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Fair with slightly higher temperature Friday; Saturday cloudy with showers. Max. temp. Thursday, 63; min. 36. North wind. River, 4 ft.

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Air Toll Mounts in Over Britain Dogfights

Justice Henry J. Bean Is Dead

Death Comes at 88 To Oldest Member Of Supreme Court

Long Service to Oregon Ends Following Year of Illness; Came to State From Maine

Associate Justice Henry J. Bean, dean of the state supreme court, died at 8 p. m. Thursday at the Deaconess hospital, where he had been confined by illness since December 26 of last year.

Justice Bean, who was 88 years old, had not been active as a member of the court for nearly a year for reason of his illness.

First elected to the supreme court in 1910, Justice Bean had served longer in the position than any other member, past or present. His long service included two terms as chief justice. He was the ranking justice in 1931 and 1932 and in 1937 and 1938.

During his many years on the supreme court, Justice Bean wrote more than 1100 opinions and gained a reputation for careful analysis, thorough knowledge of the law and unbiased judgment.

Major Contribution Was Adjudicating Water Rights
One of the major contributions he left to the law of the state were opinions adjudicating water rights on nearly all of the eastern Oregon streams utilized for irrigation. His opinions appear in more than 100 volumes of the Oregon supreme court reports.

Justice Bean's long career in law extended from his admission to the bar in 1881 through private practice and terms as city attorney, city recorder, district attorney, state representative, supreme court clerk, county and circuit judge.

Career Ends



JUSTICE HENRY J. BEAN

Justice Bean was born in Bethel, Me., the son of Timothy and Elizabeth E. Bean. Henry J. Bean passed through the Maine public schools and attended academies at North Yarmouth, Hebron and Gould in Maine.

He taught school for six years (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Zoning Group Plans Parley

Alderman L. F. LeGarie, chairman of the council's special zoning committee, announced Thursday that his committee will meet tonight with the planning and zoning commission and Dan J. Fry, secretary of the state board of control, to discuss further a proposed ordinance to restrict commercial development around the state capitol group.

The zoning committee submitted a rough draft of the proposed ordinance to the board of control recently and the board has suggested a few changes in the wording of the measure.

The ordinance would restrict commercial activity to certain approved types for a distance of 150 feet surrounding property now owned or to be acquired by the state for the capitol group.

War Statement Asked

CHICAGO, May 8.—(P)—Philip F. La Follette, former governor of Wisconsin, said Thursday night that President Roosevelt should make a "forthright announcement to the American and British people" that he would abide by his pre-election public promises to keep the United States out of war.

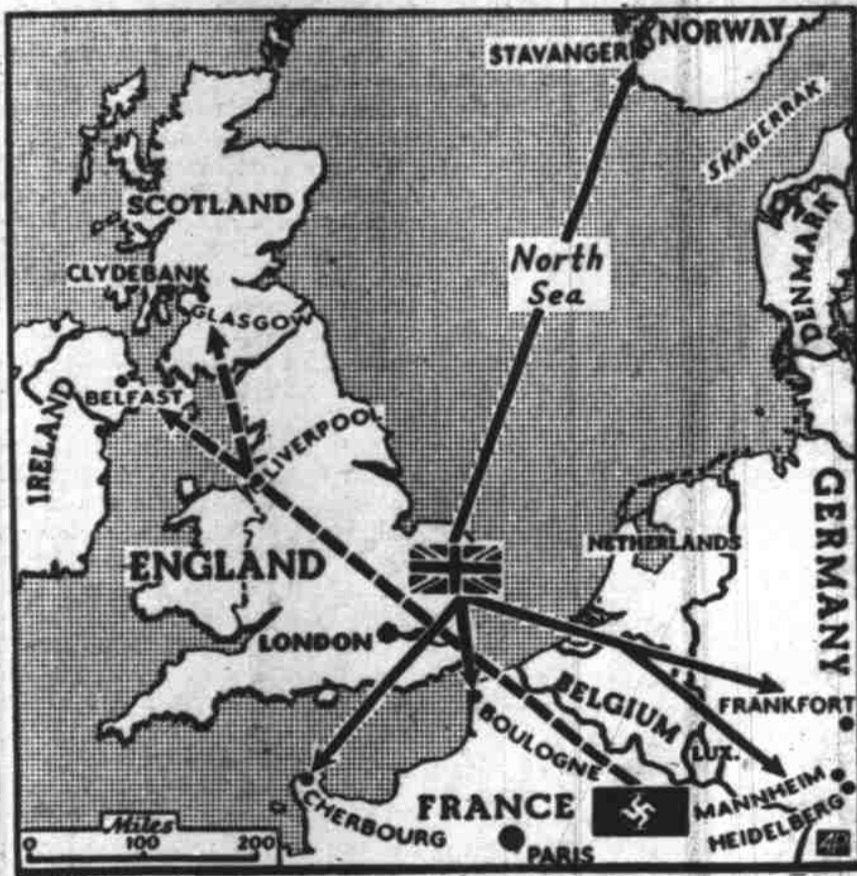
Lindy Books Barred

BEAMSVILLE, Ont., May 8.—(P)—The Beamsville town council today ordered books by Charles A. Lindbergh removed from public library shelves. Similar action was taken by the Guelph council recently.

Our Senators Lost 7-5

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Focal Points of Latest Moves in Axis-British War



These two maps show in detail the latest war moves of Europe's embattled powers. On the left, the map depicts points of aerial attacks by British and Nazi trading blow for blow as outlined in the lead war story today. Above, the map pictures the conflict in Iraq, where according to latest advices the British have wrested control of the oil pipelines (1) at Rutba and to the north an encirclement by the Iraqis of the Habbaniyah airport has been broken. The situation at Basra (2) is reported "quiet." See view of the Basra airport on this page. The maps are by The Associated Press.

Nazis Lose 47 Planes, 300 Men As Battle Rages

Iraq Premier Flees Cairo Report Says; Regent May Return

RAF Claims Direct Hits on Nazi Battleships at Brest And Raids on Coast Points

By The Associated Press
British night fighter craft tangled with swarms of invading German aircraft high over England in a clear and starlit sky early today (Friday) in a noisy and violent air battle as the British claimed a total of 47 German planes shot down in the 36 hours ended this morning.

Defending anti-aircraft units added to the general din, firing away at bombers picked up in the rays of searchlights that constantly swept the skies. The Luftwaffe continued to come on across the channel, wave after wave, in this continuing new "battle of Britain."

From Cairo, came Egyptian press reports that Hashid Ali Gallani, head man in the month-old Iraq government, had fled the little kingdom's capital, Baghdad, as British bombers blasted the city's airport and other strategic points.

The report said that Seyyid Taufiq es-Suwaidi, foreign minister in the government over-

Maritime Board Willamette Project Corrects Losses

Sea Destruction Toll in April Is Set High in British Report

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(P)—The British government and the maritime commission hastened to correct Thursday night any impression that recent British shipping losses on the Atlantic had been minor—a disputed point suddenly important in the flaring congressional controversy over convoys.

In high London quarters it was said that tonnage lost in April was nearly as high as in any previous month, apparently close to 460,000 tons. The previous peak was 483,000 tons in June, 1940.

Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission issued a statement making it plain that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

May Enlarge Water Limits In Englewood

Boundaries of the proposed suburban water district east of Englewood school may be enlarged before definite steps are taken toward formal organization, interested residents decided at their initial meeting, held at the school Thursday night. The group will meet again at the school next Thursday night.

The area originally proposed for inclusion in the district is bounded by the east city limits, East Center street, Turner road and Sunnyview avenue.

Salem Company Gets Contract

PORTLAND, May 8.—(P)—More than half a million dollars worth of road contracts were awarded Thursday by the state highway commission.

Among awards was: Clackamas county—Grade overcrossing, Cascade secondary highway, Roy L. Houck, Salem, \$97,816.

Four Die in Seattle Fire

SEATTLE, May 8.—(P)—A "flash fire" that whipped up a stairway and through hallways of an old residential hotel snuffed out four lives before dawn Thursday and drove several dozen tenants into the streets in their night clothes.

Eleven persons were taken to hospitals for treatment of their burns, or injuries, and firemen reported the rescue of 15 from upper floors on ladders.

The scene of the early morning tragedy was the Hotel Stewart, just uphill from the Seattle public library at the edge of the downtown business district. It was Seattle's worst hotel tragedy since five persons burned to death in 1920.

Basin Commission Secretary Reveals Result of Congress Hearings and Sees Authorization as Certain

Guard May Be Held Beyond Single Year; New Draft Planned

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Extension of Dollar Power Is Sought

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(P)—On the ground that the nation is approaching times of peril, Secretary Morgenthau made "the strongest possible recommendation" to congress Thursday to continue the \$2,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund and President Roosevelt's power to revalue the dollar.

Both the fund and the dollar powers expire on June 30 this year unless congress renews them. The secretary appeared as first witness on legislation, requested by the president, to extend both for an additional two years.

Speaking behind closed doors from a statement that was handed to the press, he added that the fund also had made possible, with essential speed and secrecy, three acquisitions of gold from hard pressed friendly countries.

He called the stabilization fund a potent weapon of defense and repeated his assertion of two years ago that presidential power over the dollar was as important as a powerful navy.

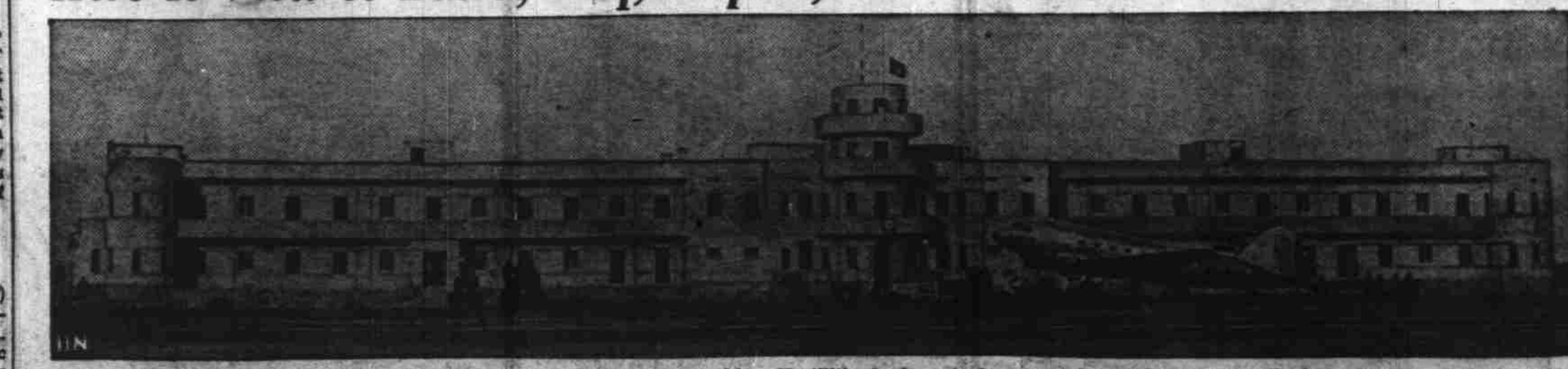
Salem Soldiers Get Promotions

FT. LEWIS, Wash., May 8.—(P)—Promotion of two men from Salem and one from Silverton, all of the 162nd infantry, of the 41st division here was announced Thursday. They are:

From Salem—Corp. Melvin B. Larkins to sergeant, Private First Class Joseph P. Meier to corporal, both of Company B.

From Silverton—Private First Class Charles W. Stuart to sergeant, anti-tank company.

Here Is View of Basra, Iraq, Airport, now Headlined in Latest War News



According to latest London reports the British are in control at Basra, chief port of Iraq, where the British troops and Iraqi artillery shelled the British airbase at Habbaniyah. Basra is located at the head of the Persian gulf and was the home of the legendary Sialah the Sailor.

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War News Briefs

LONDON, May 9.—(Friday)—(P)—Swarms of German raiders, hitting Britain with blocklike regularity, for eight days and nights despite mounting tolls exacted by British fighters, blasted with force at British port areas, London and the industrial midlands last night and early today.

BERLIN, May 9.—(Friday)—(P)—The royal air force sent unusually strong formations over Hamburg, Bremen and other points in northwest Germany during the night but Nazi defenders dispersed the attackers "so that the effect of the raid was weakened," it was announced today.

BERLIN, May 9.—(Friday)—(P)—Philippine civilian defense plans are rapidly being translated into action but the problem of imported food is giving officials some concern, Francis B. Sayre, US high commissioner, said today.

Salem Girl Pledged

EUGENE, May 8.—(P)—Among 29 sophomore women at the University of Oregon pledged this week to Phi Theta Upsilon, woman's service honorary, was Marylee Fry, Salem.

US Gets Blame For Long War

Modification of Vichy Pact Planned; Moscow Denies Troop Moves

BERLIN, May 9.—(Friday)—(P)—United States interventionist policy is solely responsible for prolonging the European conflict, authorized sources asserted today on the eve of the first anniversary of Adolf Hitler's western blitz campaign which crushed France in six weeks.

The foreign office mouthpiece, Deutscher Diplomatisch Politische Korrespondenz, reviewing the military situation following British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's house of commons speech of Tuesday, said bluntly:

"Everyone knows how the situation in England is today. Without foreign help England would be compelled to give up the fight for its imperialistic pretensions within a short time."

In heavy black type, the entire Berlin press displayed on front (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Iraq Regent



EMIR ABDAL ILAH

thrown by the Rashid, had gone to meet the deposed regent Emir Abdal Ilah who was said to be ready to return to power.

The Cairo reports, however were not confirmed in London. Direct armor-piercing bomb bursts on the decks of the 26,000-ton German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest, France, also were claimed.

Twenty of the German planes were downed by British night fighters. It was this fact that cheered Britons as they dug victims from the smoking rubble of devastated areas in Liverpool, Bristol, and other cities blasted in Wednesday night's mass attacks.

There have been reports that the British had a secret device in the offing to combat German night raids, but official sources said there was no "witchcraft" involved in this latest success.

"It was a clear night and the boys are getting better at intercepting" (Turn to Page 3, Col. 4)

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