

VENUS AND MARS SIDE BY SIDE IN HEAVENLY MARCH

Two Major Planets Closest Together in Forty Years Venus Is Easily Located by Ultra Brilliance

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—The most brilliant star in 40 years, formed by the planets Venus and Mars standing apparently side by side, will be visible in the western sky at 7 p. m. (S. S. T.), May 7.

This will be the first time since 1888 that two major planets have come so close together. Astronomers say that without the aid of glasses the pair will appear to be one star. The time to begin watching the unusual approach is tonight.

The two stars will be noticeably closer on the 6th, and on the two nights after May 7 will separate at the same rate as their approach. Venus is moving up from the sun, Mars down toward the sun.

Actually, in the heavens, they will be 80,000,000 miles apart. Mars will pass, at that distance, almost directly behind Venus.

Venus can be spotted easily just after sunset for it is now an ultra-bright evening star, not far overhead from the place where the sun sets. Mars is less conspicuous and is recognizable by the slightly reddened color of its light.

Mars' red color, ascribed by the ancients to blood because he was the war god, is now known to be due to red color of his rocks. Mars has little oxygen and astronomers believe that the lost oxygen has been absorbed by the Martian rocks. On the earth, rocks which have absorbed oxygen from the air are distinctly reddened.



NEW NICKEL bearing Thomas Jefferson on the face and replica of Monticello home on other side was designed by German-born Felix Schlag, now an American citizen.

Foot Experts Will Demonstrate Here

Kidd's shoe store, headquarters for Dr. Scholl's foot comfort appliances and remedies, has made arrangements with Dr. Scholl to demonstrate his scientific shoes in Medford, Saturday, May 7, according to an announcement today.

Dr. Scholl's foot and shoe experts will bring with them advance showings of the complete line of Dr. Scholl's new style shoes. There will be 622 fittings to meet the most fastidious tastes and all types of feet.

With this array of shoes there will be included the latest model X-ray machine, the pedograph, and Dr. Scholl's automatic shoe sizer.

CHINESE CONTINUE SUCCESS AGAINST INVADING FORCES

Defenders Claim Capture of Matowchen, Key to Tancheng — Chinese Efficiency Seen Growing Fast

SHANGHAI, May 5.—(AP)—An inspired Chinese army claimed capture of Matowchen, walled town four miles northwest of Tancheng, as continued "rapid progress" was reported today in erasing the second big Japanese offensive in south Shantung province.

Matowchen was considered by Chinese commanders the key to Tancheng, which had become the southernmost point of the Japanese advance toward the Lunghai railway, 16 miles away.

Tancheng was encircled and beleaguered, Chinese said, though it had formed the east side of a salient until counter offensives from the opposite corner at Tancheng apparently straightened out the battle line.

Japs Driven Back

At the same time a sudden attack by General Miao Chen-Lieu's 57th army was reported to have driven the Japanese back toward Antungwei on the Yellow sea, in a battle along the Shantung-Kiangsu border. The attack believed the threat of a Japanese thrust from the north at Hailow, seaport terminus of the Lunghai railway.

Pressure was being increased on Tancheng by a reinvigorated army, which qualified foreign observers on the war front said had doubled its fighting efficiency and striking power since it retired, a humbled and routed rabble, from the shambles of Chapel in Shanghai and from the central government capital at Nanking.

A month ago it struck decisively at Tancheng, forcing a Japanese retreat, the first major defeat of a modern Japanese army.

The Japanese army recoiled, but gathered its forces, and greatly reinforced for a supreme effort to wipe out the stain, renewed the drive to connect its seaboard conquests from Manchoukio to Hangchow bay.

Chinese War Way

The Japanese took Lini, and reported their artillery within range of the Lunghai railway.

But barring the way was a Chinese army of 800,000 strong, its lessons learned from the fighting at Shanghai and Nanking, better armed, with new equipment, fighting under much more efficient staff direction and above all vastly encouraged by its victory at Tancheng when it punctured the legend of Japanese invincibility.

While Japanese superiority in artillery, planes and mechanized equipment was still a powerful advantage, observers on the front said Chinese were adapting their tactics to minimize their lack of equipment.

These tactics consisted of night attacks when the Japanese were unable to use their supporting arms efficiently in aid of the infantry, and maneuvering of the Japanese into hand-to-hand combat.

In these close encounters, Chinese used hand grenades and big swords and made their numerical superiority count, whereas the Japanese artillery was useless.

Ban Ken Magazine For Obscene Yarn

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Postmaster General Farley barred from the mails today all copies of the May 3 issue of "Ken," new semi-monthly publication, on grounds it contained obscene matter.

In a printed statement, the department said the article to which Farley objected was entitled "Los Angeles Sporting Girl."

Under postal regulations, the magazine will be denied use of the mails until it re-applies for second class mailing privileges and offers an issue acceptable to the postoffice department.

Rogue River

ROGUE RIVER, May 5.—(Spl.)—Live Oak Grange met in regular session Monday night. A program under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Greenwood, who holds the office of Flora, was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Olive Kiersey was reinstated and seven new names were balloted and will be given the first and second degrees Monday night, May 8. At the close of Grange refreshments were served by the committee.

A Townsend club was reorganized at the Girl Scout hall Tuesday evening. Sandy Blakely was chosen president; Mr. De Rush, vice-president; Milo Hollister, treasurer, and Eileen Russel, secretary. A very good attendance was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Langworthy, Harry Skovington, Mrs. Hattie Harris and Mrs. Jim Whipple were Medford shoppers Monday.

Mrs. Sam Sandry left Sunday morning by bus for a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Woods, and family at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Carter and Charlotte enjoyed a trip Sunday to Crescent City.

Mrs. Oscar Kiersey of Chino, Calif., is spending a few days in Rogue River, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple.

At the regular school board meeting Monday night, the teachers for the coming year were hired. Walter Dennis was rehired as principal; Miss Nell Perrine and Mrs. Myrtle McGregory as high school teachers. Leslie Smith was uncertain as he expects to leave for another position.

Miss Alice McLaren, Mrs. Minnie Guy, Mr. Sloan and Mrs. Nellie Dennis were rehired in the grades; Mrs. Knox and Miss Wycoff as new teachers.

A special all-day aid meeting was held last Friday at the home of Mrs. Sam Sandry, at which time much sewing was done for the Blakely family. Next meeting will be an all-day meeting, with covered dish lunch at noon, at the W. L. Badley home on the highway south.

While tying a calf to a post Tuesday, the calf jammed Mrs. Ollim's hand into the post, causing a very badly lacerated finger. Bert Howick, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson were dinner guests Sunday of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oden, of Evans Valley.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore attended the funeral of John Cook at Gold Hill, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett of Sardine Creek spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Hart, Mrs. Fred Dengler and Mrs. Roland Jones were Medford visitors Tuesday. Other visitors Tuesday at Medford were Harry Hill and wife, Mrs. Grace Whipple and daughter, Peggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Carter were dinner guests Friday evening at the Willard Wilson home near Granite Pass.

School was dismissed Tuesday morning so the students could have the pleasure of hearing Governor Martin in his short address given from the band stand.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley, Mrs. Lora Carter and Charlotte and Mrs. Hattie Harris visited Friday at the home of Homer Culbertson in Ashland.

Mrs. July Sommers of Seattle left for her home Wednesday after spending several days visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mitchell.

Elephants In Castes

COLOMBO, Ceylon (UP)—The Sinhalese recognize 16 different "castes" of elephants, according to P. E. Deraniyagala, acting director of the Colombo museum, who addressed the Royal Asiatic society here.

MOVIE HOUSE OWNERS SAY FILM COSTS DUE TO BURNED-OUT STARS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 5.—(AP)—The Independent Theater Owners' Association, Inc., of New York, charged today in an advertisement in a Hollywood trade publication that movie producers were paying excessive salaries to stars who had lost their drawing power at the box office.

Representing many hundreds of "non-circuit" theaters throughout the United States, or those theaters not controlled by the studios themselves, the independents said the practice was "not only burdensome to the studios and the stockholders, but to the exhibitors who, in the final analysis, suffer by the non-drawing power of these players."

"Among these players," the advertisement continued, "whose dramatic ability is unquestioned but whose box office draw is nil, can be numbered Mae West, Edward Arnold, Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, Katharine Hepburn and many others."

The advertisement stated that the producers were so afraid of losing the stars they tied them up for many years under contract with the result that the stars continued to receive top salaries far after their box office rating slides.

Bob Fowler Will Aid Editor of Barometer

CORVALLIS, May 5.—(P)—Dick Kennedy of Portland, editor of next year's Oregon State college Daily Barometer, appointed Bob Fowler of Medford associate editor today.

Other major staff selections included Marie Pell, Pendleton, assistant editor; Don Drake, Heppner, managing editor; Hank Gargobert, Corvallis, sports editor; Chuck Fries, Portland, news editor; Shirley Chonmiller, Salem, feature editor.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

JOBLESS BENEFIT FUND SUSTAINED

SALEM, May 5.—(P)—The state unemployment compensation commission had \$5,100,000 on hand today, only \$900,000 less than on January 2 when the fund began to pay claims.

The commission has paid \$2,500,000 in benefits since the first of the year.

The amount of claim payments is expected to decline because of summer employment in logging camps, orchards and canneries.

Employers' contributions to date totaled \$7,729,508.

Claims during the first four months of the year were abnormally high because of jurisdictional sawmill disputes and subnormal employment conditions in other industries.

Gardiner Mill Sold

GARDINER, May 5.—(P)—Purchase of the Gardiner mill, idle two years, and a quarter billion feet of standing timbers from San Francisco leinholders was announced today by O. H. Hinsdale, Gardiner banker, the Bald-

POLLING PLACES UNDERGO CHECK

Polling places for the primary election May 20 are now being checked and, as far as possible, will be the same as in the last election, the county clerk announces. The sheriff's office is now visiting the 70 precincts in the county making the final arrangements.

Preparation of the poll books for the primary are also underway from the registration of 17,318 votes. This is a drop from the all-time mark for the 1932 general election when slightly more than 20,000 were registered. In the past four years close to 2,500 cards have been dropped, largely due to the registrants not voting in a two-year period. The 1932 registration was the year registrants were paid 10 cents per name for registrations. From 1926 to 1932 the average normal registration in the county was 14,500 to 15,000.

Election notices have also been posted in all precincts of the county.

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WOULD BAN MUNITIONS TO DEBTOR COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(P)—Senator Lewis (D-Ill.) said today the government should take new steps to collect the war debts.

In a statement, Lewis suggested that the United States refuse to sell military supplies to debtor nations until they make arrangements to pay the debts.

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PAUL DICK PRESIDENT OREGON ASSOCIATION

PORTLAND, May 5.—(P)—Paul A. Dick, Portland banker, became president yesterday at the organization meeting of the Battiship Oregon Memorial association. The group will direct the work of preserving and moving the Spanish-American war fighter to a marine park.

Articles of incorporation were drawn for the non-profit, volunteer organization.

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