

Stateman subscribers outside of Salem read the capital city's morning newspaper because it brings them fresh news of the folk in their home community, as well as worldwide reports.

Cloudy today and Saturday, probably with occasional light rain. Max. temperature Thursday 63, Min. 44. River 1.6 ft. Northwest wind. Cloudy.

Nazis To Abandon Sieges

Start Shifting Armies South to Caucasus Area

The Germans appeared Thursday night to have about given up for the foreseeable future their efforts to take Moscow and Leningrad and there were plausible suggestions that Hitler now was preparing to turn the main force of his northern and central armies southward soon to join his already immense southern columns in a great struggle for the Caucasus and the Crimea.

First, there was a report by British informants that most of the German aerial squadrons were being withdrawn from both the Moscow and Leningrad fronts, some being sent directly to the south and others going back to Germany for refitting and re-organization of pilot personnel.

This substantial concession of failure for the Leningrad and Moscow offensives — so London described it and so, indeed, it seemed to be on the basis of the available information — was (Turn to Page 3, Col. 3)

Civil Defense Units to Join Parade on 11th

Civilian defense reserves of Salem are to join in the capital city's Armistice day parade at invitation of sponsoring ex-service groups, County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley said Thursday night.

The police section is to include city police reserves headed by E. C. Charlton, the rifle corps from the Hunters and Anglers club as part of the county defense organization and, it is hoped, the sheriff's posse, according to Conley. The Women's Ambulance corps and Motor corps; air raid protection wardens headed in the county by Homer Smith, Jr., in the city by J. H. Davis; the Boy Scouts; communications reserves headed by Wayne Perdue; demolition workers under chairmanship of C. W. Hill; medical disaster relief committee, headed by Dr. Ralph Purvine, with a representation from the Red Cross are among the groups expected to participate. All registrants for civil reserves who have been assigned to any branch are invited to join the civilian defense section of the parade, Conley said, urging that such persons gather at Marion square at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Chest Total Pledges now Above 1940

The total of pledges in the current Salem Community Chest fund campaign now exceeds the final 1940 total. Additional pledges reported by the re-solicitation committee at its Thursday luncheon amounted to \$883, bringing the total up to \$45,969.38 as compared to \$45,835, the final figure in last year's campaign.

George Alexander reported that the government and education division which he heads, is now within \$400 of its quota. A \$50 subscription by United Air Lines which is not yet operating out of Salem, was one of the notable additions to the fund reported Thursday.

Willamette's 20th Annual Homecoming Starts Today

Homecoming, reinforced this year by special occasions, is expected to draw extra numbers of Willamette university alumni back to the campus today and Saturday, after freshmen rake leaves at 4 o'clock this morning to officially begin the weekend. Dick Stacer, Seattle junior, is manager. Not only is this the school's centennial year, but it is the 20th annual Homecoming, augmented by a new president. No classes are to be held this afternoon. Chresto cottage will be open for alumni and visitors, who are urged to register

Speeds Here



SABURO KURUSU

Japs on Edge In US Crisis

Special Envoy to Seek Accord; Burma Road Is Threatened Next

TOKYO, Nov. 6-(AP)—Japan's patience has "reached the point of exhaustion" and her army may strike next at the Burma road to cut off American supplies to China unless the United States comes to terms with her special envoy, Saburo Kurusu, the foreign office organ, Japan Times and Advertiser, declared Thursday night.

"There is always the possibility, even the probability of a direct march on the Burma road," the editorial said, "to force America to abandon what is tantamount to direct military operations against Japan at the expense of the American people."

Kurusu's trip by plane across the Pacific was described as "a last opportunity (for the United States) to make amends for aggression and restore the occasion for an amicable settlement."

Salem Flier US Bomber Crash Victim

Lieut. Harold C. Jepsen, killed in a bomber crash near Augusta, Ga., Thursday, was a Salem resident until about two years ago. He had been with the U. S. army air corps.

Jepsen learned to fly at the Salem airport and had expressed an ambition to pilot an army bomber into the field here. He last visited here two months ago on his way to Pendleton, where his squadron was assigned.

Known as a singer, Jepsen once had charge of the Mickey Mouse program at the Elsinore theater. He was a graduate of Salem high school and a member of Cheleketa chapter, Order of DeMolay. Jepsen was a brother of Dalbert Jepsen, violinist, now in California, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jepsen.

Lt. Wilmer E. McDowell, friend of Jepsen and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McDowell of Salem, is bringing the body here by train, a telegram to his parents said Thursday night.

Blazing Tram Hurts 10

CLEVELAND, Nov. 6-(AP)—Ten panic-stricken persons were injured Thursday and 14 others were shaken while jumping or attempting to escape from a blazing Detroit avenue street car that ran wild for four blocks in suburban Lakewood.

Arms Bill Vote Seen By Night

Opposition Bloc Abandons To Filibuster

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6-(AP)—Leaders of the opposition bloc opposing neutrality revision held a strategy session late Thursday, decided to abandon any idea of filibustering against the pending legislation and reported they might consent to a final senate vote by nightfall Friday.

Attending the conference were Senators Wheeler (D-Mont), LaFollette (Prog-Wis), Nye (R-ND), Clark (D-Mo) and Bilbo (D-Miss). Wheeler, spokesman for the group, told reporters:

"There is no disposition to delay this bill. Some of our fellows would like to put the vote over until Monday, but we may be able to reach an agreement for a final vote Friday."

Wheeler said administration leaders could not count on more than 49 votes—a majority of one—for the legislation which would repeal the neutrality law's prohibitions against arming of American merchant ships, and against their travel to belligerent ports and combat zones. Democratic Leader Barkley told newsmen that the administration had 53 "sure" votes for the bill provided all senators were present. He added that absentees in the administration group would be paired in favor of the legislation.

Barkley announced on the floor that he would seek to work out Friday morning a unanimous consent agreement which would insure a senate vote by nightfall. Nye remarked that he would like to speak an hour before any agreement took effect, and Barkley replied that he could have the first hour of tomorrow's session.

Before the opposition strategy meeting, Nye had told reporters he would be willing "to participate in talk-fest that would last indefinitely" if that would force the administration to eliminate the provision permitting American merchant ships to sail to belligerent ports.

Nye said later, however, that the opposition might have a better chance if it obtained a substantial senate vote and counted on the house to defeat that provision which was added to house-approved legislation by the senate foreign relations committee.

It was reported, reliably, meanwhile, that house leaders had agreed that if the senate passed the neutrality revision legislation, a vote in the house would be delayed until Wednesday—the day after armistice day. Thursday's senate debate found Senator Wheeler denouncing the legislation, Senator Hill (D-Ala.) upholding it, and Senator Brewster (R-ME.) saying he would support arming of cargo ships, but was opposed to permitting them to enter combat zones or belligerent ports.

In his address, Wheeler charged that American naval vessels were sent into the North Atlantic in bad repair, because available repair facilities had been devoted (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

Labor Leaders Are Convicted

NEW YORK, Nov. 6-(AP)—Labor Leaders George E. Browne and William Bluff were speedily convicted of extortion tonight by a federal jury in a verdict which the court said "will let a lot of fresh air into union halls throughout the country."

The jury deliberated just two hours in closing a spectacular four-week trial that brought Hollywood's top executives to the witness chair. The maximum penalty possible is 30 years imprisonment and a \$30,000 fine for each.

Bomber Wreckage in Trees



Part of a wing and motor support of the four-motored army bomber that broke apart in mid-air near Georgetown, Calif., lodged in the trees. Forest Guard H. Phelps looks at the wreckage. Eight men parachuted to safety. The body of Pilot Lt. M. H. Walker was found in the wreckage of the cockpit.

Ship Welders Return; Others Plan Strikes

American Can Walkout Called Off as GMC Group Lays Down Tools; Rail Unions Defer Decision on Threat; Knox Urges Truce

SEATTLE, Nov. 6-(AP)—All but 50 of 1700 striking Seattle welders returned to their jobs in shipyards and machine shops Thursday under an Office of Production Management peace formula.

The striking welders voted to return Thursday morning after hearing a recording of a telephone report by Dave Basor, their strike leader, from Washington, D.C. They had refused to vote to return to work last night because of doubts expressed over the authenticity of a telegram from Basor.

Murder Trial Continues

State Rests, Defense Calls Witnesses in Dallas Procedure

DALLAS, Nov. 5 — The state rested its case Thursday afternoon and the defense put on its first witnesses immediately following in the first degree murder trial of Dewey George Jackson here.

The trial of Jackson for the alleged shooting to death of Joe McCoy, Grand Ronde Indian, is the first murder case in Polk county for over a decade. Jackson is charged with the death of McCoy following an argument over the attention assertedly paid by the latter to the former's wife. McCoy was shot through the neck and killed instantly with a rifle on the porch of the Jackson home the night of September 3, according to the coroner's office. Sheriff T. B. Hooker was called to the scene by friends at Jackson's request. Jackson reportedly admitted the shooting to officers at that time.

Ten state witnesses were called and examined Wednesday. Edward J. Hines, county engineer; Tony Neufeldt, deputy (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

No Bills Planned for Army Camps, Says Mott

CORVALLIS, Nov. 6-(AP)—There are no immediate plans to introduce a bill authorizing the Corvallis or any other army cantonment, Rep. James W. Mott (R-Ore.) has advised the chamber of commerce.

Finns Say War Efforts Near End; Stalin Hits Lack of Second Front

Lauds Aid Of Allies In Speech

Vows Red Army Will Destroy German Horde

LONDON, Nov. 6—Russia's setbacks at the hands of the German army were laid by Premier Joseph Stalin Thursday primarily to the fact that no second front had been opened in Europe by Great Britain—or the United States.

"What is the cause of the temporary lack of success of the red army?" Stalin inquired in a speech broadcast to the world by the Moscow radio. Then he said:

"One of the causes is definite lack of a second front in Europe against the German fascists.

"The matter is that at the present time on the European continent there are no armies of Great Britain or the United States conducting war against the German fascist armies.

"Therefore, the Germans need not divide their forces to conduct a war on two fronts—the west and the east. This situation enables the Germans to send all their forces and the forces of their European allies to the east against (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Reds' Envoy



MAXIM LITVINOV

Litvinov Gets America Post

Noted Deposed Soviet Official Named New Red Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6-(AP)—Maxim Litvinov, who vainly demanded collective action against Germany in pre-Munich days, has been taken off the political shelf in Russia and will be sent to the United States as ambassador.

(Announcement of Litvinov's appointment was made in Kuibyshev, war-time Russian capital, Thursday together with announcement that Constantine Oumansky, the present ambassador, would join the management of Tass, official soviet news agency.)

The fiery former commissar for foreign affairs, who toppled from grace as Joseph Stalin turned his back on Britain and France to make his short-lived pact with Hitler, is expected to strive for increased United States aid for Russia.

Litvinov will succeed Constantine Oumansky in the soviet's most important post abroad. The latter is now in Russia and there has been speculation here for some time that he would not return. Relations between Oumansky and some American officials became strained during the period of Moscow-Berlin cooperation.

Now 65 years old, Litvinov has been a long-time advocate of what (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Navy Lists 100 Lost

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6-(AP)—The navy, still checking and re-checking the list of casualties and survivors on the torpedoed destroyer Reuben James, reported Thursday night that its records showed 100 officers and men were lost.

Will Wait For Peace Conclave

Deny Nazi Pact Or Offer of Red Terms for Truce

HELSINKI, Finland, Nov. 6—(AP)—"Military operations are drawing to a close as far as our country is concerned," the Finnish radio announced Thursday night.

"It is realized that our frontiers cannot finally be determined until the coming peace conference," the announcer added.

Earlier the Finnish news agency had issued a denial of reports abroad that Finland had been presented Russia's peace terms on August 18.

(US secretary of state said on November 3 that he had told Finnish Minister Hjalmar J. Procope that the United States had learned Russia was prepared to discuss peace with territorial compensation for Finland.)

The United States demanded Monday that Finland get out of the war beside Germany against Russia or forfeit American friendship.

Wednesday this drew from the newspaper Sanomat the observation that the United States was thus seeking to open the Murmansk railroad to British American supplies and release the Russian forces engaged by the Finns. The text of the radio announcement said:

"Military operations are drawing to a close as far as our country is concerned. "Even though war goes on (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

State Solon Hits Special Session Plan

State Senator Howard Belton, Clackamas county, in Salem Thursday, said he is opposed to a special session of the Oregon legislature to revise the tax setup unless there is definite assurance that the existing tax structure can be improved.

Belton said any proposed new tax program should be presented to the legislators prior to a call for a special legislative session.

Virtually all requests for a special session thus far have come from Multnomah county. Governor Charles A. Sprague has refused to comment on the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Nazi U-Boat Reported off Newfoundland



Canadian ships were reported to have attacked Nazi U-boats in Belle Isle Strait at the northern tip of Newfoundland. Also located are sites of submarine attacks on the United States destroyers Reuben James, Greer and Kearny and the navy tanker Sallustia.