

**Weather**  
Partly cloudy today and Monday with occasional light rain today. Max. temperature Saturday 70, Min. 45. Northwest wind. River -2.9 feet. Partly cloudy. No rain.

## Star of Oregon Launched With Liberty Fleets

### Portland Built Vessel One Of 14; Governor Tells of Defense Effort; FDR Talks

PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The liberty ship "Star of Oregon" slid down ways of the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation's plant Saturday, one of 14 vessels launched throughout the nation in observance of "liberty fleet day." The Star of Oregon, its keel laid May 19, just 100 years after the first ship of that name was built here, was christened by Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, wife of Oregon's governor. President Roosevelt's brief message was rebroadcast.

## Strike Closes Steel Mills

### Giant Alabama Plants With 19,000 Workers Guarded by Troops

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 27.—(AP)—The giant steel mills of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company were closed Saturday night by a strike of members of the steel workers organizing committee (CIO). Approximately 19,000 men are employed in manufacturing units at Fairfield, Bessemer and Ensley, all in this district.

The walkout followed an unsuccessful last minute effort to postpone the general strike until Sunday night. The SWOC voted the immediate walkout by acclamation a few minutes after Governor Frank M. Dixon refused a union demand that state guard units be withdrawn. TCI, with eight blast furnaces and 18 open hearths, was producing more than 200,000 tons of steel ingots pre month, most of which was going into defense industries. Tonight's walkout followed (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

## Yacht Blast Kills Three, Hurts Seven

GEORGETOWN, Md., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and seven injured early Saturday night when an explosion ripped the 80-foot cruiser Koonyung as it lay docked in the Sassafras river.

Paul E. Helms, Chester, Pa., identified the dead as: Miss Mary Fanocest, 40, sister of Dr. Charles Fanocest, Philadelphia, who owned the yacht. Dr. Dorothy Childs, 50, Philadelphia. Mrs. Dorothy Berk Holms, 40, Helms' wife. Mrs. Helms died of internal injuries at the Chestertown hospital, where all the injured were taken. Miss Fanocest and Dr. Childs were drowned.

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## New WU President Prepares for Classes

Willamette university's campus was new to many students arriving in Salem the past few days, but new to nearly all are the residents of University house, President and Mrs. Carl Sumner Knopf. So unassumingly did the genial couple arrive that few knew of their presence. These friends of long-standing of Bishop and Mrs. Bruce E. Baxter, their predecessors here, were encouraged in their choice of coming to Willamette by the appearance Salem had given them as a town of homes and community spirit as well as by the desire to help administrate a small university, with the ideals of religion and democracy. To start from the bottom is

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The spanking new vessel began her career auspiciously, slipping into the gritty waters of the Willamette river without mishap. Shipyard men called it a perfect launching. Twenty seconds after restraining steel plates were cut by torch, the Star touched water for the first time and in 38 seconds she floated free. Fears that she might gather too much speed and hit docks on the opposite of the relatively narrow river proved groundless. Big concrete drags and a "barn door" abeam the propeller braked the 441-foot craft after she had coasted a scant two lengths into the river. Factory whistles through the surrounding industrial district shrieked, automobile horns blasted, an estimated 30,000 spectators cheered as the first large vessel launched in Oregon since the first world war took to her element. Two tugs quickly maneuvered and nosed her into a special slip where she will be completed. She rode high, drawing a scant 7 feet. When her reciprocating engine is installed, her superstructure completed and her holds full of cargo she will draw 27. Her cargo tonnage will be 9146.

The Star's keel was laid last May 19, her building requiring a little more than four months. She is a single-screw freighter with five holds and two decks. Oregon shipbuilding officials estimated a second ship would be launched in considerably less than a month. America has "chosen sides" in the current world struggle, Gov. Charles A. Sprague told the thousands of people assembled today at Swan Island to witness the launching of the "Star of Oregon." Recalling that the first "Star of Oregon," an Oregon white oak, red fir and cedar vessel 53 feet long, was launched 100 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Vitt Resigns From Beavers

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Peppery Oscar Vitt, who dropped from major to minor league baseball after managing Cleveland to within a game of the pennant last year, has resigned his job as skipper of the Portland club. Vitt said he had severed connections with the Coast league team, which finished in a last place tie with Los Angeles, because "it seemed like a hopeless proposition. We struggled through the last season with 17 useful players and the club owner, E. J. Scheffer, did not seem willing to invest in new players to the extent I thought necessary to produce a winner. We parted on amicable terms."

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## Your Dollars? See Answer on Feature Page

Where do your Salem Community Chest dollars go? The answer to that question to be asked this week as the city's 1941 Chest campaign opens, is given in a special story on The Statesman Feature page, section two, page six. Also, look on that page for other interesting features: "Wise or Otherwise," Elhan Gram's entertaining column; Lillie L. Madsen's expert advice on gardening; odd items from an old newspaper, reported from Scio, and the details of New York's sensational Nazi spy trial.

## Salem Chest Drive Is Set

### Annual Campaign to Open Tuesday; Gov. Sprague at Kickoff

With a nest egg of \$11,800 to lend encouragement the Salem Community Chest campaign will open on Tuesday at 7:45 a. m. breakfast at the Marion hotel. The pre-campaign committee's solicitation of larger gifts has been so successful that workers are hopeful of reaching the \$50,000 goal this year and winding up the campaign within a shorter time that usual.

At the kickoff breakfast Gov. Charles A. Sprague will be the principal speaker. Musical portion of the program is being arranged by Ray Stumbe, Irl S. McSherry, campaign chairman, will preside. Pledges in excess of \$100 reported since the last previous meeting of the pre-campaign committee included: \$1200 — Ledt & Bush branch of United States National bank. \$500 — Portland General Electric Co.; Oregon Pulp & Paper Co. \$100 — Spaulding Logging Co., Price Shoe Co., Johnson's Ladies' Ready to Wear, Gevurts Furniture Co., General Finance Co., Keith Powell, E. K. Page and family, Mrs. W. W. Moore, Dr. W. W. Baum, Mrs. Donna Aldrich.

## Italian Ship Losses Mount

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Sept. 27.—(AP)—September was Italy's blackest month at sea since the battle of Cape Matapan last March, with 29 troop and supply ships sunk, 30 others damaged badly, and the flow of axis reinforcements across the Mediterranean to North Africa, curtailed sharply, a compilation of British war bulletins showed Saturday night.

## Chevrolet Price Hiked

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Chevrolet division of General Motors announced Saturday night a flat price advance of \$87 on the 1942 models of its master and a special series which were shown Saturday. The increase is approximately 10 per cent.

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## Officials Named By GOP Club

### Salem Woman Is Secretary; Mott Lauded, Martin

ROSEBURG, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The Oregon Republican club Saturday elected Robert F. Fischer, Eugene topographer, president, the first union man to be named head of the organization. Barbara Benson, Salem, was elected secretary; Dr. C. K. Chapman, Oregon City, treasurer; Howard Waddell, Roseburg, sergeant-at-arms.

Vice-president, selected by congressional districts, were Robert Mulvey, Oregon City, district 1; John Scofield, Portland, district 3; Harry Pinniger, Roseburg, district 4. District 2 had insufficient representation for an election. The executive committee will select a site for next year's convention.

The resolutions committee proposed that the republican party "resume its rightful position and positive, vigorous leadership so that, by all constitutional means all the resources of our nation be employed promptly and effectively: (1) To re-establish freedom of the seas; (2) to protect and defend our country and to support all constitutional national effort to overcome military aggression that now menaces the fundamental rights of free people."

Re-election of Mott and Representative Homer D. Angell was urged by Joseph W. Martin, national republican chairman, who said, "they have done splendid work for the state of Oregon and they should have the full support of republicans." "No man has done more for national defense than Jim Mott," Martin added.

## Duke Greet Old Friends In Midwest

ST. PAUL, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor, enroute to his ranch near Calgary, Alberta, greeted an old friend, Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul, widow of the former secretary of state and ambassador to England, on his arrival here Saturday night.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor had three hours between trains here when they came from Chicago. They were met at the depot by Lieut. Governor and Mrs. C. Elmer Anderson and Mrs. John McDonough of St. Paul, and taken by automobile along a mile and a half route through crowd-lined streets to the state capitol. At the capitol, the duke and duchess changed automobiles. Learning that Mrs. Kellogg was in a nearby car, the duke walked over to greet her. He chatted for several minutes before rejoining his party and leaving for an informal dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniels near St. Paul.

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## Hat in Ring



PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman, announced Saturday night he would seek his party's nomination for governor in next May's primary election. Former speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, the Portland lawyer announced his intent at a gathering advertised as a draft-Latourette meeting. He will be nominated by petition, and Latourette-for-governor committees organized in each county.

## Radio Tuners Meted Death

### German Sentence Two for Listening; Executions Reported

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Two residents of Germany were sentenced to death Saturday for listening to foreign broadcasts and 22 more persons in German-controlled territory were reported executed for other offenses. "Despite all warnings," said DNE, official news agency, of the two death sentences, "various countrymen still allow themselves to be misled into listening to untrue foreign reports and spreading them."

"They thereby permit themselves to be misled as the cheap tool of enemy agitation, cripple their own powers resistance and stab the national community in the back by treasonable support of the enemy."

At the same time execution of 20 persons of unnamed nationality was announced in Belgian newspapers. (Dispatches from Paris also said German authorities there announced the firing squad deaths of two more Frenchmen, bringing to 37 the hostages and others who have been shot by Germans in France.)

The so-called anti-communist court in Bordeaux also sentenced 14 residents of Avignon to prison terms ranging up to 15 years and life on charges of furthering communist party propaganda. In some cases fines were added. The two death sentences announced in Berlin were the first known instances of the extreme penalty being applied for tuning in on foreign stations.

## New Bids Seen For Oregon's Camp Lands

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Rep. Pierce (D-Ore) learned Saturday that the war department planned to readvertise bids for abstracting title to lands it wants in Folk and Benton counties, Ore., for future army expansion. Pierce reported dissatisfaction with the abstracting work and upon investigation found that the bids had not been properly advertised. He called it to the attention of the war department and the decision to readvertise was announced. The date was not set.

## Plaque Affire Reported In Monmouth District

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## Late Sports

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## Nazis Claim Big Victory in Kiev Area; Reds Deny

### Tell of Annihilating Five Russ Divisions; Leningrad Fights on, Soviet Asserts

The first anniversary of the German-Japanese-Italian tripartite pact was marked Saturday by German announcement that five soviet armies had been annihilated east of Kiev in an "unparalleled" victory; Japanese claims to capture of Changsha, stubborn capital of the Chinese province of Hunan; and Italian decision to ration bread, raise taxes and weed out lukewarm fascists.

The gigantic German claims overshadowed all others, official nazis heralding this as the turning point of the entire continent-wide conflict which has been in progress for 14 weeks. The red army told of successes on a more modest scale on the central front and before Leningrad, which a Russian spokesman said never would be taken no matter how many tens of thousands of Germans fell there.

London saw increasing indications that British forces were moving to help defend the Caucasus in the south. Official Berlin sources, however, contended British and American help for Russia already was too late because the soviet union had been all but knocked out, basing their assertions on this special communique from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters: "The big battle near Kiev is finished. In a two-sided encirclement of a tremendous region we succeeded in uprooting the Dnieper defense, destroying five soviet armies without permitting even small units to escape the encirclement."

"In the course of operations carried out with the closest collaboration of the army and air force, a total of 665,000 prisoners were taken, 884 tanks, 3718 pieces of artillery, and unsurveyed quantities of other war material were captured or destroyed. "The opponents' bloody losses again were very high. "Thus a victory was won which is unparalleled in history. The exploitation of these successes is in full swing."

The German radio blared forth the communique with a flourish of trumpets, and the press rolled out its blackest headlines. The German public listened and read with stolid faces. Informed Germans said the invasion had reached to the source of the Volga river, 200 miles southeast of Leningrad.

A Russian communique reported more than 4000 enemy soldiers slain on the approaches to beleaguered Leningrad, with 66 planes and 34 tanks captured or destroyed, as well as local successes on the central front, scene of repeated Russian counterattacks. Authoritative military quarters (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

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## Russ Ambassador Accepts British Tank

Ivan M. Malok, Russian ambassador to England, addressed the workers at a British tank factory as the first British-made tank for Russia (background) rolled off the assembly line. This photo was sent from London to New York via radio, wired to Chicago and airmailed to The Statesman.

## Bloc Set On Battle Over Act

### Opponents of US Foreign Policy To Resist Change

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Opponents of administration foreign policy were organizing Saturday for a fight against revision of the neutrality act, and Senator La Follette (Prog-Wis) made it clear that opposition senators would resist any changes. President Roosevelt is expected to confer with his congressional lieutenants Monday and to decide then what recommendations to make in a formal message to congress later in the week.

"I am opposed to either repeal or modification of the neutrality act," La Follette told reporters. "Either proposal would be another step toward actual participation in the war. Therefore, either would be violative of the pledges President Roosevelt made in the 1940 campaign."

Saying that the administration had not yet given a clear-cut outline of what changes were wanted in the neutrality act, La Follette added that "apparently they are trying to decide whether to bury it completely or to leave a skeleton hanging up."

Another administration opponent, Senator Johnson (R-Calif.), will return here early next week and, other senators said, is expected to call a meeting of the "non-interventionist bloc" immediately after Mr. Roosevelt announces his recommendations. Johnson is ranking minority member of the senate foreign relations committee and has been in the forefront of the congressional battles against Mr. Roosevelt's international policies.

The present neutrality law, enacted in 1939, forbids the arming of American merchant ships and prevents them from entering belligerent ports or combat areas fixed by the president. In addition, it prohibits Americans from traveling on the vessels of belligerent nations.

## Ceiling Near On Payments By Employers

Two days and \$160,500 to go was the score Saturday night in the race of Oregon employers to reach the "ceiling" in state unemployment compensation funds. Payments received in the compensation commission's office during the past week totaled approximately \$250,000 to bring the fund to \$14,212,500, according to Ellis H. Jones, informational representative of the commission.

If the fund has mounted through employer payments to \$14,373,000 when books are closed September 30, the tax structure will be frozen at 2.7 per cent. The tax structure would be frozen purely so far as penalty payments might be concerned; employers could still, under the merit-rating system, cut their payments as low as 1 per cent, Jones said Saturday night.

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