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Fairly cloudy today and Saturday; cooler with higher humidity Saturday. Max. temp. Thurs. '86; min. 49. North wind. River 1.4 ft.

US Force Asked In Strike

Maritime Chief Tells Congress to Act Quickly

WASHINGTON, May 23-(P)—A call for immediate government intervention, by force if necessary, to end a dispute which has tied up five shipyards in the San Francisco area was made before a senate committee Friday by Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission.

The committee, which is investigating the defense program, heard a half-dozen witnesses, and then suspended the hearing until Monday with the hope expressed by Chairman Truman (D-Mo) that current negotiations on the west coast might bring the dispute to a close before that time.

Laid told the committee that the dispute was an "outlaw" strike in which 1700 machinists

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23-(P)—The navy won't use its armed forces or own machinists in an attempt to reopen 11 strike-bound San Francisco bay shipyards holding \$500,000,000 in defense orders, naval forces said Friday, but it might finish work in its own yard on some of the tied up ships. A warning that vessels undergoing repair or conversion might be towed to Mare Island naval yard, on northern San Francisco bay, to put them in service, came as possible government operation of the yards was increasingly discussed.

had stopped the work of 17,000 persons and had tied up \$500,000,000 of merchant shipbuilding and naval orders.

"I believe there is justification," he said, "for every possible step the government can take, up to and including the use of United States forces—be they city, state or national—to take off this picket line so that the people there can go to work."

Senator Connally (D-Tex) observed that if necessary to maintain (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

City Assured Of Action on Powder Units

Assurance from Senator Charles L. McNary that the civil aeronautics authority will give early attention to the matter of two powder houses under lease to the DuPont company on property purchased for Salem airport expansion has been given Alderman Tom Armstrong, chairman of the council airport committee.

A portion of the construction work at the airport has been unable to proceed because of the powder company's refusal to cancel its lease unless paid damages of \$1000. The CAA will not permit contractors to work on the property involved until the lease is cancelled.

Governor Charles A. Sprague has also interceded for the city and has written a letter to the duPont firm headquarters in Wilmington, Del. Congressman James W. Mott and Secretary of State Earl Snell are also cooperating.

Surplus Water Sold by City

The Salem water commission authorized Friday night signing of a contract with Rich L. Reimann for purchase of surplus water through a six inch line connecting with the Salem system at Market and 21st street.

The commission also agreed to contract with Thomas A. Roberts, who is to connect a two-inch line to the Salem system at the end of its Silverton road extension to service homes in the Larsen addition.

Medical Chief Named

PORTLAND, May 23-(P)—Employment of a part-time medical director for the state welfare board was authorized Friday to replace Dr. Nell Black, full-time director who resigned in December.

Our Senators Lost 5-2

British Claim Edge in Crete Battle

This One Will Really Floor His Honor

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23-(P)—Cecil Hinkle, walking to work after parking his car, stopped for a traffic light.

He looked up and saw his car stop for the same light.

Astonished, he hailed a passing sheriff's car and stepped on the running board of his own machine.

Deputy sheriff Emil Vecchio said the driver, who identified himself as Eugene Maddox of Butte, Mont., appeared just as astonished when arrested on a charge of car theft.

"Maddox said he got into the car with another man who claimed to be the owner," reported Vecchio. "They had a few drinks and the other man left. Maddox said he got to worrying about the condition of his friend and started to drive to the police station to report his disappearance when hailed by Hinkle."

Arraignment of Maddox was set for Saturday.

In One Ear.

—Paul Hauser's Column

This is the story of M. Petersen, the 88-year old commentator on affairs of the world and doings in the Grand Ronde Valley, the painter, the singer, the real estate agent, the storekeeper, the bread baker, the road straightener, the hiker, over hills, and the notary public, as he told it himself in the latest issue of the Sheridan Sun.

I sit and think, I lie and think. Silence and thinking harms no one. Well, it was the 28th day of June, 1871, I, an eighteen year old boy, bade goodbye to my friends in Denmark, singing the tune of the red, white and blue on the train. My father took me to Hamburg. Stayed there three days, visiting the aquarium and many other sights of interest including animal shows. Arrived in New York, Castle Garden, July 13th. Never saw my folks any more. That is 70 years ago.

Landed in Webster City, Iowa, a city raised boy, worked seven months on a farm for a family, Middleton, 10 miles from Webster City, Wright county, doing all kinds of farm work even carrying brick from the moulder, husking corn when the snow was four inches. Had four horses to care for and many cows. Threshing grain and making sorghum syrup. Lost in a snow storm and went to school for a month.

Left Iowa for Milwaukee in May, 1872. Found my uncle Peter Petersen, a painter with whom I worked, painting for two years. During the first winter I worked for a wholesale oyster house, caring for a horse (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Oregon GOP Plans Meet Here Today

Republican party leaders from all parts of the state are due to arrive in Salem early today for a morning and afternoon session of the executive committee of the Oregon Republican clubs and a public forum luncheon at the Marion hotel at noon.

Ralph H. Calk, republican national committeeman for Oregon, will conduct the forum discussion at the noon luncheon. The forum will be pointed toward developing plans for the pre-primary party organization.

The Marion county chapter of the Republican clubs is host for the luncheon.

Lindy, Wheeler Hit Leadership

NEW YORK, May 2-(P)—Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler joined tonight in a call for "adequate leadership" to keep the nation out of the European war.

With the declaration that America could be the "strongest and most influential" country in the world, Lindbergh asserted that "We lack only a leadership that places America first."

Senator Barkley III

WASHINGTON, May 23-(P)—Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the democratic leader, was in naval hospital Friday night for treatment of a leg infection.

Control of Sea Vital Says Knox

Makes Plea for Stronger Moves Against Nazis

WASHINGTON, May 23-(P)—In a fervent appeal for stronger measures to defeat Germany, Secretary of the Navy Knox declared Friday:

"This is a fight for control of the high seas, and God help us if we don't bear our share in that fight for the control of the sea and against human slavery."

Following up his recent denunciation of the neutrality act as a terrific blunder, Knox told the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers that if the nation is to keep its self-respect it must "recapture a principle for which we fought twice, the principle of the freedom of the seas."

Near the naval secretary as he spoke sat Lord Halifax, the British ambassador. Halifax did not make an address, but received a rising ovation as he was escorted into the Mayflower hotel banquet hall by Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission and president of the society.

Land told the crowd: "No matter what figures are given out, no matter how they are interpreted or misinterpreted, our shipping situation is serious to desperation.

"You gentlemen have the burden in your hands and on your shoulders to ameliorate this situation of ships, ships and more ships."

Knox addressed his opening words half toward Lord Halifax. He said that he was "proud as never before" that the blood of "these British men who are fighting with their backs to the wall flow in my veins."

"Life is richer because Lord Halifax and his fellow Britons have demonstrated what men who love their liberty can do in its defense."

The navy chief said, in expanding his comments on the high importance of sea power, that he included air power as a part of ocean domination. The (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Salem Typos Turn Down AFL in Vote

Capital Typographical union No. 210 of Salem has voted 48 to 5 against reaffiliation with the American Federation of Labor, it was announced Friday. The local voted in a nationwide referendum of the International Typographical union. CIO affiliation was not at issue.

The Salem local has designated Herbert Lange as its delegate to the ITU convention to be held soon at Vancouver, B.C.

Salem's Horseshow Will Open Tonight

More than one hundred horses, are stabled in the stadium on the Oregon state fairgrounds, ready to compete in the Salem Saddle club's second annual horseshow, tonight at 8 and Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Tonight's show opens with an exhibition ride by the Oregon Mounted posse, the governor's guard. Opening event is the popular jumping class, when horses from Portland, Salem and Eugene compete for a \$50 cash stake.

The junior seat and hands event will feature child riders under 15 years of age who will compete for the Captain Cecil Edwards trophy, a bronze horse statue. The event is judged on horsemanship only.

Fine harness horses will compete for the stake of \$50. Three-gaited horses with nicket tails will come in for competition as 4th event in the show. Five-gaited horses will compete for The Statesman trophy and three-gaited pairs for Shafer's trophy. The latter event is for members of the Salem club only, and will be judged on team work and appointments.

An event of interest is the plantation class, for Salem club members only. The combination three-gaited event is always of interest at a show, and is included on tonight's program.

High Command of the Third Division



The army which has been passing through Salem this week "invaded" The Statesman office Friday afternoon to thank the capital city for its accommodation of the troops on their overnight stops. Its chief, six-foot-plus Maj. Gen. Charles F. Thompson, Third Division commander, was pointing at Salem on a state highway map in the editor's office when The Statesman photographer snapped this picture. With him were, nearest map, Brig. Gen. Charles P. Hall, assistant to the commander, and, at left, Lt. Col. E. M. Landrum, chief of staff.

General Lauds Salem and State

Final Units Leave Fairgrounds

High Rankers Pay Call on Statesman

The well-laundered and newly-pressed army of 12,500 soldiers and men that has passed through Salem this week en route to California maneuvers won't look the same when it returns through Oregon in July. Clothing will be "battle"-worn, heads will not be as neatly clipped as they might be and grime of a long, bathless journey will be evident.

That was the comment of Maj. Gen. Charles F. Thompson, Third division commander, when he arrived in Salem from Fort Lewis Friday to express his thanks to the cities that are providing overnight encampment sites for his men, and to catch up with the more advanced columns.

"Before we leave," he added, "I want to express my appreciation for the fine facilities provided my men by the city and the state. They certainly enjoyed the beauty and convenience of your fairgrounds."

The 900-mile drive, over a type of terrain strange to many of the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Salem to See Some of Many Troop Trains

TACOMA, May 23-(P)—Leaving at 15-minute intervals, four troop trains, the vanguard of 27 scheduled to make the trip, left Fort Lewis Friday night for California war games with 2,000 men and 200 mules. The first train departed at 5:30 p. m.

Also leaving earlier was Major General Charles F. Thompson, commander of the 3rd division, and his staff.

Switches were spiked to allow trains to get onto the main lines for the through trip to San Ardo, Calif., where they will arrive at 8 a. m. Sunday.

The first three trainloads carried the 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalions of the 7th infantry, a regular army unit formerly stationed at Vancouver, B.C.

Movements by rail will continue to leave the fort until Tuesday with the peak being reached Sunday when eight trains leave between 5:15 and 8:30 p. m., carrying (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Rear Guard Of Troopers Spend Night

Between Salem and San Francisco the olive-drab motorized column is complete today. No more khaki-clad troops and canvas-covered trucks are coming from the north along the highway, although Salem is due to see at least a portion of the 27 troop trains by which 13,000 men are yet to travel south.

When the rear guard of the motorized forces traveling by highway 99 leaves the fairgrounds between 5 and 7 o'clock this morning the ribbon of paving from Oregon's capital city to California's northern metropolis will be spangled with the five sub-columns that have moved through the Willamette valley in the past five days.

Not slated to reach their Jolon, Calif., destination until sometime tomorrow, the 4000 officers and men who bivouacked in Salem Monday night are on the road in northern California. Between them and Salem are four other (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Retake Middle Of Island From Nazi Invaders

Hand to Hand Fight Rages; Tale of Huge Convoy Losses Told

Every Attempt to Invade by Sea Declared Hurdled Back; One French Unit Deserts

By The Associated Press

The British claimed at least a momentary edge in Crete last (Friday) night in a battle of still rising violence where warships and dive bombers fought out their bitter rivalry and desperate men struggled toe to toe upon the island's northern coast.

The allied ground forces, engaging the Germans in hand to hand combat that seemed likely to add a new legend to the history of war, recaptured Crete's middle area, the British command announced from Cairo, and the British navy was declared to have hurled back every German attempt to disembark troops from the sea to support the aerial invaders.

Telling Friday night of one such assault upon a huge German convoy—this particular one was on Wednesday night—British naval officers said the entire line of ships was destroyed or dispersed; that thousands of German soldiers were thrown screaming into the water to die, and that of all that Nazi detachment headed for Crete not a single member reached its shore.

The convoy, it was added, was made up of about 40 seized Greek boats and a number of small merchantmen, the Greek boats each carrying 100 men, the merchantmen several hundred.

"We sank them with four-inch guns and pompons (anti-aircraft guns)," a British cruiser captain related. "Cruisers and destroyers rammed them. The sea was full of thousands of Germans clinging to the wreckage and shouting for help."

These furious counter-attacks ashore were said specifically to have "accounted" for the Nazi invaders both at Candia and Retimo, and to have been brought down to a halt only on the area of Mal- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Governor to Follow US On Council

Gov. Charles A. Sprague is awaiting further instructions from the federal government before setting up Oregon's state defense organization, he said Friday.

Personnel of the state defense council may be announced soon after David Eccles, state budget director, returns late next week from Washington, DC, where he has been studying defense organization and investigating possibilities of obtaining additional defense industries for Oregon. City and county defense organizations are to be established later.

Cherrians Plan Special Train To Rose Festival

The Salem Cherrians expect to arrange for a special train to carry their members and interested local citizens to the Portland Rose festival next month, King Bing Frank Doerfler announced Friday.

Cooperating with the Portland Rosarians, the Cherrians are now selling festival buttons, which, for \$1, admit the wearer to all rose fete functions.

New Zealander Here

SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 23-(P)—J. G. Coates, New Zealand war minister, arrived by clipper plane Friday en route to Washington, D. C. to establish a legation for his country.

Pick Rose Fete Queen

PORTLAND, May 23-(P)—Portland's Rose Festival queen will be chosen Saturday night from among nine princesses named by the city's high schools.

Frank McCarthy, below, sets a shoe firm on Roy Simmons' chestnut mare, Vagabond, in preparation for the horse show today and Sunday. Ivan Morgan, trainer, holds the horse's head.