

Ransom Money Waits Tristan Kidnaper

County Fair Goes Booming Into Last Day

Band Concert, Rodeo, Vaudeville On Program For Saturday Night

By GLENN HASSELROOTH
The Lane county fairgrounds is leading ahead with the gusto and spirit of a pioneer "boom town" this week-end, as attendance records are shattered and thousands of fairgoers pronounce the 1940 celebration the "best ever."

The dampness and chill of the first two days of the fair have given way to the warmth and sweet glow of Indian summer, making the Friday attendance to more than 13,000, according to figures released Saturday afternoon by Fred Knox, fair manager. Gate receipts totalled \$1,730 including season tickets—

an even larger take is predicted for Saturday.

Friday night's rodeo at the stadium, preceded by the pageant review, attracted a crowd such as seldom might have been proud to witness—jamming the stands to the tune of more than 4,500 admissions.

It was a fine day, and everybody was happy. Manager Knox commented on Friday's fair. "I haven't heard a grouch from anybody. And everything indicates Saturday will be even bigger than Friday."

Tonight Last Night
Saturday is "Lane county day" and all directors expect residents from all parts of the district really "to town" with the celebrations that are planned for Saturday night—which definitely will be the last of the fair.

Saturday afternoon's festivities were started with the band concert at 1:30, followed by the races and vaudeville acts at the stadium. The night's activities at the stadium will include the band concert at 8:00, vaudeville acts at 7:45, and the rodeo at 8:45. Henry Christensen reports that the "best crowd" has been saved for tonight, and promises a rip-roaring show for all attending.

The carnival and the stands along "lemonade alley" the while, getting ready for the final day of business. Fireworks will lighten up the skies at 10 o'clock, and the funmaking will continue after.

Fair Glances

By GLENN HASSELROOTH and MARGARET RAY
Many a fairgoer exhibited a childish astonishment in the industrial building at the Lane fairgrounds Friday noon during the speech given by Mr. Roosevelt.

A Register-Guard teletype machine, placed near a blaring radio, was tapping off the president's words before he said them. The reporter had to explain that the speeches, political and otherwise, are released to the press several days ahead, and often set up before the talk is even given.

Owners of the stands along "lemonade alley" report that the lead drinks are taking a lead seat in favor of hot coffee. Chilly nights are responsible.

The feature of the pageant preview, Friday night, which probably went unnoticed by the crowds at the grandstand was the joyful performance of Doris Smith, beloved daughter of the past four pageants, and other young and old members of the cast. One by one they stepped down to say "hello" and to be working with her in 1941.

Difficulty was encountered by the Register-Guard's photographer, Larry Quinlan, in trying to snap pictures of the prize winners. Director George Schaefer chased him away from the stage once saying "HUMAN INTEREST STORY PAGE 4"

Weather News

(U. S. Weather Report)
MADISON, Wis., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Cooler on Sunday. Wind, in west portion, light and variable with light breeze, gentle variable wind off.

Winners at Pageant Preview Described; Doris Smith Says Canadians to Help in 1941

By MARGARET RAY
Covered wagon wheels will again roll down the Oregon Trail and 4,000 people join in the work and fun of an even greater pageant in 1941 if Friday night's preview at the Lane county fair and the enthusiastic grandstand crowds are a fair indication.

A pageant of national and international magnitude given in cooperation with the British Columbia Canadians, honoring the common ideals of freedom and democracy of these two great western nations, and celebrating the 100 years of unfortified borders and peaceful settlement of disputes is the dream of pageant board members and Director Doris Smith. This plot was presented to the crowd by Mrs. Smith who announced that the people of British Columbia are ready to cooperate in any way they possibly can considering their present part in the war.

"I want all of you people in the grandstand to be on the stage with me next year," Doris Smith enthusiastically cried. "We're going to have a cast of 4,000 next year, and make it the biggest show in the Northwest! Tonight I want each and everyone of you, here on the stage and up in the grandstand, to appoint yourself a committee of one to interest others—to talk pageant—to begin to plan for next summer, and to urge and help others to plan. A pageant is the true expression of a democracy—the individual carrying according to his capacity this responsibility."

Pageant of Democracy
"What better place could be found for a joint Canadian and American celebration, such as this than on the Pacific coast and in the Willamette valley," Mrs. Smith went on to say, "where these two peoples lived under joint government until 1843, and in the years following continued to join peaceful hands across the border at the end of the trail? Let your imaginations go—see how timely—how great and how universal this will make the Oregon Trail Pageant. This is our opportunity to tell a brutal old world that the new world has been, is, and always will be democratic."

Highlight of the four-day fair to many persons was this preview in which some of the familiar scenes from previous pageants were reenacted and the appearance of Doris Smith, veteran and beloved director of the drama. The evening's program opened with a fanfare of trumpets, after which the Eugene municipal band began the familiar pageant theme song, "Land of Hope and Glory." W. F. G. Thacher, author of the pageant script, and pioneer in the 1937 performance then took the stage to recite the prologue:

"Hear me, Oh people! I am the Pioneer, the Explorer, the Adventurer
From the first faint dawn of unremembered time,
It was I who lead the sons of men
Forth on their primordial pilgrimage. . . ."

Next event on the program was a parade of the various entrants in the preview contest along the track in front of the grandstand and the awarding of prizes. The prize winners came to the center of the stage to receive their ribbons from Mr. Thacher, master of ceremonies, and then repeated their performances of the afternoon judging.

Winners Listed
Led by two Eugene Radiators in their snappy white suits with red buttonieres and canes, the parade moved forward amid applause from the grandstands—the junior high and high school chorus young people in pioneer dress, Hugh Simpson, the Lone Cowboy, with his guitar; Karl F. Love, a prospector; C. D. Farmer as Jim Bridger; Ulysses Ellmaker as Abe Lincoln; Patricia Edwards and her

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550 Infantrymen Camp Near Airport

The brown straggle weeds in the flat fields north of the municipal airport were trampled underfoot Friday by the soldiers of the first battalion, 30th infantry, who moved in from the north, pitched mess and pup tents, and encamped overnight.

Five hundred and fifty of them, under the command of Major E. M. Sutherland, made an impressive sight as they rolled in from Vancouver barracks in their motorized convoy of 80 trucks, and small, envious boys gathered 'round to watch the soldiers encamp, go through drills, and answer mess call.

The men were returning from Fort Lewis, Washington, to their barracks at the Presidio in San Francisco, and after buzzing around town during the afternoon and evening, and taking in the fair Friday night, the battalion arose Saturday morning and left for the south at 5:30.

Officers said the men were in top shape, despite intensive drilling and a 100-mile, six-day hike from Fort Lewis to Vancouver where trucks awaited to transport them to San Francisco.

Lt.-Col. L. A. LaGarde was the medical officer, while commanders were Capt. Robert L. Cook, company A; Major Maynard B. Carter, company B; Major Austin F. Gilmartin, company C; and Major William B. Force, company D.

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Grangers Pull Cowboys Under

Ross Mathews' grangers were ready and waiting in front of the grandstands when the tug-o-war call came Friday night at the fairgrounds—but E. H. "Bulldog" Peterson and his horde of businessmen did not show up to yank on the other end of the rope.

It was just as well they didn't, because the master of ceremonies quickly substituted half a dozen cowpunchers, who grunted and hauled and finally went down to inglorious defeat before the well-trained grange crew.

Bulldog Peterson explained Saturday that every businessman in town was out in the woods hunting deer, and wouldn't come home for a tug-o-war.

McNary Takes Wallace To Task

Says Demo Opponent Dodges Farm Issue

AURORA, Ill., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Sen. Charles L. McNary of Oregon opened his republican vice-presidential campaign today with a pledge to free domestically-produced American farm products from competition with world price levels.

He accused his democratic opponent, former Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, of dodging the farm issue in his campaign speeches.

McNary proposed creating a marketing allotment plan that would divide the American farm output into two classes—segregating the part required for domestic consumption from the part to be known as "the exportable surplus."

He said it would "allot to each farmer his fair share in the American market upon which he will receive parity price and assure the farmer his equitable share in the national income."

"Too long a world of lower standards of living, lower wages and lower incomes has fixed the prices of American agricultural products. Let us end that situation without delay," McNary said.

McNary made his first campaign speech on behalf of himself and Wendell L. Willkie, his presidential running mate, before a rural audience at an Illinois rally in Exposition park.

"Wallace Avoids Issue"
He chided Wallace for seeking to hang an appeasement label on republicans and transferring his campaign from the farm belt to Europe.

"I fear that Mr. Wallace seeks a change of venue," he said. "The device is familiar. When I was a young lawyer out in Oregon, we observed that shrewd counsel, in defending a weak case, preferred being as far from the scene of the crime as possible when he went to trial."

"Mr. Wallace has been physically present in the farm belt during the last few weeks, but his uttered thoughts have been far, far away."

McNary reaffirmed his own description of Wallace as a "high-minded and sympathetic secretary of agriculture" but added that as a vice presidential candidate Wallace was "energetic, articulate—but mischievous in argument."

Lorane Hunters Report First Deer Of Season
Ben Briggs and Lewis Briggs of Lorane started off the open season on deer Friday morning by bagging two mule deer in the Ochoco mountains of central Oregon at 8 a. m. The season officially opened at 6:05 a. m.

The Briggs brothers reported their kill in Troeh's sporting goods store at 4:30 p. m., having made good time all around. The animals weighed 200 and 165 pounds each.

British Bombers Blast War Bases Of Dictators

Axis Hints Spain May Enter Conflict Against Great Britain

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
(United Press Foreign Editor)
British bombers blasted with mounting fury at German and Italian war bases from Europe to Africa today to offset steady Nazi air raids on the British Isles and Axis hints that Spain might soon enter the conflict.

Daylight raids on London and other targets in southeastern England continued at a slackened pace following a night in which bombing of 35 districts in the London area was carried out so sporadically that the harassed population got a chance to sleep for the first time in two weeks.

But British bomber pilots got little rest. Throughout much of the night they showered high explosives on German "invasion" bases across the calm but foggy English channel, and blasted Nazi airports, harbors and communication lines as far as western Germany, one of their most powerful counter-blow of the war.

Berlin Verifies Many Raids
Dispatches from Berlin admitted for the first time that steady, powerful British raids had been made for weeks on the French side of the English channel where the Germans have been reported massing boats and men at Calais, Dunkirk, Ostend, and other ports for a possible invasion of Britain.

German attacks on Britain were described by the Nazis as successful in smashing—with the aid of new fog-piercing apparatus—at British industrial and communication objectives, especially railroad centers in the London area which are vital to British defense.

In Africa, the Italians admitted that British planes which have been bombing fascist concentrations in the Sidi Barrani area had again attacked the big Libyan port of Benghazi but said that Italian pilots had "intensely" repelled by bombing railroads, store houses and defenses around Marsa Matruh. The British base at Aden also was again reported attacked and British convoys were bombed in the Red Sea.

Egypt Drive Stalled
Official communiques, however, indicated that the Italian offensive into Egypt was momentarily in a lull, with the fascists holding Sidi Barrani.

The African campaign and the role of Spain in the war appeared have been of greatest importance in the discussions of Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop with Italian Premier Benito Mussolini at home. The fascist press, led by the newspaper Il Telegrafo of Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, asserted that in the decisive phase of the war, Spain would line up with Italy and Germany.

In the Balkans, Bulgarian troops began taking over the south Dobruja area ceded by Rumania without incident.

In South America, the Uruguayan government arrested a number of Germans charged by a recent investigating committee with activities against the state. One of those reported arrested was described as the leader of a Nazi movement throughout South America. Others were reputed German agents or propagandists.

Indo-China Talks Take Turn For Worse

HANOI, French Indo-China, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The French Indo-China government reported a turn for the worse today in negotiations with Japan after there had been indications the crisis had passed.

A government communique said "a new shift has compromised" the negotiations and that the situation was back where it was two days ago when General Issaku Nishihara packed up and prepared to walk out of the conferences.

The negotiations were resumed yesterday, the announcement said, "when the viewpoints of both parties appeared drawing closer together." But new Japanese demands, it declared, have put a monkey wrench in the proceedings.

VICHY, France, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Negotiations at Hanoi on Japanese demands for military rights in French Indo-China have entered a difficult period "from which anything can be expected," the French government announced today.



KIDNAPED CHILD—Three-year-old Marc de Tristan, above, son of Count and Countess Marc de Tristan of Hillsborough, California, was taken from his nurse yesterday afternoon by a man who struck or shoved the middle-aged woman. The worried family is trying to get in touch with the kidnaper to pay the \$100,000 ransom demanded.

Odds Against Kidnappers Of Tristan Child Held 93 to 1

By JAME J. TREBIG
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The kidnaper, or kidnappers, of 3-year-old Marc de Tristan took a 93 to 1 chance of ending up in prison—or worse.

Since passage of the "Lindbergh" law in 1932, the federal bureau of investigation has investigated 187 kidnappings and solved 185. The unsolved cases are those of Charles Mattson, 10, kidnaped at Tacoma, Wash., December 27, 1936, and Peter Levine, 12, New Rochelle, N. Y., seized February 24, 1938. Both boys were slain.

Their work adds up to this: In the 185 solved kidnappings, the G-men have gained 367 convictions in which the courts have imposed 12 death sentences; 42 life sentences; 3,952 years in prison; 72 years suspended; 108 years probation, and \$34,270 in fines. Only 24 federal kidnap defendants have been acquitted.

The "Lindbergh law," which made kidnaping a capital offense, resulted from the abduction and slaying of the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh from their Hopewell, N. J., home on March 1, 1932. Bruno Richard Hauptmann was executed for that crime.

Tijuana Business Block Hit By Fire
TIJUANA, Lower California, Mex., Sept. 21.—(AP)—A half-block of the sleepy resort city's business district was leveled by fire today, including the federal post-telegraph building. Some of the records in the latter were saved.

BOSTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—This city of almost 600,000 population encountered a "spare room" problem today as it welcomed throngs of American Legionnaires arriving for their opening Monday of their second national convention here since 1930.

Wealthy Family Posts \$100,000 For 3-Year-Old

Police, FBI, Press Withdraw From Hunt At Family Request

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
HILLSBOROUGH, Cal., Sept. 21.—(UP)—The wealthy and socially prominent family of three-year-old Count Marc De Tristan, Jr., met every demand of a hook-nosed kidnaper today and, with \$100,000 cash ready for ransom, waited for him to make contact.

A classified ad in the San Francisco Examiner told the kidnaper the money was ready and his terms had been met.

The ad, offering a Lincoln Zephyr 1938 four-door de luxe sedan for sale at the bargain price of \$845—key words suggested by the kidnaper—was telephoned the newspaper as ordered in a note the abductor left behind yesterday noon when he seized the scion of five of California's wealthiest families, two of them of the French nobility.

Police Withdraw
The family also complied with a second condition and prevailed on the federal bureau of investigation and other law enforcement agencies and on the press to withdraw.

With these conditions met, the family assembled at the palatial mansion of the Count and Countess Marc de Tristan and waited for the hook-nosed man's next step. The home itself had the appearance of being deserted. Shades and venetian blinds had been drawn; the driveway was clear of automobiles; the servants and the family kept indoors.

The newspaper ad was a pledge of good faith on part of the de Tristans. The kidnaper in his instructions said that as soon as the ad appeared the family would receive further instructions. He advised them not to try to communicate by other channels and said: "Wait until you have received our next letter."

Fear For Safety
But some authorities entertained grave fears for the safety of the little victim, despite the kidnaper's repeated assurances in a ransom note that he would be well treated. The kidnaper, a man between 45 and 60, apparently a Latin, with a prominent nose, had acknowledged an unstable mind by signing the note, "unconventional eccentric."

They were dealing with no ordinary criminal. His 600-word ransom note had made that clear. And he had bungled the job from the start. This caused authorities some anxiety—lest he bungles irrevocably in the delicate business of collecting the ransom and feel himself under the compulsion of killing his baby victim to escape detection.

A Bungler
The note was obviously written by a well educated person who understood the subtleties of English tense and mode, despite the clumsy attempts of the writer to throw investigators off by misspelling simple words. It was replete with the phrases of the dilettante—"most charming," "unsocial matter"—"our little captive, (guest, rather)."

The kidnaper's bungling gave his crime the full light of publicity almost before the parents were aware of their tragedy. He perked his four-year-old Ford sedan near the de Tristan estate at noon.

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Bartholomew Files Petitions Friday

Phil Bartholomew, Springfield funeral director, late Friday, filed petitions with the county clerk's office seeking to have his name on the November ballot as an independent candidate for county coroner. The petitions will now have to be checked at the clerk's office.

Mr. Bartholomew said he had 1700 signatures on the petitions, 600 more than were needed. He would be the only independent candidate running for a county office in the November election, other candidates having been placed on the ballot through the May primaries.

I. P. STRIKES AGAIN
MADISON, Wis., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Infantile paralysis last night claimed the life of Mrs. Edward T. Gernon, 31, the former Dorothy Page, who won the women's western golf championship when she was 17 years old.