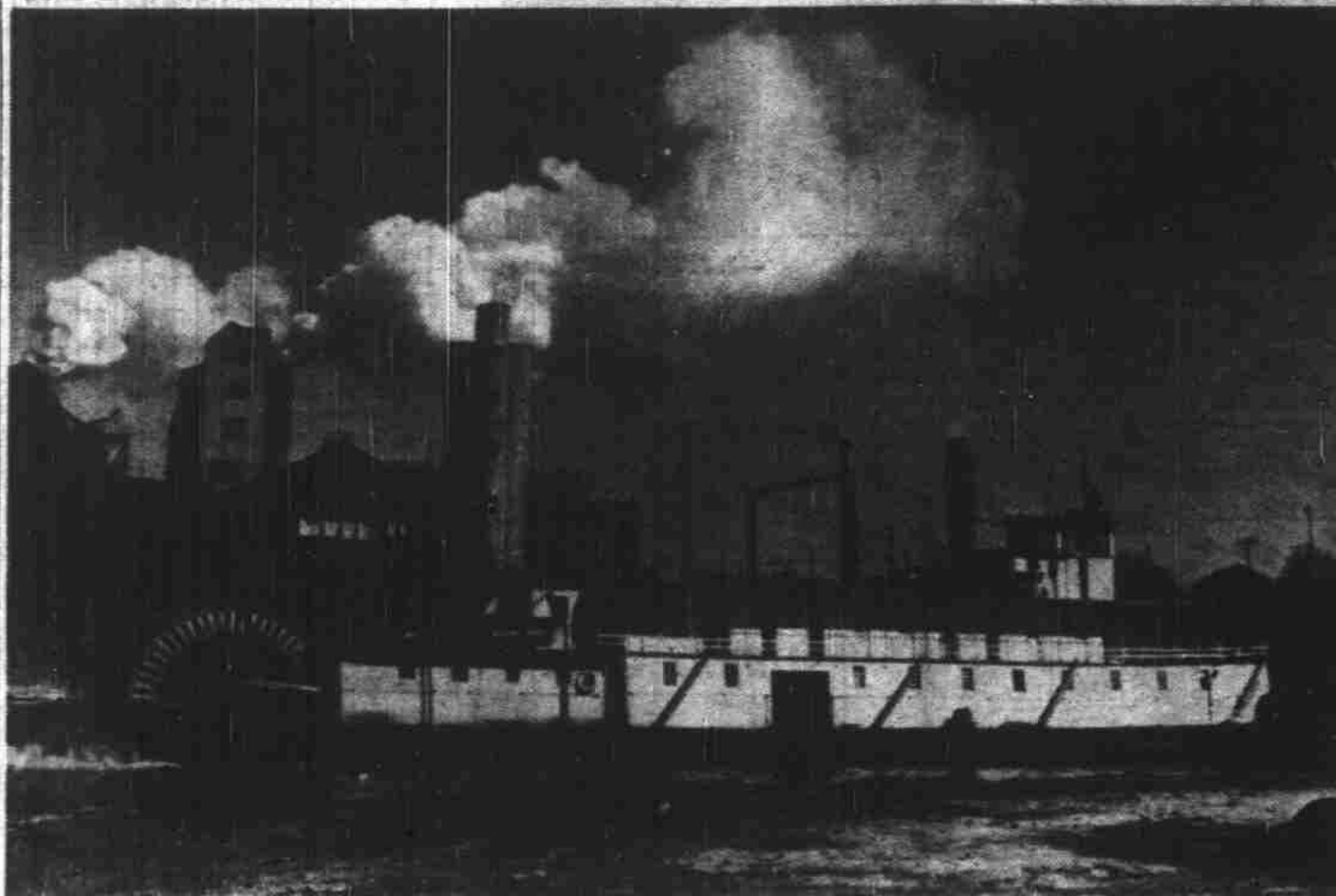
"We don't know whether we will be demobilized in five or 30 years."

Healthiest Boy



ROBERT HARPER

Whoo-o-o-o-O, Steamboat 'Round the Bend



Nose against the bank, the river steamer Claire churns the murky water of the Willamette slough mouth in a job of cleaning out silt and mud which threatened to close the channel into the slough. The slough is used for log storage by the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, from whose tall stacks in the background arise clouds of smoke, caught in singular beauty by Frank Herber, Statesman staff photographer. The Claire, which whistled for the Southern Pacific railroad drawbridge to open Wednesday night, was the first steamboat to come up the Willamette since the Northwestern made its last trip in July, 1936.

Treasury Presents Tax Plan to Committee

Morgenthau Says Schedule Permits US to Pay Way as It Goes and Everyone Bears Fair Share of the Burden

WASHINGTON, April 24-(AP)—The treasury presented its new defense tax schedules to the house ways and means committee Thursday and through Assistant Secretary John L. Sullivan argued emphatically against the substitution of a payroll tax or a sales tax for the proposed heavy imposts on incomes.

Sullivan faced the committee after Secretary Morgenthau, flanked by 17 assistants, had urged that the prospective \$3,500,000,000 increase in tax revenues be accompanied by a billion dollar reduction in non-defense expenditures. He thought such a cut not only highly desirable but clearly possible.

As for the \$3,500,000,000 in new taxes, Morgenthau said it was a "small price" to pay for liberty. There is a possibility, he asserted, that "war may spread to this country."

Morgenthau told the committee that although the nation has a "program of about \$39,000,000,000 for defense expenditures including (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

McNary Asserts FDR Sympathetic To Coast Steel

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24-(AP)—The Portland Oregonian will quote Senator Charles L. McNary (R-Ore) in its morning edition as saying that a west coast high-grade steel industry evidently has presidential sympathy.

The newspaper said that McNary, in a telegram, stated "evidently the president is in sympathy with the undertaking on account of national defense and strategic position in the west."

He also quoted Gano Dunn, government steel expert with the office of production management as saying that "the electric steel processes were in every way practicable and acceptable to the industry."

Parley Slated On Wage Plans For Loggers

AFL Lumber Pact Okehd; CIO Strike Expected at GMC

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24-(AP)—The first negotiating meeting of employers and CIO International Woodworkers of America on wage increases and other concessions since a strike vote Wednesday will be held here Friday.

L. H. Mills, president of the employers' association, arranged the meeting at the request of Al Hartung, union council president.

The unions are demanding wage increases of 15 cents an hour, two weeks' vacation with pay and two weeks' sick leave.

SEATTLE, April 24-(AP)—A CIO organizer promised Thursday night that 10 employees of the Boeing Aircraft company, discharged earlier Thursday would be "restored to their jobs with full back pay . . . as soon as our union has secured a majority of the Boeing workers."

The statement was made by Wyndham Mortimer, international representative of the United Automobile workers, here with the announced intention of corraling (Turn to Page 3, Col. 3)

Packing Firm Raises Wages

CHICAGO, April 24-(AP)—Armour and company Thursday announced an eight per cent wage increase for 10,000 hourly paid and piecework employes of its Chicago plants. Adjustments in other cities will be made locally.

Swift and company, Wilson and company and Cudahy Packing company, others of the "big four" in the meat packing industry, announced similar increases Wednesday.

Knox and Hull Hit At Nazis

Key Figures in Cabinet Want Stronger Stand

WASHINGTON, April 24-(AP)—Two key figures in President Roosevelt's cabinet called Thursday night for more active steps to aid Britain, one of them declaring that "we can not allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic," and the other demanding "resistance wherever resistance will be effective."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull said in an address here that "ways must be found" to insure that aid reaches its destination "in the shortest time and in maximum quantity."

In an even stronger pronouncement in New York, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declared "this is our fight," that "we must see the job through," and that "we can no longer occupy the immoral and craven position of making others to make all the sacrifice for this victory which we recognize as so essential to us."

"Our manhood and our self respect demand that we shall assume our part of the burden," Knox said.

Knox asserted that "Hitler cannot allow our war supplies to reach England—he will be defeated if they do," and he added with emphasis:

"We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic—we shall be beaten if they do."

Hull declared the safety of the hemisphere called for "resistance wherever resistance will be most effective and that it makes a vast difference to us who wins the present struggle in Europe—the difference whether we stand with our backs to the wall with the other four continents against us and the high seas lost, alone defending the last few territories on earth, or whether we keep our place in an orderly world."

The secretary of state spoke (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Nazis Praise, Eleanor Hits Col. Lindbergh

BERLIN, April 24-(AP)—The important German newspaper Hamburger Fremdenblatt, commenting on Wednesday night's "America First" rally in New York, described Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh as "a real American of Swedish descent out of the middle west."

It said he was "not a war opponent through emotionalism but through devoted love of his country."

LOS ANGELES, April 24-(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told newsmen Thursday that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh "seems to have a strange lack of confidence in his own people."

"He gives us very little credit for much ability, much courage, or much common sense," she commented on Lindbergh's New York speech. "We ought to be able to decide for ourselves what we can do and when and how we will do it."

Not One Soldier Has Embarked In Balkan Fight

German Artillery Is Placed to Overcome Bitter-End Defense

Nazis Smash at Harbors by Air to Cripple Transports; Greeks Scorn Italo "Win"

By The Associated Press

The battle of Greece today embraced a bitter-end British defense of Thermopylae pass against newly planted nazi guns pressing for the opening to Athens and a nazi aerial effort over-reaching that bloody front to smash the harbors and ships necessary for a British getaway.

Thus, the outcome of the Hellenic campaign apparently depended on whether the Germans would be able to snap shut the trap in which they are trying to pin Britain's imperial forces.

The Germans say they are succeeding, pushing the British and Greeks relentlessly back into southern Greece and sinking by tens of thousands of tons the ships which might carry the BEF back to its bases in Egypt.

Occupation of Athens, they said, awaits only assurances that the Greek capital with its ancient traditions and great heritages of early European civilization can be entered without a struggle.

But the British told another version.

A British broadcast late Thursday night declared no British troops had embarked in flight from Greece and advised from Athens said the Germans, failing to smash past the British at Thermopylae with infantry were bringing up six-inch guns—the heaviest artillery yet employed in the Balkan offensive—to blast an opening.

Heard in New York, a British radio commentator declared that "not one British soldier has embarked from Greece."

The broadcast was heard by CBS.

"Moreover," he added, "the allied lines though in retreat have held firm and still stand." The commentator pointed out (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

War News Briefs

LONDON, April 25-(Friday) —(AP)—British bombers attacked naval bases in northwest Germany Thursday night, the ministry of information reported today.

BERLIN, April 25-(Friday) —(AP)—German occupation of Athens, informed quarters indicated early today, would take place only after assurance that the Greek capital could be taken intact—as in the case of Paris.

These quarters also indicated such occupation would come only after it is completely justified from the German point of view and without destroying the ancient capital.

SANTOS, Brazil, April 25-(Friday) —(AP)—The 442-ton German freighter Babington sailed early this morning for Vladivostok with a large number of barrels of oil in her cargo. She had been in Santos harbor since just before the outbreak of the European war.

LONDON, April 24—British bombers attacked the 26,000-ton German battleship Gneisenau (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Pope Requests Peace Prayers

VATICAN CITY, April 24-(AP)—Pope Pius XII called Thursday for a Maytime crusade of prayer for peace, especially by the children of the Catholic world. It was the third appeal for peace of his pontificate.

In a letter to the papal secretary of state, Luigi Cardinal Maglione, the holy father exhorted the faithful to lead their children in ever-increasing numbers to the shrine of the blessed virgin, there to pray.

Mrs. FDR Sees Draft for Girls

NEW YORK, April 24-(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Thursday recommended that a year of compulsory service for girls be considered as part of a permanent home defense program.

The president's wife made the proposal in an article published in the Ladies' Home Journal, in answer to a letter from a girl who asked how she might serve, now that her "young man" had gone to camp.

Mrs. Roosevelt said in part, "I do not, of course, think of girls as taking the same training, or doing the same kind of work that the boys probably will do, nor do I think of them serving in camps . . ."

"I think the opportunity should be offered to girls to work and train themselves along many different lines."

Prisoners Captured

HERON BAY, Ont., April 25-(Friday)—(AP)—The last four of 25 German prisoners of war who escaped from a northwestern Ontario camp early last Saturday were captured early today on a train as it pulled out from this village.

They Compete in Homemaking and Other Contests



1-12 girls, above, sewing in the doll dressing contest, are left to right, Clara Manning, Parkersville; Vivian Jaquet, Victor Point, and Erna Martin, Hayesville. In the cookie contest, above, girls are shown taking a tin of cookies from the oven before putting in a new batch. From left to right, they are Jean Darby, Lucile Jaquet, Margaret Unruh, Joyce Peterson, all Silverton.—All Statesman photos.

Healthiest Girl



MARJORIE TATE