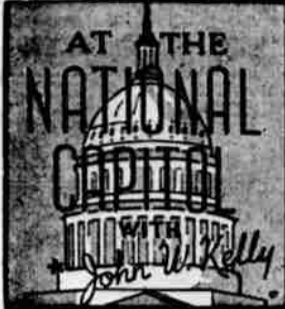


**The Weather**  
Forecast  
Fair tonight and Thursday,  
slightly cooler Thursday.  
Temperature  
Highest yesterday 90  
Lowest this morning 52

**Now Is The Time**  
Want to sell that piano? Rug?  
Clothing? Anything you have  
to sell may be disposed of  
promptly through the classified  
Ads in this newspaper.  
Now is the time to start something.

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# ARRAS RECAPTURE HEADLINES FRENCH



**WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.**—Two special investigators turned up "dirt" in the WPA operations in Washington state and gave the ways and means committee ammunition to oppose a large sum for relief. Nothing off-color was found in Oregon.

Waste, politics and something like graft appears in the report of the investigators. Material of WPA was taken and hauled in WPA trucks and used on private property (the same practice that prevailed in Louisiana before the federal government moved in); thousands of tolls for WPA workers were bought beyond the requirements, such as 6588 long-handle shovels, 500 rakes to rake leaves, 1771 railroad picks, 342 square-point shovels, 2020 mattocks, 110 sewing machines, etc. To get rid of wheelbarrows an acetylene torch was used to cut a section out of each wheel and split the frame.

At Vancouver unauthorized work was performed at direction of city superintendent on private property; at Tacoma, Olympia, Seattle, Montesano, Yakima, Everett, Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Spokane and other places WPA was a "good thing" which furnished anything from free labor and materials to gasoline.

One of the Seattle projects was a household demonstration in a fine residence where WPA officials and their wives gave teas. Among guests were Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter Mrs. Boettiger. There were Christmas parties and Thanksgiving parties and a good time was had by all. The food bill was \$3859, paid by WPA.

**THERE** was a land survey project in Seattle, where the assessed value of all land was made. Among the foremen were a former mine mucker, a former pantryman on a ship, a cod-fish fisherman, a laborer and an organizer for CIO and AFL. These men instructed workers on making appraisals of real property. Workers on this project also had to campaign for

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**Dewey to Dominate**  
Tacoma, May 22.—(P)—The vanguard of more than 1,000 delegates to the Washington Republican convention here Saturday and Sunday began arriving today. Republican leaders predicted the convention will be dominated by delegates favorable to the candidacy of Thomas E. Dewey.

**Oldest Building Burns**  
Newberg, Ore., May 22.—(P)—Yamhill county's oldest building, the Fr. Jerick C. Herring farm house, is a heap of ashes today. The structure, built more than 100 years ago, burned late Monday.

## SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Friends of Joe Early averring he is a natural stooge for this col. as he has lived here for some time and never once has his moniker appeared herein.

Alberta McVeigh looking gorgeous, gay and glamorous in new sun tan cosmetics with all the trimmings.

Little Michael Hogan calling for Uncle Larry Schade when Papa Mel could make no progress in getting a car wheel off to fix a flat. Uncle Larry finally arriving and justifying Michael's confidence by removing the wheel with a few dexterous wrist twists. Papa Mel having been trying to turn the nuts the wrong way.

Una B. Inch, Pleasant A. Dooms and others paying a visit to the city council in the interest of certain petitions for improvements.

## GERMANS ROUTED FROM ABBEVILLE; RAIN AIDS ALLIES

Nazi Field Commander Admits Temporary Halt to Hard Fighting May Come

**By the Associated Press**  
A wave of optimism swept over France today—the 13th day of the war in the west—as French shock troops reportedly recaptured shell-torn Arras and routed Nazi advance guards from Abbeville, 12 miles from the English channel.

In the first official German hint that the blitzkrieg might be slowing down, Gen. Walther Von Reichenau, German field commander, admitted today: "It may be that our present movements will come to a temporary halt. Weygand has ordered every man to stand his ground. That may mean hard fights ahead."

**Brace for Attack**  
The main German army in northern France braced itself for a hard counter-attack by the allies under the new generalissimo, Maxime Weygand.

Aiding the allied cause, heavy rains bogged the fields of northern France—breaking the perfect weather favoring Hitler's mechanized blitzkrieg tactics.

As the Germans drove their double-pronged campaign westward toward the vital channel ports and south to a reported area beyond Soissons, some 56 miles from Paris, the French rallied on a new 200-mile front along the Somme and Aisne rivers.

"I am full of confidence if each man does his duty with a fierce energy," said Weygand, leaving for the front.

Allied counterattacks apparently were relieving some of the pressure on British troops, fighting with their backs to the sea in a "pocket" in Belgium.

**Nazis Claim Gains**  
The German high command, however, claimed - lightning-paced Nazi thrusts—during motorcycle raids, apparently, unsupported by infantry—had widened the corridor reaching almost to the channel.

In the German drive on Paris, according to an unconfirmed report by "informed circles" in Berlin, the Nazis have passed Soissons, famed World war battleground—only 56 miles northeast of the French capital.

In the west front, in Flanders, Col. Gen. Walther Von Reichenau waited for a telephone call from Adolf Hitler to signal the release of what was described as "the most powerful right wing army ever to flank an enemy."

Von Reichenau's troops were poised to attack half a million allied soldiers in the "fields where poppies grow."

Today's heaviest fighting centered in a fire-scarred triangle north of the Somme river, raging from Amiens to Arras to Abbeville and eastward to the Canal sector.

German parachutists with blazing torches yesterday fired many towns and villages in the hotly-contested sector.

**Reynaud Confident**  
Premier Reynaud of France expressed his confidence in ultimate victory, immediately after conferring with Gen. Maxime Weygand, the new commander in chief of the allies.

"I repeat to you, if we hold for one month—and we will hold for whatever time is necessary—we will have travelled three-fourths of the road to victory," he said.

Reynaud cautioned against demoralization arising from the swift-striking but generally unsupported sorties of Nazi motorized units.

"Their audacity," he said, "can cost them dear."

The French destroyed all bridges across the Somme river in a move to block the German march to the sea, and a Paris military spokesman said the Nazis would have to bring up much heavier forces to attempt a crossing.

**Many Flee Paris**  
Many civilians are moving out

## BASEBALL

National		R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	1	6	1	
Brooklyn	3	8	0	
Klinger, Lanahan and Berres; Schultz; Fitzsimmons and Franks				
American		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	4	7	1	
New York	6	10	0	
Derringer and Lombardi; Hubbell and Danning.				
American		R.	H.	E.
Boston	6	16	1	
Cleveland	9	15	2	
Ostermuller, Bagby, Hash and Peacock; Harder, Eisenstat, Dobson and Hemsley.				
Philadelphia	1	7	2	
Chicago	10	18	1	
Caster and Brucker; Smith and Tresh.				
Score:		R.	H.	E.
New York	8	16	2	
Detroit	2	6	0	
Breuer and Dickey; Newhouse, Benton, McKain, Rowe and Tebbets.				

## 17 UNIONS PURGED BECAUSE OF REDS

**Vancouver, B. C., May 22.**—(CP)—Seventeen union locals were expelled last night from the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor council because they had refused to withdraw delegates believed by the labor governing body to be communists.

The action was taken in compliance with instructions from the American Federation of Labor and followed the recent expulsion of three delegates and several other union locals for the same reason.

of the south and west gates of the French capital.

While Britain threw all her power into defense measures and took satisfaction that 2,000,000 men in training at home could be thrown at a coastal invasion, Nazi air feints at England became bolder.

Amid a clatter of anti-aircraft and fighter plane fire German planes dropped bombs in two districts of southeast England, some of which fell on land and others in the sea. The ministry said there were no casualties and no damage.

There were gunfire, a sharp explosion and a sudden glare in the Thames estuary.

**Britain Realities**  
The British air force countered with an air raid early today on the German town of Aachen (Aix La Chapelle), near the junction of the Belgian, Dutch and German borders, in which three planes participated.

Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press correspondent with the German armies, said the planes dived again and again to drop their loads of bombs, but failed to hit any military objectives. The explosions dug great holes in the streets, but there were no immediate reports of civilian casualties.

In far-away Canberra, Australia, Premier R. G. Menzies announced his government would recruit a third army division for overseas service. About 30,000 Australians and New Zealanders already are in the Near East.

The United States maintains 250 refuges for all forms of wild life.

**Japs Bomb Chungking**  
Chungking, May 22.—(P)—Fifty-four Japanese bombers in two waves bombed points west of Chungking today and gave the Chinese provincial capital its seventh air raid alarm since Saturday.

**Raver Sees Ickes**  
Washington, May 22.—(P)—Administrator Paul J. Raver of Bonneville dam discussed the unsuccessful Oregon people's utility district elections with Interior Secretary Ickes today.

immediate action authorizing the president to advise the allies the entire material resources of the United States are at their command, to crush Nazism and its armed forces.

It is further desired that all Americans communicate to their congressmen and senators their sentiments.

There are no dues, and the membership rolls are open to one and all, irrespective of age. The movement is planned to be nation-wide in scope, and it is hoped Jackson county citizens will join 100 per cent at once.

Headquarters will be opened later, it was announced.

## NAVAL EXPANSION FINANCING GIVEN COMMITTEE OKEH

10,000 Plane Force and Naval Air Base Program Put in Senate's Hopper

**Washington, May 22.**—(P)—A \$1,823,000,000 army appropriation measure, carrying most of the money asked by President Roosevelt for emergency defense measures, was passed by the senate today and sent back to the house for action on amendments.

**Washington, May 22.**—(P)—A \$1,458,000,000 navy appropriation bill, including both regular and emergency naval funds, was approved and sent to the senate today by its appropriations committee.

The house naval committee, by a unanimous vote, sent to the floor a bill authorizing the navy to set up its air force to 10,000 planes and 16,000 pilots and to spend \$144,132,000 for naval air bases.

The senate was expected to take up the new measure as soon as it completed consideration of a \$1,823,252,724 army supply bill, passage of which was expected today.

The full appropriations committee, in a 15-minute session, approved the action of its subcommittee in adding \$472,000,000 in direct appropriations and contract authority to the regular supply bill which already had passed both houses and was withdrawn from a senate-house conference committee.

## RUMANIA ORDERS ALL TO COLORS

**Bucharest, May 22.**—(P)—Rumania ordered a virtual general mobilization today in a move which diplomats believed was linked with Bucharest's fears that Soviet Russia's big army may soon march into Besarabia.

Reports to military headquarters here said that Soviet troop concentrations on Rumania's frontier had been heavily reinforced within the last few days.

Rich in oil—badly needed for modern mechanized warfare—King Carol's little Balkan kingdom long has worried over a possible German invasion if the war should spread to southeastern Europe.

All leaves also were cancelled immediately, with officers and men ordered to report back to their units before noon tomorrow.

**Swimmer Drowns**  
Marshfield, May 22.—(P)—Coos county recorded its third drowning this month yesterday. Patricia Lasater, 13, Eastside, lost her life while swimming in a lumber mill reservoir.

**Weather**  
Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday but considerable cloudiness on coast; little change in temperature; moderate northwest wind off coast.

**Sea Settles Dispute**  
Portland, May 22.—(P)—A dispute over ownership of a small Oceanview school lot was settled by Neptune yesterday. The surf undermined a cliff and the lot slid into the sea.

## F. D. R. AND LANDON DISCUSS NATION'S DEFENSE QUESTION

Neither Democrats Or Republicans Anxious for Coalition Govt., Is Word

**Washington, May 22.**—(AP)—Alf M. Landon, said today that Republicans would be willing to participate in a coalition cabinet if President Roosevelt eliminated himself as a possible third-term candidate.

Talking to reporters after lunching with Mr. Roosevelt, Landon said in reply to questions, however, that the president had not asked him to serve in a coalition cabinet nor to take any position in a defense administration.

**Washington, May 22.**—(P)—In an atmosphere of harmony over national efforts President Roosevelt and Alf M. Landon discussed across a luncheon table today the grave problems raised for the United States by the European war.

Landon's visit to the White House raised much talk of the possibility of a coalition government, but neither in democratic nor republican circles had it found any strong support when Landon, the republican nominee for president in 1936, walked into the chief executive's office.

**Early Eyes Possibilities**  
Stephen Early, presidential secretary, discussing possibilities for an expanded government to meet the defense emergency said it would most likely take a simplified form of the 1917-18 type of government with "dollar-a-year" men assisting and advising the regular government officials.

Early indicated appointment of various such aides, and selection of more presidential assistants, was imminent.

Landon himself declined to discuss coalition questions when reporters met him upon his arrival in the capital this morning. However, Senator Capper (R-Kas.) breakfasted with him and later said that "I don't know of any republican for coalition."

At the same time he said republicans would give President Roosevelt's defense program full support.

**No Complex Machine**  
Early said that Mr. Roosevelt has "no intention whatever of creating an involved, complex machine for national defense or for any emergency reason."

Persons brought into the government would cooperate with, not supersede, government officials, he said.

In addition to these persons, Early indicated, Mr. Roosevelt may appoint three more administrative assistants to help him in the tremendous task of leading the nation's re-armament program.

## Leopold in France Is Report in Tokyo

**Berlin, May 22.**—(P)—The Berlin radio today broadcast a Tokyo dispatch reporting the Belgian ambassador to Japan had informed Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita that King Leopold had taken refuge in Le Havre, France. The seat of the Belgian government had been established there, it was reported.

## Milk Wagon-Chicago Style



With the bulk of Chicago's milk supply cut off by a strike of milk drivers, Mrs. Louise Pederson found a way to get milk. She went to a distribution station, made her baby son move over, and hauled home two gallons in his perambulator.

## Radio Highlights

**By Associated Press**  
(Time is Pacific Standard)  
New York, May 22.—(P)—Reply to the Sunday night radio address by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh on national air defense will be made tonight on WABC-CBS by Senator James F. Byrnes, South Carolina democrat, who is in charge of the senate appropriations committee unit on naval expenditures. The time 6:30, is the same at which Lindbergh talked.

**Tonight: Europe** (subject to addition)—CBS 4:55; MBS 5:15, 6, 6:15. WJZ-NBC 6; NBC-Chains 8.

**WABC-CBS—6:25** Sen. Styles Bridges on "Political Outlook".

**MBS—6:30** Gov. A. B. James on "Roosevelt or Peace"; 7:15 Rep. W. W. Barber on "Defense".

**Thursday: WEAF-NBC—9:15** Mrs. Roosevelt Talk; 9:30 H. V. Kaltenborn before N. Y. Advertising club on "We Look at the War".

## ROOSEVELT ACTS TO CURB SPYING

**Washington, May 22.**—(P)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to approve transfer of the immigration and naturalization service from the labor to the justice department, thereby to enable the government to "deal quickly" with aliens whose conduct "conflicts with the public interest."

Another turn of events involving aliens was an appeal by Rep. Allen (D., La.) for immediate house consideration of a bill to send Harry R. Bridges, C. I. O. leader on the west coast, back to his native Australia as an "undesirable."

Allen said the nation was "fed up on this fifth column business."

## U. S. BUILT PLANES FLYING ATLANTIC

**Washington, May 22.**—(P)—The allies disclosed today that they are flying some of their American-built bombing planes across the Atlantic.

Arthur B. Purvis, British head of the allied purchasing mission, made the revelation to reporters after a conference with Treasury Secretary Morgenthau on allied requests for assurances of prior delivery after this country's own plane purchasing program gets under way.

## BRITAIN CHANGES TO DICTATORSHIP AS WAR MEASURE

**London, May 22.**—(P)—Britain's parliament tonight invested the government with dictatorial powers to conscript labor and wealth to strengthen the nation's shield against German invasion.

Within three hours the house of commons and the house of lords passed and King George approved a bill giving Winston Churchill's government unprecedented, sweeping war emergency powers demanded "in view of the grave peril in which the nation stands today."

It armed the cabinet with administrative weapons similar in efficiency and scope to those of Britain's authoritarian enemy.

The new measure carries forward a swift transition from democracy to semi-dictatorship which began before Britain went to war.

Under the new bill, all labor and property would be at the government's disposal.

There would be a 100 per cent excess profits tax.

## HILLSBORO MAN IS GRAND PATRIARCH

**Corvallis, May 22.**—(P)—The Oregon L.O.O.F. elevated E. M. Bowman, Hillsboro, to grand patriarch at the 85th annual grand encampment yesterday.

Bowman, grand high priest, succeeded W. V. Merchant of Culver. The delegates elected Oswald Olson, Eugene, grand junior warden, John Starr, Eugene, grand marshal, and George Christenson, Silverton, grand inner sentinel.

The grand lodge and Rebekah sessions will continue through Thursday.

## EUGENE'S POPULATION PROBABLY OVER 21,000

**Eugene, May 22.**—(P)—Eugene's population probably will top 21,000, Census Supervisor Mrs. Merle Stuart said yesterday. The Lane county total will exceed 65,000.

**Mrs. Rosser Gets Divorce**  
Oregon City, May 22.—(P)—Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette granted Mrs. Paulyn Rosser, a divorce from Albert E. Rosser, former AFL teamster official, yesterday. Rosser is serving 12 years in the state penitentiary for arson.

## COLEMAN GIVEN 14-VOTE LEAD IN OFFICIAL COUNT

Race for County Judge Nomination Among Closest in Jackson County's History

**J. B. (Blin) Coleman** defeated Ralph Billings of Ashland, by a margin of 14 votes, for the Republican nomination for county judge of Jackson county, according to the official count completed shortly before noon today.

The figures:  
Coleman .....2,763  
Billings .....2,749  
Coleman's lead 14.

It was one of the closest county office races on record here. Coleman is present county assessor, and Billings a county commissioner.

Billings, who was in attendance at the regular session of the county court today, upon receipt of the news visited Coleman's office and extended his congratulations.

Owing to the closeness of the vote, friends of Billings expressed the view a recount would be sought. Commissioner Billings had no comment to make on the subject. Under Oregon law, a contestant has 30 days in which to file for a recount.

The official count was 13 less than the unofficial count, which gave Coleman a 27 vote lead.

**Other Totals Listed**  
The final count was also completed today on two other county offices, as follows:  
For county assessor:  
Myers .....3,372  
Lofland .....1,815  
Myers' majority 1,557.  
For coroner:  
Conger .....3,199  
Peri .....2,345  
Conger's lead 854.

The counting board expected to finish checking Republican ballots, and start in on Democratic ballots late today.

The county judge winner will be opposed in the November election by Ira Schuler of this city, unopposed for the Democratic nomination. Myers will be opposed by Ray Schumacher, also unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

## GERMANY PLACES LOSSES AT 11,000

**By the Associated Press**  
Germany has lost about 11,000 men in the blitzkrieg on the Belgian and French fronts, a high German commander has indicated.

No figures were given for the campaign in the Netherlands.

In the first authoritative statement of losses since the western invasion began May 10, Col. Gen. Walther von Reichenau today told Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press correspondent with the German armies, that the Germans had lost only one-tenth of the number of allied troops taken prisoner.

Official German sources stated that, exclusive of those in Holland, 110,000 prisoners had been taken by Adolf Hitler's legions in the west.

## ROME, PARIS TELEPHONE SERVICE INTERRUPTED

**Rome, May 22.**—(P)—Telephone communications between Rome and Paris were interrupted this afternoon. Previously those between Rome and London had been broken. There was no immediate explanation.

**Warship Runs Wild**  
Valparaiso; Chile, May 22.—(P)—South America's largest warcraft, the 28,000-ton Chilean battleship Almirante Latorre, broke from her moorings today and collided with the 2,640-ton Chilean passenger ship Palena, setting her adrift.

**Theater Fall Fatal**  
Portland, May 22.—(P)—William Wicks, 16, of Portland, hurt in a fall over a chair at a theater May 17, died of his injuries yesterday.