

# FRENCH LACK OF AIRPLANES, TANKS MAJOR WEAKNESS

### War Correspondent Who Saw Quick Defeat Says Loss Estimated 1,500,000

By Taylor Henry.  
(Taylor Henry, 36-year-old native of Mineola, Tex., graduate of West Point, was accredited Associated Press correspondent with the French army during recent historic weeks. He survived German bombing raids, flew over the German lines with a French bombing squadron, saw the retreat of the French forces, and has arrived at the Spanish border.)

San Sebastian, Spain, July 2.—(AP)—French casualties in the disastrous final month of the war with Germany were estimated unofficially today at 1,500,000 men, most of them listed as dead or missing. It took Adolf Hitler's mechanized army approximately one month to destroy what 60 days ago was described as the most efficient military machine in the world—the French army—and to overrun and occupy in France.

When France decided on June 12 to plead for an armistice, the situation was so desperate, it is reliably reported, that General Weygand told the historic midnight meeting of the French cabinet in a Chateau near Tours, that the French army had only cartridges enough to last three more days.

**Slaughter Described.**  
French ministers who had watched the army melt away along the Somme and Aisne rivers wept as the generalissimo described how the Germans advanced, "slaughtering men who no longer have the means to defend themselves."

The full collapse of France as a military power is just beginning to be realized in France itself. The destruction of the army left the nation stunned. French leaders, including aged Marshal Henri Petain, whose tragic task it was to sue for peace, now admit that the collapse of the army was due to three causes:

- 1. Lack of equipment.
  - 2. Lack of manpower.
  - 3. Lack of determination.
- The lack of equipment, which is emphasized as the outstanding reason for France's defeat, centered in aviation and tanks, Germany's main weapons.

## SALVATION ARMY IS THANKFUL FOR HELP FROM HEALTH UNITS

Voicing the Salvation Army's appreciation of the layettes, provided by the Jackson County Public Health association for mothers cared for by the Salvation Army, a letter was received yesterday by Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, association president. It was written by Capt. and Mrs. B. H. Vincent, who left Medford Friday to accept a post in Portland.

The layettes, made by Phoenix, Central Point, Gold Hill and Talent groups of the association, were purchased with Sparrow Memorial funds, one of the special funds of which Mrs. Lewis Ulrich is chairman. The letter to Mrs. Wells reads in part: "We want you to know how very much we appreciated the work done by the different units for which you were solely responsible. Our appreciation of your help was deepened by the fact that these expectant mothers were cared for in such a fine manner through your efforts. Please express our appreciation to the women of the different groups."

## PORTLAND EXPORT BUSINESS SHRINKS

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—Another blitzkrieg victim—30 per cent of the Port of Portland's export business.

The Merchants Exchange said today foreign exports dropped from \$13,488,880 for the first half of 1939 to \$9,541,206 for the first half of 1940. Only a tenth of the 11,000,000 bushels of wheat dispatched in the first half of the 1939 was exported so far this year, the report showed. Customs receipts for the 1939-40 fiscal year were estimated at \$1,162,418 compared with \$1,610,524 last year.

## NEW TAX NO EXCUSE FOR HIKING PROFITS

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—Business men who use the new federal tax as a means of hoisting profits had best be careful, S. F. Mann, chief of the miscellaneous receipts division of the customs collector's office, said today.

Anyone who untruthfully blames the tax for price increases is subject to \$1000 fine and a year in jail, Mann warned.

## PANGBORN WOULD AID EMBATTLED CANADA

Ottawa, July 2.—(AP)—Clyde Pangborn, United States aviator who flew around the world in 1931, has offered his services to the Canadian government. "If there is any possible way in which the knowledge I have can be used to advantage, I will be more than glad," he said on his arrival here yesterday.

## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT

The city council will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting city hall at 7:30 tonight. Only routine business is on the formal calendar scheduled to come before the council.

## Would Up C.M.T.C. Quota.

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—The Multnomah county citizens military training corps committee moved today to have the 593 quota for the encampment at Vancouver Barracks increased. Quincy Scott, head of the committee, said 850 valid applications had been filed.

## Find Dud in Salem.

Salem, July 2.—(AP)—A 75-millimeter shell reached Salem in manner unknown yesterday, but it proved to be a dud. Deputy Sheriff L. L. Pittinger found the projectile on a downtown street. It contained a timer and firing pin but no explosive.

## Weather

Northern California: Fair tonight and Wednesday; high temperature in interior; overcast and cool near coast; light to moderate northwest wind off coast.

## Conscience Money

Anderson, S. C. (AP)—An Anderson man received \$2 from a man in Charlotte, N. C., as part payment on \$45 stolen two years ago. There was no signature.

# GAIL PAGE SPURNS GLAMOUR DIETING FOR GOOD HEALTH

### Lane Girls' "Movie" Sister Quitting Screen Life for Radio and Plenty of Food.

By Hubbard Keavy.

Hollywood, July 2.—(AP)—It was either glamour or health. And so Gail Page says to heck with glamour, I'll take calories and steaks and whipped cream. Gail, who has been the Lane girls' sister in those movies about four girls falling in love and getting married and having babies, said today that she is quitting the screen to devote all of her time to radio.

It's all because, although she didn't say so in as many words, you can be a radio star and eat what you like, but you can't be a movie star and live comfortably.

## Now Weighs 122.

She now weighs around 122 pounds. Except for one more film, "Four Wives," Gail is through with Hollywood. Next Wednesday she'll start a new NBC series with Jim Ameche, and she says she'll celebrate the occasion with a whopping big hunk of Kansas steer.

"I found recently that I had reached a cross-roads in my motion picture work," says Gail, "and that I had to choose between health and so-called glamour. I decided I would rather be healthy than 'glamorous.'"

# MISS SOUTHERN PAC. MARRIES IN RENO

### Reno, Nev., July 2.—(AP)—Sara Godfrey of Eugene, Ore., who Sunday was picked "Miss Southern Pacific" at Southern Pacific day at the Golden Gate International Exposition, was married Monday to Bruno Rath, Eugene businessman.

Mrs. Rath and her husband came here immediately after she was selected from a field of 10 candidates representing divisions of the railroad company. The couple will live in Bend, Ore.

## Pioneer Passes

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Ida Hunsaker, 71, whose first glimpse of Oregon was from a doomed ship on Peacock spit died yesterday. She accompanied her parents to the Queen of the Pacific which grounded on the spit in 1883. All passengers were saved.

## Seaplanes Safe Inland

Portland, July 2.—(AP)—If a seaplane pilot has enough altitude he need not worry about flying over interior Oregon. Leo G. Devaney, state aeronautics director, said a survey of central and southern Oregon showed plenty of water suitable for landings.

# CAPITOL OF STATE IS STILL WITHOUT POLES FOR FLAGS

Salem, Ore.—(AP)—Oregon residents are beginning to wonder how much longer their capitol is going to be without an American flag.

The question of installing the flag poles has come up time and time again since the building was completed two years ago.

Appropriations for flagpoles from the emergency fund have been proposed but nothing has been done, on the ground that a real emergency might arise in the future and there would be insufficient money left in the fund.

Lately it developed that there is an unexpended balance of nearly \$6,000 in the state library building fund, money which was not appropriated but donated by the federal government.

At a recent meeting of the board of control Dan Fry, secretary, suggested that the money might be used for the long-needed flagpoles, but the board failed to take any immediate action and postponed it until some future date.

The original plans of the capitol called for two bronze flag standards, but there was not enough money for their purchase. Temporary wood flagpoles suggestions have also been turned down and Gov. Charles A. Sprague's suggestion that the money be raised by the school

children of the state had brought no response.

## Florence Rice In Quest Of Divorce

Hollywood, July 2.—(AP)—Florence Rice, screen actress and daughter of Grantland Rice, sports writer, filed suit for divorce late Monday from Robert Wilcox, film actor, to whom she has been married a year and three months.

She said she separated from Wilcox last May 20. They married March 31, 1939, in Hawaii.

## Sprague To Baker

Salem, July 2.—(AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague will spend Independence Day in Baker, where he will speak at the mining jubilee at 1:30 p.m., and in Vale, where he will speak later in the afternoon.

## Richardson Trial Set

Salem, July 2.—(AP)—Trial of W. Y. Richardson, former deputy county treasurer who is charged with larceny of \$23,580 in public funds, will open Monday. Former County Treasurer D. G. Drager was convicted last February on a similar charge.

## Dog Gives Alarm

Elkton, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Investigating the cause for her dog's violent barking, Mrs. Ed Jones discovered that a grass fire had raged into the yard of her residence near Elkton and was threatening to destroy the home. Prompt action resulted in saving the buildings from damage.

## Height of Ease

Ironton, O. (AP)—An unidentified man snored peacefully for more than twelve hours a few inches from the edge of a two-foot-wide bridge beam over the middle of the Ohio river. With utmost delicacy two painters awakened him.

# SULPHUR FUMES ANNOY ALDERMAN

Salem.—(AP)—The sulphur fumes from the local paper mill are only about half as strong as the way Alderman George Belt feels about them. Belt, head of a committee to

investigate what can be done about eliminating the nuisance, said:

"If the residents have to put up with a Mt. Vesuvius, then let's change the name of our city from Salem to Pompeii."

## Currant Price Up.

Salem.—(AP)—Local growers report that the smallest currant crop here in many years, coupled with the stoppage of normal currant imports from Greece, has resulted in higher prices.

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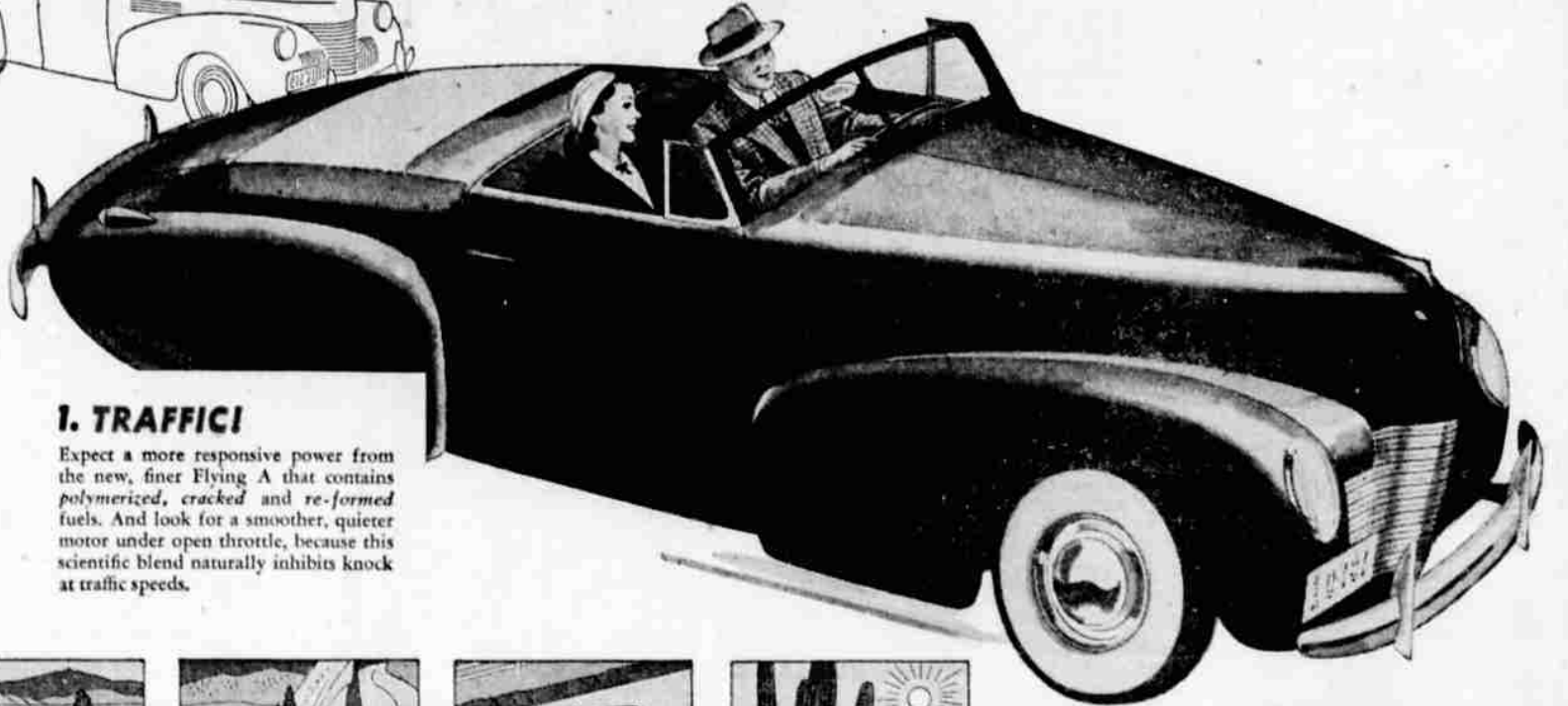
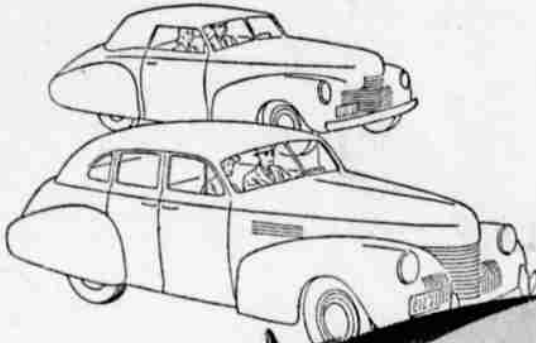
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