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Showers tonight and partly cloudy Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Moderate to fresh northwest wind.
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OK Salem for United Airlines Plane Service

CAB Examiners Recommend City as Regular Stopping Place

Salem has been recommended as a regular stopping place for airplanes of the United Airlines. This was announced today through press dispatches from Washington which stated that civil aeronautics board examiners recommended today that United Airlines be authorized to establish services to Salem and Eugene in Oregon and Bellingham, Wash. They recommended denial of the company's application for permission to establish service to Klamath Falls.

The report of the examiners, Francis W. Brown and John W. Bell, is subject to review by the board. United Airlines proposes to make Salem and Eugene intermediate points on the company's route between Seattle and San Diego, and Bellingham an intermediate point on the route between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

Application Long In

Since United's application was filed several months ago a project for expanding and developing Salem's airport has been approved as part of the defense program by the CAA and WPA and President Roosevelt has apportioned funds totaling nearly \$500,000 for the work. Improvement of four extended runways is included in the project plan, and work on the first under a \$128,000 CAA contract for grading, tiling and paving is in progress. When this runway is completed some time this summer the largest of United's airplanes will be able to land and take off safely here.

As outlined by Russell W. Munson of Chicago, assistant to the president of United, the service planned by the company for this city contemplates one and perhaps two stops here daily by both north and south bound planes.

The application of the United Airlines, which was given hearty local approval, was given hearty local approval.

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Marines Restore Shanghai Order

Shanghai, May 13 (AP)—United States marines were called out today to restore order after a battle between International Settlement police and pro-Japanese Chinese police in which an American and nine other persons were wounded.

The fight started when settlement police halted an automobile containing Mrs. Ho Sze-Pao, wife of the chief of a special police branch office in the Shanghai "Badlands," for a routine search as the car arrived at the barricade separating the "Badlands" and the settlement.

Jurisdiction over the "Badlands" at the edge of the settlement is disputed and Chinese followers of Wang Ching Wei, head of the Japanese-sponsored Nanking regime, have set up a special police force to dominate the area.

Mrs. Ho's bodyguard fired on the settlement police at the barricade without explanation. Police returned the fire. Reinforcements rushed up from both sides of the barricade and settlement police arrested 16 Wang Ching Wei men, but not until A. Wickdahl, an American probationary sergeant of the settlement police, Mrs. Ho, two of her bodyguards, a Chinese municipal policeman and five others had been wounded.

Darlan Brings Back New Hitler Plan

Vichy, May 13 (AP)—Vice-Premier Jean Francois Darlan arrived from Paris tonight and went into conference immediately with Chief of State Henri P. Petain to report on his talks with Adolf Hitler and German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Darlan was believed by diplomatic quarters to have brought back a new plan he had obtained from Hitler to replace the Compiegne armistice which took France out of the war.

Darlan and Otto Abetz, Hitler's personal representative, left Paris aboard a special train which arrived here at 8:15 p. m.

Strikes Close More Plants in Defense Work

Colt's Firearms, Ravenna Shell Factories Affected As Well As Shipyards

(By the Associated Press)

Production of armaments was threatened by two new strikes today as shipyard disputes continued to tie up more than \$500,000,000 worth of naval construction at Boston and San Francisco.

A threatened walkout at the Hudson Motor company in Detroit, however, was at least temporarily postponed.

A strike by some of the 5,600 employees of the Colt's Patent Firearms company at Hartford, Conn., one of the nation's largest armaments factories, threatened production there, and 200 carpenters working on the government's new \$30,000,000 Ravenna, Ohio, shell loading plant walked out.

The Hunkin-Conkey Construction company said about 2,000 carpenters were employed on the Ravenna job and expressed hope for an immediate settlement of the wage dispute. The men asked a 25-cent-an-hour increase from a present scale of \$1.12 1/2 hourly.

Neither side in the Colt's company dispute revealed demands, but it was reported the strikers wanted a wage increase of about 20 percent, in present schedules of hourly rates of from 50 cents to \$1.20. A company official said an offer of 10 percent increase was rejected last night.

The company was making 37-millimeter cannon, 39 and 50 caliber machine guns and sidearms for the army and Great Britain and was unofficially reported to have \$30,000,000 in unfilled orders. The company spokesman said the plant continued operations with a "very substantial" number of 4,900 on the day shift reporting as usual.

Hudson Strike Delayed

The United Automobile Workers (CIO) union agreed to postpone its strike against Hudson Motor company until the company's directors could consider the demands. A Michigan labor conciliator said the board agreed to give its answer tomorrow afternoon.

The Dodge division of Chrysler corporation reported it had laid off 12,000 workers last night because of a shortage of materials supplied by the New Haven Foundry company, whose workers are on strike at New Haven, Mich.

Shipping Losses In the Atlantic

London, May 13 (AP)—British merchant shipping losses in the battle of the Atlantic in April—301,070 tons out of a total of 488,124 tons sunk in all theatres of war during the month—were the lowest in 11 months, it was announced today.

The month's total previously was included in an announcement Saturday which placed losses in the year since the Nazi invasion of the low countries at 1,098 ships totaling 4,734,407 tons.

The sharply reduced sinkings in the Atlantic, authoritative quarters asserted, indicated the effectiveness of counter-measures against Adolf Hitler's air, surface and underwater weapons.

"There are no signs that the results of the great efforts the enemy is making will enable him to attain the quick victory he needs," one highly-placed informant said.

The losses in the battle of the Atlantic, plus 187,054 tons of ships lost in the removal of troops from Greece and in other areas of the Mediterranean, made up the April total.

Berlin, May 13 (AP)—The German high command announced today that Nazi submarines had sunk nine merchant ships totaling 56,248 tons "during a persistent attack lasting several days on a convoy strongly protected by destroyers."

This same convoy had earlier been under attack by submarines losing four additional vessels of 20,000 tons, the Germans said, and bringing the convoy's total losses to 13 ships of 76,248 tons.

A communiqué said the German air force sank an 8,000-ton merchant ship off the Scottish east coast yesterday, and destroyed a small war vessel near Land's End last night.

Hospital Contract Awarded

Washington, May 13 (AP)—The army awarded a \$936,517 contract today to Elvins Anderson, Tacoma, for construction of a 400-bed hospital and miscellaneous buildings at Fort Lewis.

Powerful Italian Battleship Sunk

Aboard a British Mediterranean Fleet ship, May 13 (AP)—Italy's powerful 35,000-ton battleship Vittorio Veneto is generally believed by the British to have been sunk.

Frequent British aerial reconnaissance over Italian seaports since the battle of Matapan March 28 have failed to disclose any trace of the vessel.

The apparent failure of Italian radio broadcasts to refer to any return to port by the battleship after the battle of Matapan strengthens this belief.

Severe Quake Occurs In Pacific Ocean

Berkeley, Calif., May 13 (AP)—A severe quake occurred in the Pacific ocean today but seismologists were puzzled in attempting to determine its epicenter. Prof. Perry Byerly, University of California, said he believed it occurred off the coasts of Washington and Oregon.

Dr. Howard A. Coombs, University of Washington, estimated its distance from Seattle as between 800 and 1200 miles, probably in a westerly or southwesterly direction in the Pacific.

Residents of Eureka and Ukiah in northern California felt the shock shortly after 8 a.m. No damage was reported but the tremor was of considerable proportions at Ukiah.

In San Francisco, residents of the Marina district thought they felt the quake, and a few persons along Geary street also reported it.

Prof. Byerly said, however, it was very odd if the disturbance was felt in San Francisco. He fixed the time of the quake as starting at 8:03.46 a.m., and lasting for an hour.

Showdown on Convoy Issue Nears in Senate

Pepper Urges Safety of Supply Ships; Knox Statement Puzzles

Washington, May 13 (AP)—With a senate showdown approaching on the convoy question, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) urged today that the United States undertake to help assure the safe delivery of all supplies to Britain, regardless of the country from which they were shipped.

But, capital circles wondered just what Secretary Knox meant when he said: "It is very possible . . . that convoys are not the answer after all. Perhaps we have to develop a new defense to assure the arrival of our goods on the other side."

The statement was made by Knox in an extemporaneous speech after he had declared "we cannot half fight this battle. . . . we are committed to all the support (to Britain) necessary to produce a victory."

Pepper, who has been demanding "affirmative action" by this country against the axis, told reporters that "public opinion has reached the point where, if convoys are necessary to deliver the goods, the people will support them."

"The question of convoys is far broader than just getting our materials to Britain, however. If Britain is getting supplies from Canada, Australia or Africa, for instance, it is just as important that they be delivered as that American supplies reach their destination."

"We have got to keep Britain alive, and I hope our people will see the whole picture" instead of just a segment of it."

Test This Week

A senate test some time this week on the convoy issue was virtually assured yesterday when the senate commerce committee gave 11-to-4 approval to the house approved administration bill for requisitioning of foreign shipping now idle in domestic ports.

Once this bill is brought to the floor, Senator Tobey (R., N. H.), intends to offer an amendment which would prohibit the use of naval vessels for convoy duty. Attempts for legislation banning convoys have been futile on several previous occasions, and administration polls were said to indicate sufficient votes to defeat Tobey's proposal.

RAF Again Raids German Bases

London, May 13 (AP)—Fires that "involved whole blocks of buildings" were set in the German industrial city of Mannheim and its sister city of Ludwigshafen in an overnight raid by the RAF, the air ministry reported today.

At Cologne, another objective of the British attack, fires were started among railway sheds and elsewhere in the center of the city, the ministry's news service declared. One German Messerschmitt fighter plane which attacked a British bomber was reported shot down after. Attacks also were made on Koblenz.

In German-occupied territory to the west, docks at Ostend and Dunkerque were bombed.

On the home front, German air attacks dwindled away during the night and the government said little damage was done. One invading aircraft was claimed destroyed.

Berlin, May 13 (AP)—Royal Air Force bombers again attacked the port city of Bremen and other points in western Germany last night, while the Luftwaffe's operations were directed chiefly against south and east coast English harbors.

The Germans said the RAF, "indiscriminately dropping explosive and incendiary bombs" at Bremen, had destroyed a school and damaged another school, a hospital and a museum containing an "irreplaceable collection."

Glasgow Resentful

Glasgow, May 13 (AP)—Sir Patrick Dollan, lord provost of Glasgow, said today it was no honor to the city that Rudolf Hess had arrived there and protested the government's revelation that the No. 3 Nazi had landed here, thus possibly inviting a new German air attack.



Big Ben Damaged in Air Raid—Big Ben (above), the clock whose chiming is a symbol of unity of the British Empire, was damaged seriously during a German air raid. Other sections of London also were damaged by bombs. Guards are at work in this picture erecting gun emplacements near the landmark in 1940. — Associated Press Photo.

Hess Tells Details Of Plane Flight

Glasgow, Scotland, May 13 (AP)—Rudolf Hess' calm story of flying to Britain with an extra gasoline tank and a map with the route "Augsburg to Scotland" marked in blue pencil was related tonight by two home guardsmen who took him into custody late Saturday night. He related, also, they said, that he circled a long time over the Scottish countryside, intending to land his plane, but finally took to his parachute after turning the plane upside down to help himself out of the cockpit.

Unable to find a landing place, "I climbed several thousand feet, threw the plane over on its back and switched off the engine," they quoted him as saying.

"Just as I was falling out I righted the machine again, switched on the engine and sent the plane hurtling to earth while I fell clear."

Hess told the homeguardsmen that he had fitted an extra gasoline tank to his plane to make certain he had enough fuel for the 800-mile trip and that he dropped it in the sea when he crossed the coast of Scotland.

When the guards took him into custody he told them: "I have no bombs in my plane, so you needn't worry."

Holmes Held for M'Nary Murder

San Mateo, Calif., May 13 (AP)—A coroner's jury returned a verdict today that Wilson Davis McNary, Jr., Portland, Ore., "came to his death by willful murder in gunshot wounds through the body inflicted by John M. Holmes of Hillsborough."

Only two witnesses were questioned at the meeting in the office of Coroner William F. Crosby at Burlingame.

Inspector Robert O'Brien of the San Mateo police testified that Holmes, an army air corps reserve captain, had admitted to him that he killed McNary and also shot himself through the temple. The motive was believed to have been jealousy over a woman, as Holmes murmured "McNary stole my girl."

The other witness was Chief Deputy Coroner Daniel O'Connell.

Raymond K. Daba, representing Holmes, asked O'Brien if he had found any powder burns on Holmes' body. O'Brien said he had not. Holmes, blinded by the bullet, was bleeding so profusely that it was necessary to rush him to a hospital.

Albert Gould, a juror, inquired of O'Brien whether any hotel employees had heard screams or arguments in McNary's room preceding the shooting on May 3.

O'Brien replied that one witness, whose name was not revealed, said there was an argument either in or near room 310, then three shots, an interval of several minutes, followed by a fourth shot.

Holmes was still in a critical condition at a hospital and a doctor said he had attempted to rip the bandages from his eyes on several occasions.

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The Germans and Italians turned back, it said, adding that "our air forces have been afforded particularly good targets by the withdrawing enemy."

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Nazi Leaders Hear Hitler on Will to Victory

Hess Declared Suffering Under Hallucination He Could Bring Peace

Berlin, May 13 (AP)—Close upon Rudolf Hess' flight to Scotland — with what nazis called an "hallucination" of German-British peace — the sub-leadership of the Reich met today with Adolf Hitler for a show of "determined will for victory."

Hitler addressed the gathering, the official party news service said, but no other details of the meeting were given. In response to the fuhrer's address, it was said, "party leaders gave the fuhrer . . . an impressive demonstration of determined will for victory."

Allege Hallucinations

Rudolf Hess, number three man in the Nazi hierarchy, made his fantastic flight to Scotland because "he appears to have lived under the hallucination that he was still able to bring about an understanding between Germany and England with old English acquaintances," the Nazi party announced officially today.

A party communiqué said Hess, second only to Reichsmarschal Hermann Wilhelm Goering as Adolf Hitler's personally-chosen heir apparent, had suffered serious physical disability for years "and recently resorted increasingly to various aids, mesmerizers, astrologers and so forth."

"It, however," the statement added, "also is imaginable that, in the last analysis, Hess intentionally was lured into a trap by the British."

War to Continue

"The nationalist socialist party regrets that his idealism fell victim to such fateful delusion," it went on. "This will not interfere with the continuation of the war against England forced upon the German people."

A qualified spokesman said that "the assumption that his curious conduct, which is a deep personal tragedy, was due to mental derangement is the most charitable view to be taken, and that view is to be held in view of the present knowledge."

Hitler, meanwhile, personally took over Hess' party office, formerly known as the "office of the deputy of the fuhrer" and changed the title to "party chancellery."

Hess Demented

Germany in responsible position took sharp issue with the British interpretation of events, which challenged the soundness of Hitler's action in designating a man pronounced mentally incompetent as successor to the party leadership after Goering.

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British Doctors Pronounce Hess Perfectly Sane

Deny German Claims That Former Leader Mentally Deranged

London, May 13 (AP)—Authoritative sources said tonight that war-time regulations forbade the publication of any political or military utterances which Rudolf Hess, as prisoner-of-war, might make.

London, May 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill announced in the house of commons today that a further statement would be made shortly about the surprising flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland.

Replying to a request from Laborite H. B. Lees-Smith for a statement concerning Hess, Churchill said:

"I have nothing to add at present to the statement issued last night by his majesty's government, but obviously a further statement will be made in the near future regarding the flight to this country of this very high and important Nazi leader."

Sir Henry Morris-Jones, a liberal, asked "will the news be handled with skill and imagination?"

May Alter War

"I was with the minister of information until a very late hour last night," Churchill replied. "I think this is one of those cases in which the imagination is somewhat baffled by the facts as they present themselves."

The house laughed heartily.

Rudolf Hess, parachuting from a crash-bound Messerschmitt fighter onto a Scottish moor last Saturday night—a potential bearer of Nazi secrets—broke the Hitler hierarchy in a development that may alter the course of the European war, the British declared today.

Authorities, casting aside, for the moment at least, the crop of rumors linked with this strange chapter in a gigantic struggle of men, their ideas and arms, insisted only that Hess came to Britain sane and defiant of the Nazi regime.

A hint—and only a hint—that Hess was pursued in his escape appeared in photographs of the tail of his wrecked plane: 10 closely bunched bullet holes.

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House Accepts Parity Loan Bill

Washington, May 13 (AP)—The house accepted today a compromise bill to require mandatory government loans of 85 percent of parity on basic farm crops this year. The vote was 275 to 63.

The legislation, which now goes to the senate for expected quick approval, also would impose heavy penalties for marketing of crops in excess of quotas.

Chairman Fulmer (D., S. C.) of the house agriculture committee said the new loan program—loans now can be made up to 75 percent of parity—would cost the treasury less than any other method of aiding the farmer.

Representative Hope (R., Kan.), told the house that the new legislation would make unnecessary the \$450,000,000 outright appropriation for parity payments approved by the senate. The house voted for \$212,000,000.

Trade Pacts with South America

Washington, May 13 (AP)—The United States appeared headed today toward an attempt to create a powerful economic bloc of western hemisphere nations to compete with any "new order" established in Europe or Asia.

The latest development was announcement by the state department last night of the opening of trade agreement negotiations with Argentina and Uruguay—the "United States" two chief competitors in production of wheat and beef.

Only last week it was revealed that Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones would direct economic warfare in South America against axis attempts to secure domination.