

The of fishin' season opens Saturday. Turn to sports pages for information on conditions of streams, good spots, etc., compiled from data by the state game commission.

PORTLAND, April 16-(P) Harold Looper, Medford, working on Midway Island when the Japanese attacked, joined the navy Thursday to get another crack at them.

Japanese Force Seizes Coast Of 7th Large Isle

Landing on Rich Panay Aided By Aircraft; Enemy Artillery Fire Slashed by Corregidor

WASHINGTON, April 16-(AP)—The Japanese, driving to extend their control over the Philippines, landed in force Thursday on the island of Panay.

Protected by gunfire from warships and supported by aircraft, an invasion force of about 8000 men poured ashore from eight transports near Iloilo and Capiz, the war department announced in a late day communique.

Panay, fourth island of the archipelago with an area of 4448 square miles, also is one of the richest. Its capital, Iloilo, had a population before the war of more than 88,000, making it the fifth city of the Philippines, and one of the seven ports of entry for the commonwealth. Iloilo was, too, about the last important Philippine city not occupied.

With the assault on Panay the Japanese now have landed troops on seven of the major islands. Luzon, on which Manila is located and where the battle of Bataan was fought, was the first objective of the invasion. Others on which the enemy have established themselves are Mindoro and Masbate, immediately south of Luzon, Cebu, like Panay, one of the central group of islands, and Mindanao and Jolo in the south. On some of these, however, notably Mindanao, their control extends only to a limited coastal region.

The size of the defending force on Panay, composed of units of the Philippine army, was not disclosed but Lieut. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright reported that it was "in contact with the enemy." Details of the fighting were not available, he said.

Wainwright added that units of his command were keeping up their aggressive action on Mindanao, and had inflicted substantial losses on the Japanese near Digos, Moncayo, and Zamboanga. The department's communique said that anti-aircraft fire from Corregidor had hit an enemy bomber participating in continuing aerial bombardment of that fortress, and that the plane was rapidly losing altitude when last observed.

The big guns of Corregidor and other Manila bay island forts pounded enemy artillery positions in Bataan and on the Cavite shore of the bay. Wainwright reported, adding that the result was "a noticeable decrease in enemy artillery fire during the past 30 hours."

Auto Seizure Is Suggested

Senate Bill Proposes Pool of Cars for Vital Services

WASHINGTON, April 16-(P)—The government would be authorized to seize any private automobile on the land under a bill introduced Thursday by Senator Downey (D-Calif.).

Warning that there won't be enough rubber to keep anything like the present total of 30,000,000 automobiles operating, Downey called for action now to assure future transportation for war workers, for the mail and other services.

Some 10,000,000 cars should be removed from the roads and placed "in a vast pool to meet serious transportation crisis we can expect within a year or so," he said. Downey's bill would establish a \$5,000,000 fund for acquiring a government pool of automobiles, parts, tires and supplies. Persons who wished could donate their cars; others would be purchased or requisitioned. In the latter case, where a private owner was not satisfied with the price offered, he could take a 50 per cent payment and appeal to the court of claims.

Two-car families ought to turn their extra machines over to the government, Downey declared, and persons who live within two or three miles of their jobs should walk.

Wednesday's Weather: Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Thursday -1 foot. Max. temperature Wednesday, 71, min., 47.

Sabotage Protests New Chief Vichy-US Relations Strained

Sample of What RAF Raids Do



Sources in Vichy describe this picture as a view of wrecked buildings after the British air raid March 3 on the Renault motor plant near Paris. Since then the RAF has speeded the tempo of its assault over western Europe, keeping planes in the air almost constantly the past three days.

Fresh Troops Sent Into Lines as Japs Rush Burma Fight

Attempt to Cut China From India Before Monsoons; Shellfire Is Heavy; Allies Retreat Slightly

CHUNGKING, China, April 16-(P)—The Japanese were pouring fresh divisions which may total upward of 80,000 men into the Burma campaign Thursday night and expending ammunition on a vast scale in a massive attempt to complete the conquest of the Kipling country and shut China off from the United Nations before the May monsoon gives the nearly exhausted defenders relief.

In the last four days RAF reconnaissance planes have spotted 40 Japanese troopships off Bangkok, all presumably carrying reinforcements for the Burma battle, and there were some reports that these involved 5 1/2 divisions. (Earlier estimates have placed the strength of the Japanese force already in Burma at three divisions; thus if the 5 1/2 divisions estimate is correct the total force involved could approach 150,000.)

Already, in the middle of Sitlang river sector of the battlefield, one of the two held by parts of the Chinese 5th and 6th armies under US Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, the Japanese were throwing between 2000 and 3000 shells a day into the main Chinese positions, now established north of Thagaya, a Japanese-occupied town some 30 miles north of Toungou.

Although official spokesmen said the Chinese lines above Thagaya now were stabilized, largely due to the valor of a Chinese battalion commander who, although wounded, fought a successful delaying action against two enemy divisions, there were two distinct threats to the Chinese position on the Sitlang.

One was to the Chinese right flank and it was caused by the British withdrawals, under extreme pressure, in the Irrawaddy valley to the west. The other—on the left—was caused by the movement of two Japanese columns toward Lolkaw, capital of the Karenni tribal area and southern gate to the Shan states.

Lolkaw is some 80 miles north-east of Toungou. One column was moving up the Salween river from the southeast, the other had reached Yado, about halfway between Toungou and Lolkaw.

300 Legume Combines Promised Oregon

WASHINGTON, April 16-(P) Senator McNary (R-Ore) was informed by the agriculture adjustment agency of the agriculture department that 300 combines would be delivered to Oregon winter legume seed growers before harvest time.

RAF Swarms Over France

Non-Stop Offensive Is Carried On by Clouds Of Fighters, Bombers

LONDON, April 16-(P)—RAF planes by the hundreds swarmed across the channel Thursday to blast at Nazi-occupied France and carry on the British non-stop offensive in what appeared to be the greatest mass daylight sweep by either Britain or Germany in this war.

The air ministry disclosed that more than 400 fighters alone took part in the day's onslaught. In addition, bomb-carrying Hurricanes took part in two attacks, and in others clouds of fighters escorted American-made Boston (Douglas) bombers.

Six axis fighters were shot down and two British planes failed to return from the daylight forays, aimed at such targets as the power station and docks at the great port of Le Havre, the railway sidings and blackened piers of Dunkerque. In the channel a 200-ton German motor torpedo boat was raked by cannon and machine gun fire by a British pilot who dived until his plane almost touched the waves.

People on the Kentish coast said the roar of the British planes eclipsed that of the German air force at the height of the battle of Britain a year and a half ago, when Germany sent more than 500 fighters and bombers hurtling toward England in a single day.

Thursday night, on the third day of the RAF's own dawn-through-darkness onslaught, more strong formations of Spitfires crossed the water before dusk while many other squadrons were returning from the direction of Boulogne and Calais.

Members of his organization, in spite of tire rationing, he declared, are offering their cars, but others willing to do the same may contact any uniformed Cherrian at the capital building Sunday.

Blossom day festivities are to center at the capital, where a 3 p.m. band concert by an army band stationed in this area is to be held. The building is to be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with guided service for visitors. Truckloads of soldiers are to be brought in during those hours for that portion of the day's events.

Former Salem Resident Dies

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 16-(P)—A. M. Cannon, Portland, former referee in bankruptcy, died here Thursday night of injuries suffered Tuesday in an accident near Bingen, Wash., in which his sister, Mrs. Jenny Marvin, was killed.

Anderson M. Cannon, who died in Hood River Thursday night, was a former resident of Salem. His widow is a daughter of M. L. Jones, Salem.

Laval Takes Over Rule; Nazis Die, Train Wreck; Ambassador Has Hope

Official Policy Probably to Be Given Today

Welles Rejects Note Of Rejection Given By Henry-Haye

By WADE WERNER

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—The United States will not attempt to maintain normal diplomatic relations with a Vichy government dominated by Pierre Laval, an authoritative source disclosed Thursday night.

Whether this means merely the recall of Ambassador William D. Leahy or a complete rupture of diplomatic relations was not revealed. It was emphasized, however, that this government could not regard any cabinet headed by Laval as anything but a regime pledged to collaborate fully toward a German victory.

There has been no official announcement of United States policy toward the new Vichy government and there is not likely to be until tomorrow.

French Ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye, who called on Acting Secretary of State Welles to communicate his government's rejection of an American note described in Vichy Tuesday as insulting in tone, denied that he had received instructions to return to Vichy. He said he still hoped normal relations might be maintained, but admitted he

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Canvass Set To Sell Bonds

Administration Plans For Increase of Voluntary Buying

WASHINGTON, April 16-(P) Secretary Morgenthau informed congress Thursday that the treasury soon would start ringing door bells once a month to stimulate war bond purchases—and hinted broadly that the administration does not contemplate compulsory savings.

"We expect to go into every county and ring every door bell once a month," Morgenthau told the house ways and means committee a short time after indicating at a press conference that President Roosevelt still favors voluntary rather than forced bond purchases.

The cabinet officer told the committee that "we have a plan in preparation" to stimulate voluntary purchases, which have dropped from a rate of \$1,000,000,000 a month in January to \$500,000,000. But he quickly explained that the treasury did not "intend to paint houses yellow" or put people "behind barbed wire" if they did not buy bonds.

With sales lower than during the period immediately after Pearl Harbor, some administration officials have advocated forced savings and a tax program much greater than the pending \$7,510,000,000 one to help control inflation.

But President Roosevelt was reported to have sided with Morgenthau in opposition to those steps. Morgenthau, intensifying his drive to head off forced savings, took four representatives of labor and management from General Motors corporation before the committee to explain that company's scheme of voluntary payroll deductions for bond purchases.

Listed Dead, Ex-Soldier Signs Again

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 16 (P)—Remarking that he is "about the liveliest dead one you ever saw," a grizzled ex-soldier who for many years had been listed among the dead of World War I joined the US marines Thursday.

The 45-year-old Tennessee, William F. Ross, was accepted for limited service. He said he was carrying on duties for Uncle Sam in Haiti when a reported dead and was unable to explain it all. Not even the fact that his name is listed on an iron tablet on a state capitol building honoring the war dead.

His 18-year-old son, Charles Albert, is stationed with the navy at San Diego, Calif.

Fire Fighting Fund Sliced

Western Delegations to Carry on Battle For Forests

WASHINGTON, April 16-(P)—The forest fire fighting fund suffered a cut of \$5,000,000 at the hands of senate and house conferees Thursday.

Rep. Hill (D-Wash) expressed the belief after the conference action that there was little chance of getting the item raised in the house. Hill, chairman of the Pacific coast congressional committee on forest fires, said such conference reports have to be adopted or rejected in entirety and there was little likelihood of the house rejecting the whole sixth supplemental national defense appropriation bill over the forest fire item.

Senator Holman (R-Ore), a conferee on the measure, reported that house conferees demanded that the forest fund item be reduced to the \$5,000,000 level originally estimated in the budget or they would insist on referring the item back to the house. In the house, the fire protection fund had been cut to \$2,000,000.

The senate had raised it to \$18,100,000, but attached a rider provided that it had to foot the bill (Turn to Page 9, Col. 2)

Oil-Carrying Barge Plan Is Queried

WASHINGTON, April 16-(P) The practicability of constructing oil-carrying barges of wood, suggested by Governor Charles A. Sprague, is questioned by the maritime commission, Senator McNary (R-Ore) said Thursday.

He advised David Eccles, Oregon coordinator of war industries, that Admiral Emory S. Land, commission chairman, said wooden ships for general cargo purposes were under consideration and might soon be authorized, but that doubt existed over oil barge construction.

McNary added that the commission would study any construction specifications offered.

Petaim Meets With Actual Nation's Head

French Start Great Fires in Forests, March Defiantly

BERN, Switzerland, April 16-(AP)—To an undertone accompaniment of reported incendiary and sabotage, of mass arrests and executions, Pierre Laval became Thursday night the new chief of the government at Vichy, achieving actual rule of that beaten land under Chief of State Petaim.

This became known for certain even before the formal communique was issued on the results of Thursday's Laval-Petaim conferences.

It was understood also that Laval would assume the ministry of interior who directs the French police.

All but the formality of full power over the destiny of what Vichy had kept of France seemed to have been placed in the hands of this old-line politician whose affection for the axis predated the appeasement at Munich and came to full flower after the French surrender to Germany at Compienne.

The communique issued Thursday night—a few condensed lines—said merely: "Marshal Petaim received M. Le President Laval this morning. In the afternoon the marshal conferred again with Admiral of the Fleet Darlan and M. Le President Laval. They exchanged views on the political situation. Before constitution of the new government the council of ministers will meet for the last time Friday."

(M. Le President is the courtesy title for all ex-premiers.)

Laval and Petaim were reported by the German radio to be preparing radio addresses to the French nation to follow formal announcement that the new cabinet had been drafted.

In contrast to the veiled proceedings at Vichy were the reports from Paris of anti-colaborationist aggression on the march, of mass arrests of demonstrators in the past few days, of the execution of 25 more prisoners of the Germans there and, topping all such advice, a report of a train wreck near Caen in Normandy in which 35 German soldiers were killed.

Three forest fires were said to have broken out near Paris and in southern France "in circumstances which remain unknown." The most spectacular fire was said to be still raging in the famous Fontaine-Bleau forest where it had left 800 acres of beautiful woodland in charred ruin.

The other two fires were reported in the Senart forest and at Colobriers, in southern France, where 1000 acres were devastated.

Yards Launch 28th Ship

PORTLAND, April 16-(P) Oregon Shipbuilding corporation boosted its record as the nation's fastest builder of Liberty freighters Thursday with the launching of the Henry D. Thoreau—the fourth ship this month.

The Thoreau is the 28th ship turned out by the yard.