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	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	55	44	38
Eugene	46	38	28
Salem	49	37	27
Portland	50	37	26
Seattle	53	38	26

Willamette river 7 ft. 9 in.

Price 5c. No. 310

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Stryker

Mr. Joe Doakes when he buys a long-term bond in a war loan campaign, tucks it away in his safe deposit box and does well to remember when to clip his coupons. He pays little attention to changes in market prices. Of course if the bond prices started slipping he might get worried.

So far in the government's bond-selling program Mr. Joe Doakes has had no occasion to get worried, because the prices of his bonds have been inched up. There are the 10-year 2s offered in the sixth war loan at par, with maturity December 15, 1954 (option call 1952) now selling at 102. The longer term bonds, 2½s, due September 15, 1972, are selling at 102.3. This means for each issue an increment of around \$20 a \$1000 bond. Not bad on a three-month period, not bad.

This is one answer to the skeptics who have been skittish about buying governments because of the huge volume of the emissions. The open, free market rates them as worth more than par.

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2500 TONS CRASH ON KOBE

Pioneers Blast Medford to Get Chance at Title

Oregon City Five Thrills Crowd as Meet Nears End

By Al Lightner
(Statesman Sports Editor)

Washington high's Colonials of Portland and Oregon City's "hosting" Pioneers led the 26th annual state basketball tournament into the final round tonight by nabbing victories in last night's semifinals. The highly rated seeded Colonials rapped Baker, 51-41, and the Pioneers knocked out top-seeded Medford in a typical tournament thriller, 41-40.

Baker and Medford will play at 11 o'clock this morning for third place. Washington and Oregon City will play for the title.

Nazis Put Out Peace Feelers, Stir Disunity

LONDON, March 16—(AP)—Responsible diplomats expressed belief tonight that a wave of German peace feelers aimed at sowing dissension among the allies is likely to strike neutral European capitals within the next few weeks.

An authoritative source confirmed that one such feeler was made to a British official in Stockholm a few days ago, but said the British government "firmly ignored" it and notified the United States and Russia of all details.

(In Washington, state department officials disclosed that Britain had reported last week on a Stockholm peace gesture. The report, officials said, was filed away as another more or less meaningless incident, and apparently it did not reach top state department officials or the White House, where President Roosevelt said nothing at all had been received.)

Industry and Labor Join in Manpower Plan

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—A drastic easing of the controversial New Bedford labor diversion program was indicated tonight by the war manpower commission.

The WMC national labor-management policy committee announced that an apparent solution of the month-old dispute had been obtained. Details will be announced tomorrow.

The WMC "forced release" plan was put into effect in New Bedford to "force" textile workers into Fisk and Firestone tire cord "must" war plants.

Eighty-nine of the first group of 90 workers picked for transfer refused to switch jobs. The program also vigorously opposed by civic leaders called for employment ceilings on less essential firms to release workers for munitions projects.

Salem Prepares 3489 for Jobs In War Industry

A total of 3489 trainees have enrolled in national defense training classes at the Salem vocational school since the program started in July, 1940, O. I. Paulson, state director for vocational education, announced Friday.

The peak in attendance was reached in February, 1942, when 442 students were enrolled. Classes included aircraft sheet metal, ship carpentry, woodworking, ship electricity, ship welding, machine shop, radio and communications, carpentry, junior repairmen, job instruction training, job relation training, related instruction, maintenance mechanic, machine tool operator, auto mechanics, and job methods training.

Frequent Light Rain

decreasing somewhat in the afternoon with temperatures remaining about the same in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

Anglers Fish Bill Gets O. K.

School Equalization Voted; Tax Rebate Unlikely

By Wendell Webb
Managing Editor, The Statesman

Today marks an epoch for Oregon—nearly 6000 state employees were assured of civil service; they and thousands of other public employees become eligible to share in a retirement program; and the record-breaking 43rd legislature was going home.

A more-than-wentury senate Friday stamped final approval to the house bill (HB 294) establishing the civil service and merit system by a vote of 17 to 12, and HB 344 providing the retirement system by a vote of 27 to 2.

It also voted 21 to 8 in favor of HB 212 authorizing counties to adopt the manager form of government; 20 to 10 for educational equalization through rural school districts (HB 80), and 24 to 5 in favor of closing most coastal streams to commercial fishing (HB 378).

The senate also virtually assured elimination of state income tax discounts by approving HB 259 increasing the property tax "cushion" from surplus income tax revenues from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. And it approved HB 371 providing for the official grading of milk, and HB 421 providing for \$3000 home and farm loans to veterans.

The house passed senate bills providing that alien Japanese cannot hold land under the name of a person eligible for citizenship (SB 274); creating the office of director of apprenticeship (SB 329); instructing the liquor commission to give preference to Oregon wine (SB 281), and permitting trucks not over-loaded more than 2000 pounds to proceed to their destinations (SB 337).

Term-extension Repealed

The house also approved a senate resolution (SJR 22) providing for a study of legislative reappointment, and both the house and senate approved a resolution which repeals SJR 17—which would have extended the terms of legislators until their successors had qualified, not just until the next election. The constitutionality of SJR 17 was questioned.

A large share of the house's business was taken up in re-passing bills with senate amendments, but it took time out to approve one of its own measures (HB 398) liberalizing income tax exemptions for veterans.

Only two measures were on the house calendar today, and only 12 on the senate's—including eight appropriation bills which will take little time.

But there were on file several notices of reconsideration, including milk grading bills (HB 370 and 371) in the senate, and it was expected a considerable number of committee reports would be dumped—including one on the Portland firemen's pension bill which Sen. Thomas Mahoney attempted to bring to the floor Friday.

Optimists expressed belief the legislature—now in its 69th day—would get through by tea-time this afternoon but many veterans were betting the final trek down the statehouse steps would be under artificial light.

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FDR Says U.S. Will Eat Less To Help Europe

By D. Harold Oliver
WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—President Roosevelt stepped into the inter-agency controversy over division of dwindling food stocks today with the assertion we will have to eat less to help feed starving Europe.

The American people will have to tighten their belts, he told a news conference in outlining what he termed administration policy on who is to get what from domestic supplies.

The people in this country have not suffered very greatly compared with some others, he said, adding they are not going to suffer.

Asserting the war is not won yet, the chief executive said he believed the country will back up the idea of keeping people alive abroad by retaining existing food restrictions at home and adding others.

Finn Workers Parade Before 2-Day Election

By Robert Sturdevant
HELSINKI, March 16—(AP)—A parade of at least 5000 persons marched through Helsinki's downtown streets tonight singing the "Internationale" on the eve of the bi-weekly general election which will name a new Finnish parliament.

The Finns will go to the polls tomorrow and Sunday in the first election since 1939. Approximately 2,200,000 are expected to cast their ballots.

Tonight's demonstration began in workers' districts with a nucleus of several hundred. As the crowds increased, they moved up the capital's principal thoroughfare thousands strong to the strains of the communist anthem.

Penicillin Cures "Cancer" in Plants

TUCSON, Ariz., March 16—(AP)—The wonder drug penicillin for the first time has been used successfully at the University of Arizona in curing crown gall in woody and herbaceous plants.

Crown gall is a plant disease often likened to cancer of animals and man.

Nearly 100,000 Navy, Marine, Coastguard Pacific Casualties

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, March 17—(AP)—American marine casualties on Iwo Jima, up to 5 p. m. March 16—4189 dead, 15,308 wounded and 441 missing, total of 19,938—compared with the following losses in other Pacific invasions:

Tarawa, Gilbert islands—913 killed, 2037 wounded, total 2950.
Marshall islands—566 killed, 1683 wounded, total 2249.
Saipan, Marianas islands—3100 killed, 326 missing, 13,089 wounded, total 16,525.
Tinian, Marianas—290 killed, 24 missing, 1515 wounded, total 1829.
Guam, Marianas—1289 killed, 148 missing, 5648 wounded, total 7085.

Marriage Spans 5000 Miles -- With Southern Humor

DALLAS, Tex., March 16—(AP)—A Dallas nurse, who married a broken-jawed soldier sound asleep in a hospital 5000 miles away, today received a cable from him saying "Our married life will never be any more difficult than our marriage."

The bride was Ruth Edna Engle. The soldier is Lt. Jerry Krohg, 34, Chattanooga, Tenn., now in the Aleutians.

The ceremony here Tuesday was by proxy. Due to time difference, the bridegroom probably was asleep.

His wife, who said the officer broke his jaw in a fall, cabled: "Missed you at wedding; honeymooning with the girls."

Krohg replied: "Never a dull moment. Thought ceremony extremely beautiful and simple."

1st Army Slashes Highway

3rd in Startling Break-through; Nazis Reel Back

By Austin Bealmeier
PARIS, March 16—(AP)—The U.S. First Army slashed across the great Ruhr superhighway at two points east of the Rhine today, and southward a sensational breakthrough by the Third Army 20 miles beyond the Moselle river set up two German armies for imminent annihilation.

These two seasoned, hard-hitting armies were dealing tremendous body blows to the reeling armies of the Reich, while the Seventh army was crashing through into German from the south.

The Moselle-Rhine triangle—80 miles wide at the base—was collapsing under the terrific impact of the Third and Seventh armies and it appeared that soon not a German would stand on the soil of the Reich west of the Rhine.

Bridgehead Deepened

The First Army, carrying a fight to the enemy fraught with the most immediate peril, deepened the Rhine bridgehead to seven miles, swept a mile north to within three miles of the open plains of Germany, and smashed the first big tank-led counterblow.

The Third Army broke loose along the Rhine valley on a 14-mile rampage that cleaved through the heart of the enemy defenses between the Rhine and the Moselle 60 to 70 miles north of the Saar basin and the Bavarian Palatinate.

The Seventh army was hammering at the underside of this huge bulge in a co-ordinated offensive along a 50-mile front that gained up to four miles and overwhelmed the 200-year-old French fortress of Bitch, never before taken by storm.

The Germans were falling back into the Siegfried line, which had been reached at some points.

By a quirk of nature, the only flyable weather on the western front was where the three American armies were attacking, and 2500 tactical warplanes ripped into the enemy's defenses, transport and supply lines.

Police and WMC Curfew Close 3 Night Spots Here

Federal curfew regulations, to date little felt in Salem, are allegedly behind midnight closing orders served Friday night on three downtown all-night restaurants.

City police, who issued the notices, said they were assigned the task by the war manpower commission.

Two Chinese restaurants and a high street lunch counter, dubbed "night spots," although proprietors of two maintain they serve working folk and travelers as well as merry-makers, were given the orders. The third restaurant owner is out of the city until Monday.

Japs Ready to Stop Invasion On China Coast

CHUNGKING, March 16—(AP)—The Japanese are rushing the construction of defenses and pouring troops into possible Allied invasion areas, a Chinese army spokesman said today.

Fortifications have been erected in the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo region, the Hongkong-Canton area and the Foochow area, the spokesman said, adding that 150,000 troops had been massed in the Shanghai section.

Nine Missing in Gasboat Accident

VICTORIA, B. C., March 16—(AP)—A widespread search was started tonight for nine men reported missing late today after a 29-foot gas boat on which they were riding with two other men upset when caught in a whirlpool in Seymour narrows, about 110 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Airplane Plant Hit; Fires Set

300 Superforts Hurl Incendiary Bombs at Center

By Vern Haugland
21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Guam, Saturday, March 17—(AP)—Three hundred Superfortresses set off completely burned out 12 square miles of Kobe, Japan's leading seaport and ship-building center, today in the fourth huge incendiary raid on Japanese cities in a week.

The 2500 tons of incendiaries, hitting docks, an aircraft plant and locomotive works, started fires visible for 100 miles and which still were burning fiercely two hours after the first planes hit.

The fire area was a densely populated sector of Kobe.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, commander of the 21st bomber command, reported the results.

Marines Lose 4189 at Iwo But Kill 21,000

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Saturday, March 17—(AP)—Three American marine divisions sustained 19,938 casualties, including 4,189 dead, in capturing Iwo Jima for an advanced air base 750 miles from Tokyo, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Nimitz said organized resistance ceased on the volcanic black island at 6 p. m. Friday when units of the third and fifth divisions overran the last Japanese hold-out emplacements at Kitano Point, northernmost tip of the island.

In a second communique today, Nimitz reported marines were continuing to mop up enemy remnants on Iwo and that the central air field on that little island was put into operation by American forces yesterday.

Nimitz previously had announced that 21,000 of the enemy were killed, by conservative estimate. Prisoners were few.

Yanks Advance On Luzon, Near Summer Capital

MANILA, Saturday, March 17—(AP)—Yanks fighting on Luzon island's scattered fronts have destroyed one end of the Japanese Shimbu line east of Manila, cut the enemy communication line to southern Luzon, and advanced within seven miles of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the successes today in a communique which also recorded further gains by American forces invading the Zamboanga sector of Mindanao island.

In the Shimbu sector, where one American general has been killed and another wounded in the fierce battling of the Luzon campaign, "the entire southern flank of the elaborate Wawa-Antipolo line has now been destroyed with great losses to the enemy in both personnel and supplies." The US 43rd (Winged Victory) division has reached a point four miles east of Antipolo.

Idaho Senator Would Enliven Congress to Help Spectators

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Senator Glen Taylor's secretary is about to draw a new assignment—finding out what the people in the visitors' galleries think about the senate.

The Idaho democrat may use their views to push for some reforms.

As the senate's only professional showman, Taylor considers the usual day's proceedings pretty thin fare for the spectators. Nozing to the program—deplorable acoustics—none of the showmanship which Taylor used as the banjo-plunking leader of a cowboy band.

"I'll have my secretary circulate around through the gallery and ask the people four or five questions each," he said. "I don't think most of them understand what is going on down on the floor."

Adair Farms Cost Too Much, Avers Judge

PORTLAND, March 16—(AP)—US District Judge Claude McCulloch declared today he was misled into ordering overpayments in the recent Camp Adair land condemnation suit.

"The greedy men and recreant public officials responsible... may take pleasure in the financial result. I doubt, however, that their consciences are easy," he said. He specifically attacked representatives of the US public lands division, labeling their testimony as false.

The federal court here set prices on land for the Camp Adair site, taken over from private owners by the government, in cases where no agreement was reached on values.

Unfit Men Barred From Joining Navy

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—The navy has taken steps to prevent physically unqualified enlisted personnel from being sent overseas.

A recent order to all navy ships and stations disclosed that numerous reports had been received by the navy of men arriving in overseas areas who were not qualified to perform all their duties.