

Open their home stand in Waters park tonight with "that look" in their eyes and "rarin'" to battle for a higher position in the Western International league standings.

Partly cloudy with scattered showers near mountains today; fair Wednesday. Max. temp. Monday, 74, Min. 48. Northwest wind. River 1.3 feet. Clear.

# Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin Conference Seen

## Desertion of Nazis by Hess Unexplained

### Governor Ponders Vacancy

#### Considers Many Candidates for Justice Bench

Friends of prominent attorneys and circuit judges throughout the state continued to recommend their men for appointment to the vacancy on the state supreme court bench Monday as Gov. Charles A. Sprague announced it would be "a day or two" before he named a successor to the late Justice Henry J. Bean.

The governor said that he had not yet decided whom he would appoint and also that he wished not to bar candidates by hasty action.

Names of two eastern Oregon attorneys, it is understood, have been suggested to the governor for consideration, along with those of at least five circuit judges. They are Homer Watts of Athena and George T. Cochran of LaGrande, both high in their profession in the state.

The name of H. K. Zimmerman of Astoria was added Monday to those of Carl Hendricks of Fossil, Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview, James T. Brand of Marshfield and L. G. Lewelling of Albany as circuit judges being backed by friends for the position.

The Marion County Bar association is scheduled to decide at a special meeting today noon at Schneider's restaurant whether or not it shall go on record in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

### Salem Draft Board Sends Query Lists

Salem's local draft board No. 1 sent out Monday its first batch of questionnaires since early in January in accordance with instructions from state selective service headquarters to disregard previous restrictions on the rate of issuing the draft information forms.

Twenty-five questionnaires were put in the mail Monday and W. H. Moran, clerk of the board, said that the rate would continue until all questionnaires have been issued. He estimated it will take about five months to complete the job. There are 2700 men in the Salem board's area who have not yet received questionnaires.

Moran called attention of registrants that questionnaires must be returned to the draft board within five days after receipt and urged registrants who have moved to notify the board of changes of address. The board also should be notified, he said, of changes in marital or parental status and of occupation.

Moran reminded registrants that an advisory board is available to help them fill out their questionnaires without charge. The local board will inform registrants where they can get in touch with an advisor.

### Low Justice, High Justice

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12—(AP)—Municipal Judge Julius Cohn said Monday he would issue a bench warrant for Supreme Court Justice Hall S. Lusk of Oregon, who failed to appear in court on a charge of failing to have his automobile tested.

Judge Lusk's duties keep him in Salem, but his home is in Portland.

### Sub Said in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, May 12—(AP)—Unconfirmed reports circulated in informed quarters here Monday night that a large German submarine three weeks ago landed several passengers—presumably Nazi agents—in Mexico and left after loading a cargo of antimony concentrates.

### Under a Falling Oregon Fir the Auto Was



There wasn't much profit in the trip Ray Sanford, an automotive electrician, made to the Pope & Talbot logging camp near Dallas Sunday. While he was busy installing a new magneto in a piece of logging equipment a big fir tree fell on his car. The picture above shows what the car looked like after the tree was pulled off.—Statesman photo.

### Vets Dedicate Home of Post

#### Ex-National Leader of Legion Calls for US Unity

Unity and strength are the immediate and primary needs of America, no matter what course the nation may take in the near future, Stephen F. Chadwick, past national commander of the American Legion, declared in the principal address at dedication Monday night of the new home of Capital post No. 9.

To the promotion of unity and to insistence that division among the people on social questions shall not delay strengthening of the nation's defense, the American Legion is now dedicating itself, the organization's recent leader continued.

That the president tell the nation frankly what the nation's (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

### Accident, Fire Plague Ex-Sarg

Asa Fisher, former Salem police sergeant, was involved in an unusual accident Saturday night when he lost control of his car and it bounded over a curb at the northeast corner of Church and Ch�meketa streets, scribbled a half circle in a vacant lot there and came to rest on the curbing.

A few minutes later gasoline on the ground about the rear of the car was ignited, probably from a cigarette, and firemen were called to extinguish the blaze, which damaged the rear of Fisher's automobile.

Fisher was taken home by Salem police.

### Damage Reports Follow Big Wind on Sunday

#### Toppling Trees Crush Autos, House and Power Lines; Blow Precedes Electrical Storm and Rain

Trees were toppled, at least two falling on automobiles, and power and telephone service interrupted Sunday by a wind storm which reached near gale intensity before it subsided.

The high wind preceded an electrical storm and a quick torrent of rain which effectively broke a three-day heat spell.

Probably greatest damage near Salem was suffered by Ray Sanford, 630 Thompson avenue, an employe of the E. H. Burrell company, whose automobile was crushed when a fir tree was blown over on it at the Pope & Talbot logging camp above Dallas.

Sanford had been called to the camp to install a new magneto on a piece of logging equipment and was making the installation when the tree, measuring over three feet through, toppled over onto his car.

A large branch from a tree growing along the north side of St. Paul's Episcopal church fell on an automobile belonging to A. Moen, 48 Childs avenue, parked in the 200 block on North Church street. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

### Carol and Magda Shop In Bermuda Stores

HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 12—(AP)—Former King Carol of Rumania and Mme. Lupescu went shopping Monday to replenish their depleted wardrobes.

"They bought hundreds of dollars worth of clothing, but storekeepers said they had been requested not to divulge the exact purchases. Most of the couple's luggage was left in Spain when they fled that country a few weeks ago.

### FDR Wins Clash on Ship Aid

#### Gets Group Oke to Give Foreign Ships to Britain

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### Japan Defied By Kai-Shek

CHUNGKING, May 12—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, in one of his rare speeches made public Monday, declared that Japan is so nearly exhausted by almost four years of Chinese resistance that China, given only material and economic aid, can whip her single-handed.

China needs neither the aid of an expeditionary force nor the action of a powerful navy from her friends, Chiang declared, to "put down this enemy of all who would dwell in peace on the shores of the Pacific."

The generalissimo said he was not merely boasting when he said China could whip Japan if given material assistance.

### Mystery of Flight From Germany Puzzles World; Parachutes at Glasgow

#### British Take Third Ranking Reich Leader Into Custody; Axis Planning New Strategy

VICHY, France, May 12—(AP)—Separate meetings of Adolf Hitler with Joseph Stalin and Benito Mussolini were considered in diplomatic circles here Monday night as likely to result from the current political moves over Europe.

The object of the meetings, these circles said, probably would be complete economic if not military organization of the axis-dominated continent.

Observers listed the current shakeup of Spain's civil and military organization and Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan's nego-

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RUDDOLPH HESS

### Was Hitler's Second Heir

By The Associated Press

Adolf Hitler, on September 1, 1939, at the outset of his campaign against Poland, nominated Rudolf Hess as the third man of the third reich.

In a 36-minute radio broadcast to the people of Germany, just two days before the allies declared war, Hitler nominated Hermann Wilhelm Goering as his first choice to succeed him as leader of the reich, "in case anything happens to me," and he named Hess as second choice, asserting that should anything happen to Goering and Hess the Nazi senate should meet and choose "the most worthy" from the people.

After nominating Goering as second only to himself, Hitler declared: "Next in line comes Minister Hess. You should be in duty bound to both of them equally as you have to me."

### Berlin Claims Hitler Deputy Has Lost Mind

By The Associated Press

Rudolf Hess, the head of the Nazi party and officially the third most powerful man in all Germany, landed by parachute in Britain under circumstances suggesting a determined desertion from the Nazis and the Reich as well.

Monday night, the British government announced from Prime Minister Churchill's home at No. 10 Downing street, Hess was in a

INSANABLE, May 12—(AP)—Franz von Papen, German ambassador to Turkey who may be carrying German collaboration suggestions to the Turkish government from Berlin, took off in an airplane late Monday for Ankara, the capital. The Turkish press meanwhile forecast closer relations between Russia and Germany, with sharp repercussions in the far east.

Glasgow hospital with a broken ankle suffered in parachuting down from a fully armed German Messerschmitt fighter plane which crashed near that Scottish city Saturday.

And, despite the government, he brought along photographs of himself taken at various ages to establish his identity.

The Germans earlier apparently had prepared the way for the eventual disclosure of his absence from the reich by announcing that he was missing, presumably in an airplane (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

### FDR Cancels, Plans Speech

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP)—President Roosevelt was feeling "fine" tonight, but a speech he was to have delivered Wednesday before the envoys of Latin America's 20 republics was called off and a "fireside chat" on May 27 substituted for it.

"So, despite the reports from abroad," said Stephen Early, presidential press secretary, "there will be no world-shaking pronouncement from the president on Wednesday evening, as this office has told you right along."

Roosevelt was to have spoken at a reception at the Pan-American Union Wednesday night which Latin American diplomats had arranged in his honor. The president has had a gastro-intestinal ailment for a week, and, while Early said he was "feeling perfectly fine" once more, the envoys suggested in a resolution that the affair be postponed.

### Former Princess Dies

NEW YORK, May 12—(AP)—Mrs. Charles Louis Kolb-Darvin, 84, the former Princess Catherine Radziwill who fled Russia after the bolshevik revolution, died Monday at a hospital of complications following a hip injury.

### Sub Toll Total Large

LONDON, May 12—(AP)—Brazil's naval annual, a British publication, appeared Monday with an estimate that more than 70 per cent of the German submarines commissioned in the past 12 months have been sunk.

## Salem's Oldest GAR Celebrates 98th Anniversary

Not interested in air raids, unimpressed by panzer troop movements, Salem's only living GAR veteran today will celebrate quietly his 98th birthday anniversary.

Henry Fred Steuermagel may not recognize all the friends who call at his pleasant white cottage today for he is growing feeble, hearing gone and memory fading, but he apparently enjoys the peaceful sunny days that are his. More than seventy-seven years ago in Madison, Wis., he put a musket on his shoulder and volunteered in the northern forces before he had reached the age of 21.

The son born that summer to the wife he left behind in Salem today to visit the older man. Neither he nor Miss Rieks Swalve, stepdaughter who has for many years made the veteran's home a place of comfort, is quite sure of the enlistment date or of the regiment served.

But they do know that their father was one of four brothers who were the blue. The Civil war stories that father told were most often those of his brothers.

Charles, the family's youngest, who at 19 volunteered only to die as result of a shot from an upstairs window as he marched with the troops through the streets of New Orleans for his first war experience; John, who spent eight months in Andersonville prison, and the oldest of the group, strangely enough named Fred Henry, who was "sent home to die" with yellow fever, which disease, finally claimed him years later.

However, the story of the Steuermagels, who with many another German family came to this country in 1848, is not merely a tale of the Civil war. For theirs is a strange record of longevity.

Hale and sprightly as any middle-aged man, Edward C. Steuermagel, 77-year-old son of the aged veteran, drove "more than 1100 miles in two days," he said Monday, as if it were not an unusual feat. The small, neat coupe which brought him to Salem, takes him regularly from the home where he lives alone in Salmon City, Idaho, to his four mining claims in the surrounding mountains. He, personally, does the work, good

hard manual labor, required for retention of the claims.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Steuermagel, the younger, is a carpenter by trade. Outdoor life, he declares, has not only made life longer but has made long life worth living for both himself and his father.

The GAR veteran became a great great grandfather during the past year. And his son recalls that he was old enough when the need arose to help bury his great grandmother, the veteran's grandmother, when she died at the age of 98. That remarkable old lady remembered and told her descendants about Napoleon Bonaparte, which may explain the current 98-year-old's lack of interest in Hitler's activities.

Both of H. F. Steuermagel's parents lived to a good age, although they did not really approach the century mark; the mother died at 88, the father at 89.

For the past 21 years Mr. Steuermagel senior has made his home in Salem. His home, set in neat green lawn and rose gardens, has been the scene of a birthday party

each year since his 80th. No formal plans are being made for today, although Miss Swalve, who speaks affectionately of "Dad," will welcome his callers.

Father and son, the Steuermagels came west from Wisconsin about the same time. With three other youths, Edward set out in '89 for Alaska; by the time their stage had crossed Oregon and arrived in Seattle, their boat had sailed and Seattle was attempting a comeback after a fire. The group worked there awhile, went on to Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Spokane. In the latter city young Steuermagel was astonished to meet his father, recently married to his third wife, mother of Miss Swalve.

Never after that did either of them leave the west except for brief trips, and the west is a favored land, believes the "boy" who especially loves the mountains but every now and then comes down into the valley to visit his "dad."

Tonight he will be honor guest of Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary at an 8 o'clock meeting at the Woman's clubhouse.

### War News Briefs

BUCHAREST, May 12—(AP)—Two unexplained explosions occurring in quiet succession Monday night wrecked a German book store near the royal palace on Bucharest's main streets and damaged the office of the newspaper Vrtdinea.

MEMLAN, May 12—(AP)—Thirteen British merchantmen totaling 76,248 tons, have been sunk out of a British convoy by German submarines in several days' activities, authorized sources said Monday night.

KUNMING, China, May 12 (AP)—A formation of 15 Japanese airplanes bombed a wide area around this city Monday causing heavy damage to educational institutions.

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP)—The United States government, seeking to close important gaps in hemisphere economic defense, announced Monday night its intention to negotiate (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)



Comrade Henry Fred Steuermagel, Salem's only living GAR member, today celebrates his 98th birthday. Background for this picture is provided by the stripes of the flag he served on the battlefield 76 and 77 years ago.