

Greatest "Mock Battle" of West Starts Monday With 60,000 Field-Hardened Troops

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CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., June 18—Protection of the California coastal region against a foreign army invading from the Pacific will be the problem when 60,000 field-hardened troops are thrown into simulated battle next week in the biggest combat exercise ever held in the far west.

The initial situation, with invading "reds" pitted against a powerful defending "blue" force, will engage three full divisions and special units of the fourth army lined up as follows:

The "red" force, some 20,000 men of the 7th division and attached 3rd army corps troops from Fort Ord—has been designated as an "enemy" landed from the Pacific near Los Angeles and will be advancing north via the Salinas and San Joaquin valleys.

The "blue" force, made up of almost 30,000 men of the 3rd, 41st and attached 9th army corps troops, will be concentrated in the area north of a line running from Lucia and King City to Madera.

Sometime during the week, the two armies will join in battle and from then on a "war"—an operation uncontrolled by umpires, will be directed by generals in the field.

The "war" for the tanned, toughened men will climax a training program which started last September.

When the battle will end no one knows, but the gigantic combat problem originally was scheduled for June 23 to 28. It will bring together the largest military forces ever concentrated in the west for maneuvers over the rugged hills and hot valleys along the California coast. It probably will be confined to the huge military reservation since the army has not leased private land except in a few instances.

The war game will be as realistic as possible, in line with the war department's policy that: "An essential training objective is to prepare units for the first shock of battle by accustoming them to battle conditions."

The Hunter Liggett reservation will be virtually deserted Monday except for the extreme southern end where "red" troops will be bivouaced. Fort Lewis troops will be moving out en masse to set up temporary encampment areas about 50 miles north of here.

The Fort Lewis troops, who have been training on the reservation since late in May, will move to the vicinity of Fort Ord and Salinas June 20-24.

Directing the war games will be Lieut. General John L. DeWitt, commander of the fourth army. Maj. General Walter K. Wilson, commanding the 3rd army corps, will act as chief umpire, assisted by the entire staff from the Presidio of Monterey.

The "reds" will be commanded by Maj. General Joseph E. Stilwell, head of the 7th division. Commander in chief of the northern "blues" will be Maj. General Kenyon A. Joyce, 9th army corps commander. His divisional commanders will be Maj. General Charles F. Thompson leading the third and Maj.

Capitol Mourns Pearson Death

State Senator and Former Treasurer Dies Unexpectedly

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from Multnomah county, was a member of the state emergency board and interim committees to study state institutions and fishing problems in the Columbia river.

Although residing in Portland during his incumbency as state treasurer Mr. Pearson was active in Salem civic affairs.

The board of control, of which Pearson previously was a member, directed its secretary to prepare a resolution of condolence and send a copy to Mrs. Pearson.

MARSHFIELD, June 18—(AP)—State senator Walter E. Pearson, 66, former state treasurer, died of coronary thrombosis at a Marshfield hotel early Wednesday.

The senator was en route home after a one week tour of southern Oregon with Mrs. Pearson and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John B. Pearson of Bluefield, W. Va.

The party reached here Tuesday night and spent the evening with friends. Pearson apparently was in good health but while dressing this morning complained of illness. Mrs. Pearson called a physician but her husband died before the doctor arrived.

Pearson, born Sept. 23, 1874, entered the Oregon senate in 1935 and served in that year's special session and the regular session of 1937. He was a democrat.

He was appointed to the state board of higher education in May, 1937, but resigned in 1938, the year former Governor Charles H. Martin appointed him state treasurer succeeding U. S. Senator Rufus Holman.

Pearson served until this year, when Leslie M. Scott, Portland republican, became state treasurer. Pearson did not seek election as treasurer but ran for the state senate from Multnomah county and was elected.

A native of Richmond, Va., Pearson was educated at Glade Spring academy and Richmond university. He came to Oregon in 1908. He was a member of the Portland insurance firm of Bates, Lively & Pearson.

In 1901 he married Virginia Johnston at Bluefield, W. Va. They had two sons and a daughter. Walter J. Pearson, now a Seattle insurance man; David William Pearson, now a traveling agent for a Kansas City underwriting company, and Mrs. Philip P. Werlein, Baton Rouge, La.

ent satisfactory working agreements of employer's group.

"We regret having to decline acceptance of any recommendation or suggestion of the board, but our judgment is in failing to comply with your request our committee is serving best interests of all concerned," the telegram was quoted.

SF Machinists Still Striking

Bitter Parley Ends in Stalemate; US Board Hit by Lumbermen

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committal word these officials gave newsmen at the meeting broke up. They would not discuss what had happened at the meeting or even say whether a vote had been taken on returning to work.

Thus, the situation remains unchanged pending the calling of another meeting and the breaking of the deadlock within the union membership itself. There was some conjecture that such a meeting might be called for next Sunday but there was no official report on this.

SEATTLE, June 18—(AP)—Negotiators of the western Washington timber industry have declined to follow the national mediation board suggestion of June 13 for immediate resumption of joint negotiations with the CIO's international woodworkers of America, the Post-Intelligencer said Wednesday night it had learned authoritatively.

The paper said the employers' negotiators contended in a wire to mediation board chairman C. A. Dykstra that a large number of striking locals of the IWA had returned to work under the May 23 recommendation of the board.

The only difference between the May 23 and June 13 proposals was that the latter provided for immediate resumption of joint negotiations. It was the settlement recommended by IWA president O. M. Orton and adopted by international representatives at an Olympia meeting last Friday night.

The employers' committee wired the mediation board that it was willing at any time to negotiate with "proper delegate representatives" of individual locals, the newspaper said, "but felt that inasmuch as the employers had had to attempt negotiation of individual agreements that an attempt to negotiate a joint agreement now would 'break up pres-

Big Oil Tanker Is Ripped By Mysterious Blast



The 3,164-ton Venezuelan oil tanker, Caracas, tied up at Philadelphia, is shown following an explosion which ripped off the front deck of the vessel and draped it over the bow. The mast also was blown over. Five men were injured. A thorough investigation was ordered.

I. N. Phonograph

Berlin Twins Smiles For the US



Eleanor and Evelyn Perl, 3-year-old twins from Berlin, are not a bit camera shy as they arrive at New York aboard the Nyassa. They will reside in the U. S. with their parents. They seem happy about it, too.

US to Reject Nazi Protest

Nation Is Closed to Persons With Kin in Controlled Countries

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suitable arrangements for their return home.

The undersecretary made this statement in response to a question as to whether any action had been taken to prevent the consuls from going to Latin American countries. His reply indicated that the arrangements would insure the return of the officials direct to Germany, thus blocking their entry into other American nations.

Two homeward routes were open to the consuls—via Lisbon, Portugal, or Japan.

The United States officially notified other American governments of the expulsion order against the consuls, thereby raising the question of applying a Pan-American resolution enjoining all the countries to prevent activities of foreign diplomatic or consular agents which "endanger the peace and the democratic tradition of America."

The German protest was not made public but it was understood to reject firmly the allegations contained in the American note and to protest the action of the United States as a violation of the American-German treaty of friendship and consular rights of 1923.

Wells said the German note made no mention of President Roosevelt's earlier order "freeing" all German and Italian assets in the United States.

Diogenes Can Cease Looking

PORTLAND, June 18—(AP)—Portland has two honest men.

Paul Wardell found a purse containing \$94 in a telephone booth and turned it over to police, where A. F. Howerton, Milwaukee special officer, claimed it.

Nelson Maxwell, service station operator, turned over a billfold containing \$100 left at his place by Gaylord Larson, Preston, Idaho. He furnished the number of Larson's automobile and state police were notified to watch for it.

Oregon Pioneers Name Salem Man Director

PORTLAND, June 18—(AP)—Oregon pioneers attending their 69th annual reunion here Tuesday reelected George C. Blakely, The Dalles, president.

Other officers included Robert A. Miller, Portland, first vice-president; J. O. Stearns, Portland, second vice president; Ivan Humason, Portland, secretary; and John M. Lewis, Portland, treasurer.

Directors are E. M. Croisan, Salem, Jasper L. Hewitt and A. J. McDaniel, Portland.

Four Sisters at Hopewell Dinner

HOPEWELL—Four sisters enjoyed a dinner together Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stephens. They are Mrs. Stephens, Hopewell, Mrs. Charles Stephens, Fairview; Mrs. Ralph Bengel, Heppner; Mrs. Albert Willis, Beaver-ton.

Attending were: Mrs. Ralph Bengel, Heppner and her daughter, Mrs. Hilding Bengtson, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willis and their daughter, Mrs. William Miller and sons, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willis, Beaver-ton.



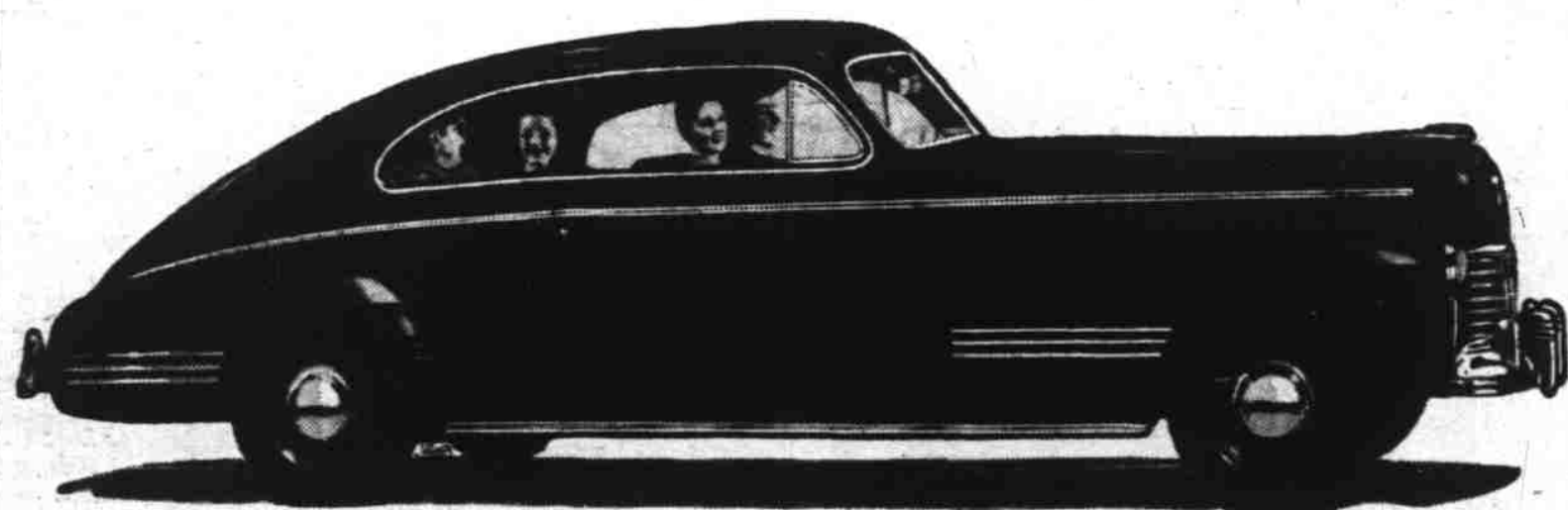
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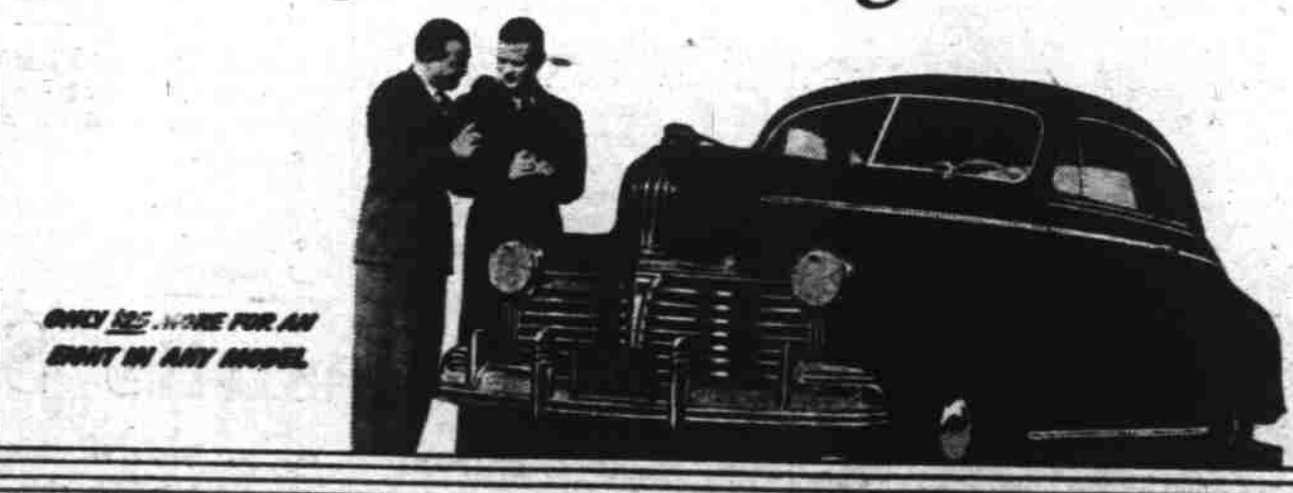
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