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Weather

Cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably with light showers. Moderate westerly wind. Thursday: Max. 82, min. 46. Rain 0. River 2.4 ft. North, northeast wind, clear.

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Hearing Ordered on Bridges' Deportation

House Passes Bill Extending FDR's Authority

Power to Devalue Dollar, Pay Silver Subsidies and Stabilization Continued

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today a bill extending for two years the president's authority to devalue the dollar again, the treasury's \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund and its right to pay subsidies on newly mined domestic silver.

The bill passed on a voice vote.

Just before final passage, the house defeated by a 25 to 158 roll call vote, an amendment which would have abolished the president's devaluation power.

Bitter Contest

Approval of the bill climaxed a bitter inter-party scrap over administration monetary powers, in which the weight of the democratic majority crushed republican attempts to amend the measure and kill some of its KEEX provisions.

The monetary powers would expire June 30 unless congress renews them.

Republicans centered their fight principally on the devaluation provision, existence of which they contended, creates fear and uncertainty among business men.

By a standing vote of 152 to 84, the house turned down an amendment by Representative Luce (R-Mass.) to bring the chief executive's devaluation power to an end.

Before a hushed house, Luce walked down into the well to tell his colleagues that:

By Party Vote

"The question is will you use at this moment an opportunity to allay the fears of the business world."

"This amendment will appease them. The only problem here is one of psychology—it's not of finance."

By a 2 to 1 margin on a strict party vote, the republicans went down to defeat in their initial attempt to change the monetary measure. Representative Reed (R-Ill.) proposed the amendment, to require an audit of the stabilization fund by the general accounting office. It was bowled over by a standing vote of 180 to 97.

Continuing to bombard the bill with amendments, republicans lined up behind a proposal of Rep. August H. Andresen (R-Minn.) to earmark \$14.33—the difference between the old and present price of gold per ounce—for the purchase of American farm and manufactured products.

The amendment was tossed aside, however, when democrats raised a parliamentary objection.

French Warships Leave Gibraltar

Gibraltar, April 21 (AP)—Eight French warships left Gibraltar steaming eastward today.

Several British warships are expected to arrive here from Malta Sunday. Since early this week French warships have been patrolling the waters in the vicinity of this British stronghold at the gateway to the Mediterranean.

(German warships are en route to the neighborhood for maneuvers off the Spanish coast.)

Another Attempt to Free Rosser on Bail

Another attempt to free Al Rosser, former AFL teamster secretary for Oregon who was sentenced to 12 years in prison for arson, was made today when his attorneys, John

and George Mowry of Portland, asked the supreme court to admit him to bail pending his appeal.

Ralph E. Moody, state co-ordinator, and Bruce Spaulding, Polk county district attorney, said they would fight the application. The high court probably will hear the appeal about June 1.

The court would have authority to free Rosser only as far as the Polk county arson charge is concerned. If Rosser were admitted to bail, he still would have to contend with the Multnomah and Washington county circuit courts since he is under indictment in those counties.

Rosser tendered \$65,000 in bonds in the three counties to obtain freedom, but all these bonds were cancelled after the supreme court refused to allow Rosser to appeal.

But when the high court reversed itself to permit Rosser's appeal, Rosser's attorneys asked Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of Polk county to admit Rosser to bail. Judge Walker refused two weeks ago to accept jurisdiction, asserting it was up to the supreme court.

The bond in Polk county originally was \$100,000, but after Rosser's conviction, Judge Walker reduced it to \$25,000.

Rosser, now in the Multnomah county jail, has been in jail 14 months. He was convicted of complicity in burning the West Salem Box factory.



Lindbergh Talks With President—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was preceded by a White House policeman as he left the executive mansion after conferring with President Roosevelt for 25 minutes. The flying colonel, who has been called to active duty with the Army Air Corps, had to wait 35 minutes in an ante room before seeing the president. Later he refused to reveal the nature of their conversation. The policeman is Paul W. Proctor. — Associated Press Photo.

Lindbergh for Quality Planes

Washington, April 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today he had talked about the world military plane situation with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. He would not go into detail on the conversation he had yesterday with the famous flier who has been called to active duty to survey the army's aviation research facilities.

When asked about it at a press conference the chief executive replied he had talked about the general plane situation all over the world. He said the discussion was about military planes only.

It had been reported Lindbergh stressed both in his conferences with the president and with the national advisory committee for aeronautics the desirability of producing superior planes rather than emphasizing mass production.

The president said he had received no reply from Chancellor Hitler or Premier Mussolini to his appeal to them for a ten-year peace pledge.

The noted flier told the national advisory committee for aeronautics emphasis should be placed on quality instead of quantity in plane development. The committee has recommended a \$10,000,000 research station at Sunnyvale, Calif., which was rejected by the house.

Slovaks Attack Hungarians

Budapest, April 21 (AP)—Hungarian military authorities reported Slovak artillery bombarded the Hungarian village of Sarosremitz, near Ungvar, last night and this morning.

The authorities said Hungarian artillerymen and infantry returned the fire but apparently neither side crossed the newly established border between Hungary and Slovakia.

Slovakia, nominally independent following the final dismemberment of the Czech-Slovak republic on March 15, is under German protection.

Hungarians said they were completely surprised by the revival of border fighting such as followed the collapse of Czech-Slovakia after Hungary occupied Carpatho-Ukraine (Ruthenia).

In the occupation of Carpatho-Ukraine the Hungarians pressed against the Slovak frontier for a further adjustment of the border and fighting, including aerial operations, ensued. On March 31 a Slovak-Hungarian commission agreed on delimitation of the border.

The Budapest foreign office charged that two days ago two Hungarian soldiers were wounded and captured on the border. Unverified reports reaching here said they died in Slovak hospitals.

Gruman Gets Contract

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The navy awarded a \$1,096,476 contract Thursday for airplanes and parts to the Grumman Aircraft Engineering corporation, Bethpage, Long Island. Details were not announced.

The same concern was awarded a \$468,362 contract for planes and parts on Tuesday.

Borah Asserts Neutrality Now Impossible

American Opinion Has Crystallized and Aggressors Named by Officials

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, sister of Senator Taft (R-Ohio), today accused the administration of making "bullying threats" which imperiled world peace.

"Our present un-neutral national policy," she testified before the Senate Foreign Relations committee, "may bring things to a head far more rapidly on the continent of Europe than any other course we could pursue."

Mrs. Manning, daughter of the late President Taft, is dean of Bryn Mawr College.

She urged strengthening of the present neutrality act and its application to the undeclared war in China.

Neutrality Gone

Senator Borah (R-Idaho) during committee questioning of Mrs. Manning, declared that "in the state of mind now prevailing in this country" it was well-nigh impossible "to come to any decision that might be regarded at all from a neutral standpoint."

"The world already is at war," he said. "Already things have taken place which make other nations look on us as an un-neutral. Do you think we can write permanent legislation at this time?"

Mrs. Manning replied she believed some revision of the law would be wise.

"There is no neutrality at this time, owing to conditions throughout the world," Borah persisted.

"We have practically made up our minds whose side we are on. We have practically named the aggressor nation."

Signed-Up for War

Appearing before the house foreign affairs committee, Laurence Dennis, New York economist and former member of the diplomatic service, asserted utterances of President Roosevelt and others in the administration indicated "we are already signed up for war."

Testifying at that committee's hearings on neutrality legislation, he said this country was being propelled toward war both by interests demanding maintenance of an international status quo and by those favoring a spread of world communism.

"We have got to make it a basis of declared American policy," Dennis asserted, "that it is none of our business what takes place in Europe and China."

While Dennis advocated retention of the present neutrality law, Dr. Esther Caskin Brunauer, of the American Association of University Women, attacked the Thomas-Coyne bill to embargo trade with nations which violate treaties with the United States.

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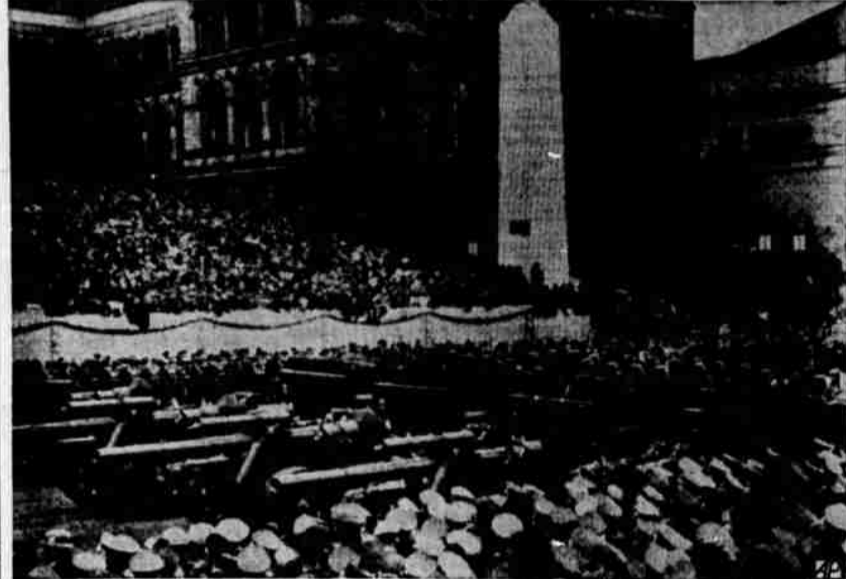
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Monster Military Parade Staged For Hitler—A monster military review was staged in Berlin in honor of Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday. It took four and one-half hours for the units to pass the Chancellor's reviewing stand, and was described as Berlin's biggest. The display of armed might obviously was intended to impress a nervous world of the vastness of Nazi preparedness. These big guns (above) were the features of the parade, being new types of long range air defense artillery. This picture was radioed from Berlin to New York. — Associated Press Photo.

Russia to Join Allied Bloc

London, April 21 (AP)—Soviet Russia has proposed resurrection of the Anglo-French-Russian triple entente of the World War, a highly authoritative source said today, as a bulwark against possible future aggression by Germany, Italy or Japan.

Such a recommendation of a flat reciprocal military alliance was said to have been made by Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff to Sir William Seeds, British ambassador in Moscow. Both Britain and France, this informant said, have the proposal under serious consideration.

No official indication was given of the Anglo-French reply, but Britain, although favoring a less binding agreement, was believed to be ready to accept such a military alliance rather than lose Russia's support.

Moscow, having in mind the possibility of attack both by Germany in the west and Japan in the east, was said to have demanded full military support from Britain and France in return for her adhesion to the bloc of nations they are forming.

45 Hour Week For French Labor

Paris, April 21 (AP)—Minister of Finance Paul Reynaud announced tonight the French government had established a flat 45 hour work week and a new one per cent sales tax in an effort to strengthen national defense.

Reynaud said the government expected to realize 15 billion francs (\$398,000,000) from the new series of decree laws establishing new tax measures and slashing ordinary government expenses in favor of increased armaments.

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Il Duce Pledges Solidity of Axis

Berlin, April 21 (AP)—Messages published today showed Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini exchanged assurances on the reichsfuehrer's 50th birthday yesterday that the friendship between their two countries could not be disturbed by enemies of their Rome-Berlin axis. They were disclosed while Hitler turned from his birthday festivities to the drafting of the reichstag speech with which he will reply one week from today to President Roosevelt's non-aggression proposals.

In a lengthy telegram, Premier Mussolini told his axis partner the friendship between Rome and Berlin "which has withstood many tests cannot be disturbed by the recurring ridiculous attempts of our enemies."

"Some time they will have to convince themselves," Il Duce telegraphed, "that they are following a false course because fascism and national socialism (nazism) are the way of justice and peace."

The fuhrer thanked Mussolini and added:

"With thanks I bring anew the assurances of my indestructible friendly ties with you and the fascist Italy created by you as well as my best wishes."

Lights burned late last night at the new chancellery where Hitler spent the evening in company with close collaborators while joyous crowds thronged the spacious, flood-lit Wilhelmplatz.

At the old chancellery building several rooms were piled with valuable and sentimental birthday gifts, including layettes for distribution to expectant mothers, historical documents, objects of art and food delicacies. The official news agency, said there were twice as many gifts as last year.

The youngest among Hitler's callers yesterday was 10-month-old Edda Goering, daughter of Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, who was brought by her mother and nurse to see the fuhrer, her godfather.

All Six Bandits Now in Portland

Portland, April 21 (AP)—Five of the six alleged auto bandits captured Monday at Boise, Idaho, after a lawless jaunt across four states, were returned to Portland last night under police guard for arraignment late today on charges of robbery and assault.

The five were Edward Klaus, 24; Vern Jensen, 24; Edna Malespin, Cleone Alpey and Jewell Smith, all 17. The sixth, Don Bailey, 27, was in Multnomah county hospital with a gunshot wound suffered in a gun battle with Portland police last week. He was flown here from Boise Wednesday.

Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff Holger Christofferson said the prisoners were docile on the trip, which was delayed twice by tire blowouts. The prisoners were returned in a police auto and in the maroon sedan they admitted taking at Vancouver, Wash., after burning one car and abandoning another here.

Will Honor Shakespeare

Ashland, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Ashland will celebrate the birthday of William Shakespeare Saturday. The Southern Oregon Normal college of education will conduct a Shakespearean reading festival.

Perkins Finally Takes Action on Labor Leader

To Ascertain Whether Alien Was a Communist When Action Started

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins said today she had ordered the immigration service to proceed with a hearing of deportation charges against Harry Bridges, west coast CIO director.

The charges include one that Bridges is a member of the communist party.

The secretary told a press conference that the hearing would determine whether Bridges was a member of the communist party in the light of the supreme court's recent decision that previous membership was not grounds for deportation.

Reason Grim

Asked how the supreme court's ruling would affect the pending deportation case against Bridges, Miss Perkins said, "We don't think it would be futile to continue with the Bridges' case, but the evidence has to be examined at a hearing."

The specific question was whether Miss Perkins thought continuation of the Bridges case would be futile, after the court ruling in the other deportation case.

The Bridges case, which started in March 1938, when the Australian-born CIO leader was served with a deportation warrant in Baltimore, has been suspended pending the supreme court ruling in the Joseph G. Strecker case. In the Strecker case, the labor department endeavored to deport Strecker even though he claimed to have resigned from the party.

Assemble Evidence

Strecker was prosecuted under a 1918 law providing for deportation of any alien who advocated the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

Before a date for a hearing in the Bridges case can be fixed, the secretary said, the immigration service must assemble its evidence from several scattered offices and determine what affidavits and information will be usable.

"The hearing will determine whether Bridges is a member of the communist party," Miss Perkins said.

Bridges, who is an alien, has denied membership in the party.

Miss Perkins expressed the opinion in the light of the supreme court ruling, the labor department "would have to prove Bridges was a member of the party at the time the warrant of his arrest was issued."

She noted there was no evidence to indicate Bridges advocated overthrow of the government by force and violence, and explained it would be necessary for the department to show the communist party advocated overthrow of the government.

Blue Mountains Considered Safe

Pendleton, Ore., April 21 (AP)—U. S. forest officials today declared the Blue mountains safe from acute fire hazard despite unusually warm April weather.

Pendleton weather charts revealed that Tuesday's high of 84 degrees was the warmest early April day since 1936 and one of the 13 high marks in the past 50 years.

Snow remaining in the high mountains was considered one of the best checks to a summer fire hazard.

Heavy Fog Aid to Oregon Fire Fighters

A light morning fog and showers predicted for tonight and tomorrow relieved the western Washington and Oregon forest and brush fire situation today. Maj. C. S. McCowan of the Washington Forest Fire association at Seattle, received reports of 14 new fires but said the situation was much better.

"Rain must come before the danger is over," he said. "But this morning's fog is a great relief."

Numerous brush and timber fires continued to burn throughout Oregon and Washington but forestry officials believed they had the situation in hand.

In Oregon, which passed the 36th day without rain yesterday, the state's longest recorded drought, ob-

servers said two more weeks without substantial rain would result in heavy losses through the state's wheat belt.

The Oregon department of agriculture said farm damage had not yet been great.

Although 26 new fires were reported in Washington state yesterday the fire situation in that state was improved today. Two of the most serious blazes in King county (Seattle) were under control.