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Weather

Scattered showers today, decreasing on Friday. Little change in temperature. Max. temp. Wed. 71. Min. 53. Southwest wind. Rain. .54 inch. River, -.32 feet. Partly cloudy.

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Nazis Shift Plans In Leningrad Push As Defenses Hold

Frontal Assault Seen Too Costly; Counter-Attacks In Center Hurt Hitler

By The Associated Press

Several soviet field fortifications blocking the German advance on Leningrad were reported Thursday to have been destroyed by intensive Stuka raids but there were other indications that the city's situation had improved.

German military reports told of dive bombing attacks which silenced a number of soviet anti-aircraft and artillery positions about Leningrad, cleared away field fortifications and caused extensive damage to the city's water works.

The Germans receded measurably, however, from their earlier claims that the city was imminently doomed and suggested that they might not try to storm it after all but probably would attempt to reduce it slowly by gunfire, bombs and starvation.

It was acknowledged in Berlin that the Russians were still "shooting from all barrels," and that such hard-won positions as the nazis had been able to occupy were sown with the waiting death hidden in thousands of Russian land mines.

In one instance, at the town of Schluesselburg, 21 miles to the east, the Germans said that evacuated Russian homes, public buildings and even the very hospital beds had been ingeniously mined.

It was admitted by German informants, in effect, that any frontal assault upon Leningrad would, under present circumstances at least, bring for the invaders a casualty roll so ghastly that Hitler's high command was not willing to contemplate it.

There were some indications that this bettering of the northwestern Soviet position had been (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

State Blocks Range Lands

Board Takes Steps to Increase Revenue by Leasing Sections

The state land board made the first major step of its new program to increase revenues from its range lands by blocking off 57,000 acres into 16 units for leasing in southeastern Oregon.

The blocks, ranging in size from three to 26 sections, are in each instance available to more than one potential lessee.

The board decided to set a minimum lease charge of three cents per acre for the first five years of the ten-year contracts it expects to enter into. After the end of the first five years, negotiations will be entered into with the lessees for a readjustment of the rate for the remainder of the contract term.

The blocked lands lie in district No. 4, southern Malheur county. Other blocking, all in charge of Marvin Klemme, is yet to be worked out in Baker, northern Malheur, Harney and Crook counties.

The board also leased in place approximately 60,000 acres of other lands to users as a whole at 2 1/2 cents an acre until blocks can be worked out.

Requested by the Farmers Union cooperative for a \$25 a year lease on two acres of land on Seal Island in the lower Columbia river for a fish receiving station and bunk house, the board directed its secretary to advertise for bids on the desired acreage.

Heavy Rain Soaks Salem

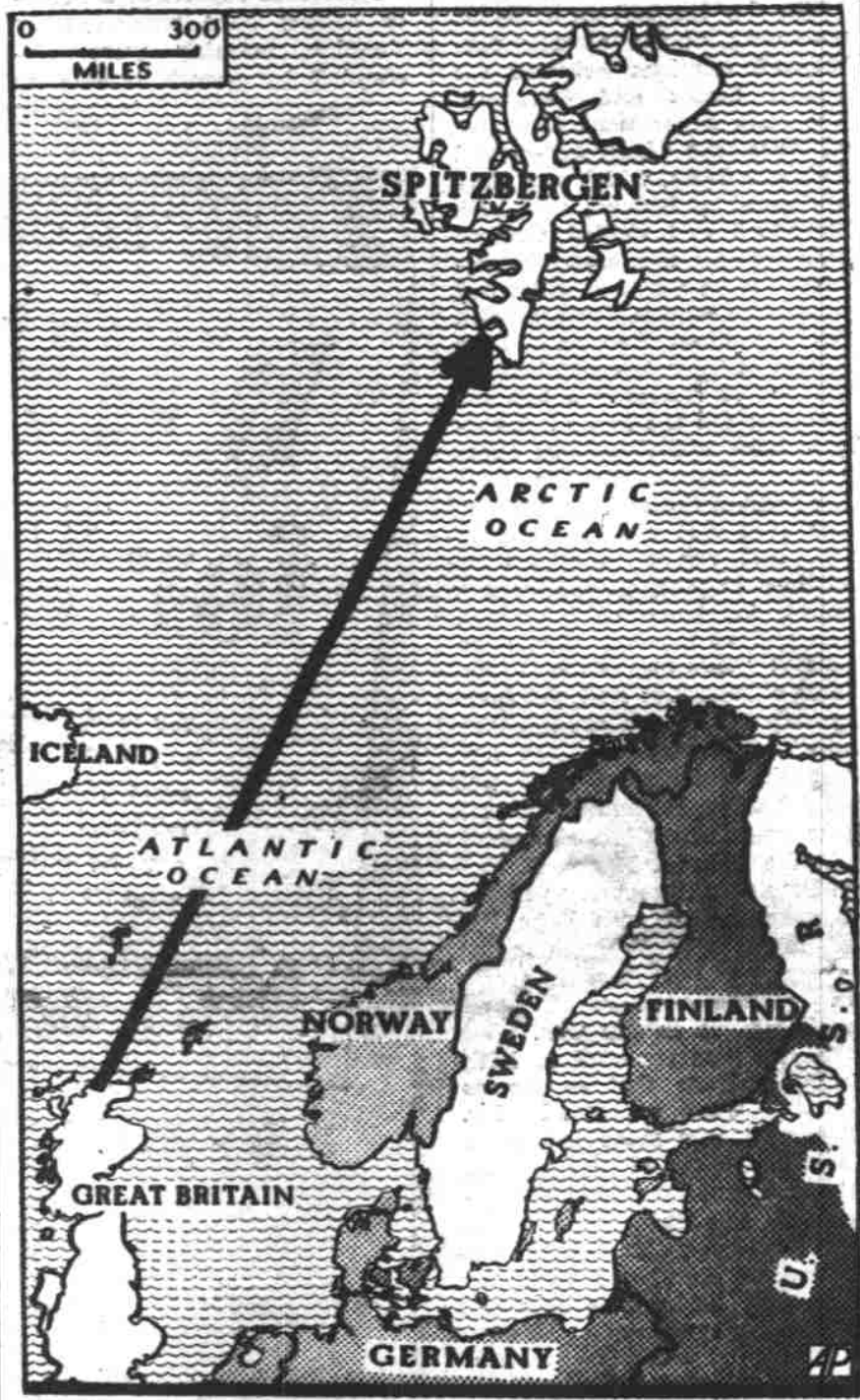
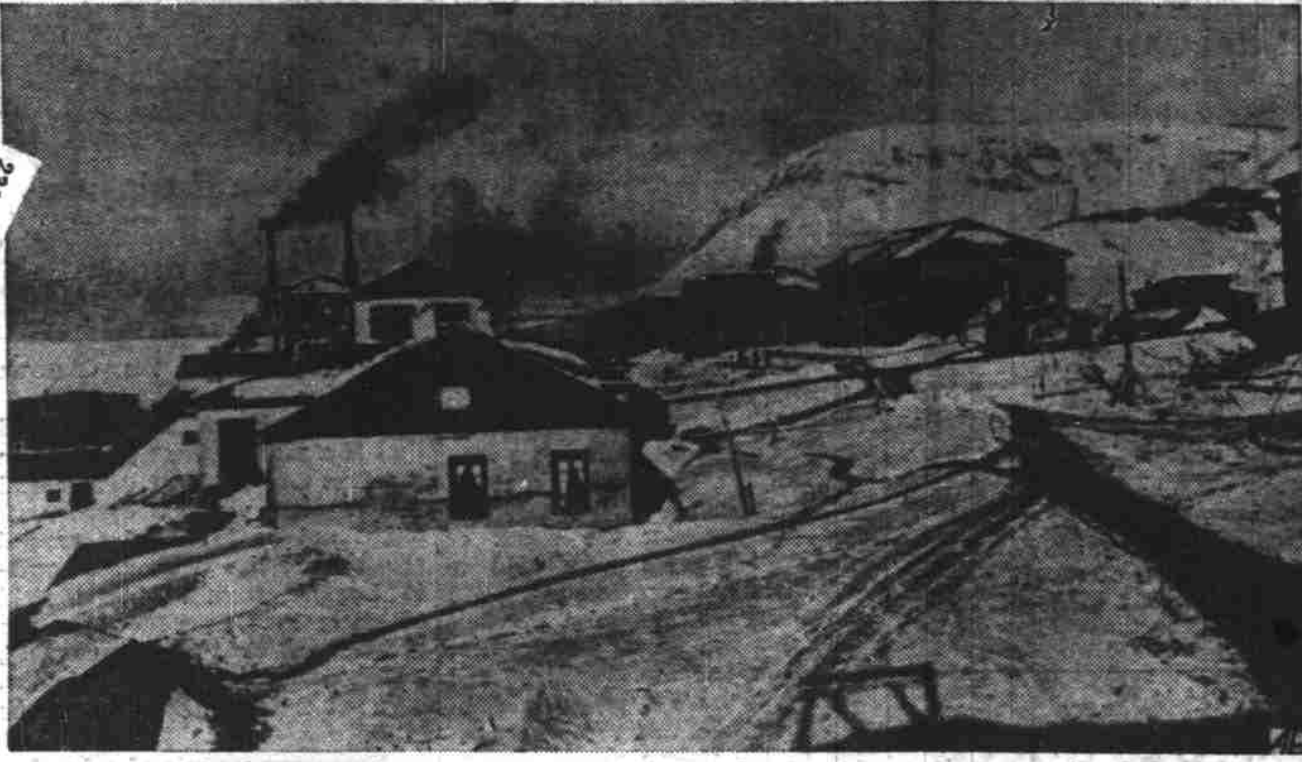
Drenching rain, beginning shortly after 1 a. m. Wednesday morning, pelted down steadily until 5:45 a. m., then showering intermittently throughout the morning, brought Salem's total rainfall for the month to 1.65 inches.

For the day the amount measured at the airport weather bureau was .34 inches.

On the Air For Defense

F. Ross Coleman, civil defense chairman for the St. Paul area, is scheduled to be speaker on the Marion County Civil Defense council's program at 9:15 o'clock tonight over KSLM. Coleman is to tell of civil defense activities in his area.

Where Allies Beat the Germans to It



This is a general view (above) of coal mines in the Soviet concession at Barentsburg on the Norwegian archipelago of Spitzbergen. Canadian, British and Norwegian troops were disclosed to have made a spectacular raid on Spitzbergen to seize the valuable coal mines to prevent Germany from getting them. London disclosed the troops had occupied the Norwegian archipelago of Spitzbergen after a dash from Great Britain (arrow) aboard a warship-escorted troopship. Occupation was accomplished without opposition. German, allied and occupied territory is indicated by cross-hatched area.

Wheeler May Get Use of Auditorium

PORTLAND, Sept. 10-(P)-Senator Burton K. Wheeler, denied use of the Civic auditorium Tuesday night by the city council, still may get to use it for an America First committee speech.

Mayor Earl Riley said Wednesday the refusal Tuesday night, like the request, was all a mistake.

Dellmore Lessard, chairman of the Oregon division, America First committee, made the request at a council budget meeting, during which the council could take no formal action. The mayor suggested that Lessard file a formal petition in the usual manner and said the council would then consider it.

The date of Wheeler's speech here has not been disclosed.

Budapest Cut From Berlin By Phone

BERLIN, Sept. 11-(Thursday)-(P)-Budapest, capital of Hungary, was cut off by telephone from Berlin early today.

Operators declared the morning newspapers in the Hungarian capital, continually mangled. "Won't answer" and it was also claimed that the American legation did not answer calls.

German authorized sources said they knew of no startling political developments in Hungary.

The Associated Press bureau in Bern, Switzerland, also was unable to contact correspondents in Budapest and representatives of the Havas News agency and of the New York Times had their connections severed while dictating stories relating to Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy, of Hungary.

Bus Franchise Issue in Air

Would-Be Operator Rejects Outlined Plans of Council

Salem's city bus franchise issue, an open question before the municipal council and the general public for several weeks, faced a new barrier to rapid settlement Wednesday night, members of the council's utilities commission said.

Declaring he has "no alternative but to reject it in its present form," Ralph Raven, would-be operator of a fleet of new buses in the capital city, has written Frank Marshall, the committee's chairman, his criticisms of the ordinance presented at last week's council session. An earlier ordinance, presented by Raven's attorney, was refused by the council.

"As proposed, this ordinance ties the hands of the operator to such an extent that it takes away all necessary flexibility and makes it impossible to operate a profitable transportation system in your city," Raven's letter maintains.

Most objectionable points in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

US Engineers Survey North Santiam Site

DETROIT, Ore., Sept. 10-(P)-Ten army engineers worked in this area Wednesday, making surveys for the proposed North Santiam dam, part of the Willamette valley project.

Congress last month enacted a flood control authorization bill in which \$11,000,000 was provided for the Willamette valley project. President Roosevelt made plain when the bill reached him that only those projects important to national defense would be undertaken. No funds have yet been appropriated to cover the authorization.

Wednesday's appearance of army engineers at the Detroit dam site may bear out the prediction of Sen. Charles L. McNary expressed here in mid-summer that this unit of the valley project was likely to be started to bolster the coast's electric power supply.

Envoy Faces Ouster

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 10-(P)-Expulsion of German Ambassador Edmund Von Terhmann was recommended Wednesday by Argentina's congressional "Dias committee" on the grounds that he had "overstepped his functions and abused his diplomatic privileges."

President Expected To Order Axis Ships Sunk On Sight in Atlantic

Defense Units Move to Speed War Contracts

Navy Work to Spread; Priorities Board Set for Planning Survey

WASHINGTON, DC, Sept. 10-(P)-Acting Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal Wednesday issued orders designed to further spread naval defense contracts just as widely as possible, limited only by the paramount consideration of expediting national defense and by existing laws.

The orders issued specifically aim for a greater degree of subcontracting; a greater subdividing of original purchases, and the assisting in the conversion of industrial plants engaged in producing normal civilian use products to render them capable of turning out articles needed vitally in national defense.

The order directs the formation of the naval contracts distribution division in the office of the under secretary of the navy. The new division is directed to formulate policies and procedure subject to the approval of the under secretary of the navy and to take all other necessary steps essential to carry out the navy's part in attaining the objectives of the president's executive order of September 4 designed to help communities and employees whose industries are threatened by shutdown or dislocation by withdrawal of raw products needed for manufacturing in defense fields.

The supply priorities and allocations board instructed its executive director, Donald M. Nelson, Wednesday night to work out a complete schedule of the nation's military and civilian requirements in an effort to solve the problems of shortages of materials and of expansion of production facilities.

The board announced the action, which it termed a detailed (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Police Seek Gunman From Oregon City

City and state police in the Salem area joined in a search for a man who allegedly shot and seriously wounded John J. McPierman in Oregon City about 11 p. m. Wednesday night.

McPierman was reported in serious condition in the Oregon City hospital.

Described as about 30 years of age, five feet seven inches in height, smooth-shaven, wearing glasses and well-dressed, the object of the search was supposed to have left on an SP freight train for Salem.

Search of the train here revealed two men who said a man answering the description of the gunman had stepped on them as he hurriedly left the train at Woodburn. State police continued the search in that vicinity.

All Networks To Broadcast FDR's Speech

NEW YORK, Sept. 10-(P)-The full complement of network stations, together with all available short wave units, will make President Roosevelt's broadcast from the White House Thursday night another worldwide transmission. He is scheduled to speak at 6 o'clock PST via NBC, CBS and MBS. In addition to direct short wave transmission, there will be translations in various languages.

At 8:05 NBC-blue will broadcast reaction and comment, including pickups from London and Buenos Aires, with a similar program listed for CBS at 7:30.

Germans Crack Down on Oslo

Norwegian Capital Is Under State of Siege, Is Report

OSLO, German-occupied Norway, Sept. 10-(P)-Steel-helmeted police patrolled the streets of Oslo Wednesday night as a state of civil siege decreed by Joseph Terboven, the German commissioner for Norway, was imposed on this occupied capital and its environs.

Sweeping regulations which went into effect at 5 a. m., applied to Oslo and the Aker police district, including the localities of Aker and Berum.

A stringent curfew barred Norwegians from the streets between 8 p. m. and 5 a. m., forbade the sale of alcohol, forbidden dancing, shut down movies and theaters.

The decree compelled Norwegians in Oslo, Aker and Berum to surrender their radio sets immediately, ordered all communications suspended nightly at 7:30 and restaurants closed at 7 o'clock, and prohibited gatherings in public places or the streets.

Authorities said no disorders were reported and that all was quiet in the city. Terboven's decree warned that any resistance would be crushed with weapons and that violators would face military trial.

The Oslo newspaper Aftenposten said the state of siege was imposed because of "irresponsible elements working among the people."

The newspaper Frittfolk said "friends of England" had brought the order down on all classes and the Morgenbladet said the edict would stop "sub (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Pre-Campaign Chest Group Gets \$1600

Pledges obtained by the Salem Community Chest pre-campaign committee in its second day of canvassing Wednesday amounted to \$1600, the committee announced. This brought the total up to \$4800.

The large givers are responding very well to the committee's plea to increase their pledges so that the \$50,000 goal may be reached," reported Chairman Carl Hogg of the pre-campaign committee. The response encourages collectors to believe that the goal will be attained.

Pledges of \$100 or over reported on Wednesday included: \$200-Salem Laundry company.

- \$160-H. L. Stiff Furniture company. \$150-Statesman Publishing company. \$125-R. L. Elstrom company. \$120-Capital Journal. \$110-Kelth Brown Building Supply, Koff Electric company. \$100-Allen's Hardware company, Clough-Barrick company, Hamilton Furniture company, Unruh-Knapp Printing company. The general campaign committee will meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the YMCA building.

Increases Time For Speech on Capital Return

Nation, World Looks for Strong Statement Over Recent Sinkings

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10-(AP)-Word that the SS Sessa was torpedoed and shelled without warning at night and sank in two minutes was issued Wednesday by the state department while President Roosevelt nearly doubled the length of the important address he has scheduled for Thursday night.

Washington, the country and the capitals of the world looked forward expectantly and impatiently to the address as an expression of American reaction and policy at a grim moment, with relations between the United States and the axis nations strained as they seldom have been before.

The address will follow closely upon the sinking of the Sessa, 300 miles this side of Iceland, the bombing and sinking of the SS Steel Sealander in the Red sea and last week's attack upon the destroyer Greer, near Iceland, by a German submarine.

Most observers looked for a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Salem Flier Settles on City Lake

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 10-(P)-A light cabin monoplane, equipped with pontoons, settled down to a perfect landing on downtown Lake Merritt Wednesday, while spectators rubbed their eyes in astonishment.

It was the first time in many years an airplane had landed on the lake, which is used chiefly for pleasure boating.

The fliers were H. C. Gammell, 32, of Olympia, Wash., and William R. Fatten, 28, of Salem, Ore., both radio technicians for the state highway departments in their respective states.

After nonchalantly making their plane fast to a lamp post, they sauntered to a nearby hotel to attend the annual convention of the Association of Police Communication officers.

Gammell explained the lake was the only available landing place for a small seaplane, since high waves and wind made mooring difficult at the San Francisco coast guard airport or the Oakland airport channel.

US Estimates 'War' Losses

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10-(P)-The war department estimated Wednesday night that there would be 238 deaths and 70,000 other casualties among approximately 752,000 troops who will take part in the record peacetime field maneuvers in September and October.

The department said, however, that the accident and death rates would be considerably lower than for a corresponding number of civilian persons during the same period of time. The estimates were prepared by the surgeon general of the army and include the anticipated casualties for both the ground and air forces.

Details of Polk-Benton Cantonment Are Revealed

ALBANY, Sept. 10-(Special)-Definite facts about the proposed Polk-Benton county army cantonment were revealed here today by Capt. T. E. Dittebrandt, constructing quartermaster in charge of planning, at the Albany college campus engineering headquarters.

Capt. Dittebrandt's statement followed announcement from Washington, DC, Tuesday of the award of an engineering and architectural contract for the construction covering work on which John Cunningham and Associates and Lawrence and Allyn, Portland firms, have

been engaged during the past two months. According to Capt. Dittebrandt, the following may be said at this time concerning the cantonment: A bundle of plans showing details of the about 1900 buildings which will be constructed, if and when, make up a package weighing 130 pounds. A complete city is planned, with stores, theatres, hospitals, shops, service stations, living-quarters, bakeries, a water plant, and sewage disposal plant.

The camp will occupy a strip of land about 18 miles long beginning about two miles south of Monmouth and extending to

about 2 1/2 miles south of Wells on the West Side Pacific highway. Boundaries still are indefinite but the area will include about 40,000 acres of land, under present estimates. Not more than 25 per cent of the area will consist of good land. Care will be used in selection and as much valuable land, cemeteries and such places as possible will be eliminated. Much of the land considered is of little use except for military purposes.

An attractive structure is planned to house the camp's water pumping machinery, filter and

storage tanks near the Willamette river about two miles above Albany. The camp bakeries will have a capacity of 45,000 loaves of bread. If gas is used for the ovens, a six inch pipe line will have to be laid from Newberg. A four inch line now serves the valley. Above 50 barracks buildings, each 16 or more men, are in the plans. Modern lighting and heating will be provided. Concrete foundations will be laid for all buildings. Buildings

will be of five to 20 year construction. Construction of the camp, when authorized, will take about four months and give employment to about 6000 workmen. The workmen will be housed in trailers, tents or what other means they may find. The camp headquarters buildings will be erected at Wells, 5 1/2 miles in an airline from Albany and nine miles north of Corvallis. Relocation of both the West Side Pacific highway and the west side line of the Southern Pacific railway are possibilities.