

### CON DEVORE MEAT PLANT DESTROYED WITH \$11,000 LOSS

No Insurance Carried — Fire Believed Started in Smokehouse.

Fire late last night completely destroyed Con DeVore's meat storage and processing plant on the Barneburg road near Barnett road.

The loss was estimated today at \$11,000 to \$12,000. No insurance was carried, said Ronald DeVore, Mr. DeVore's son. Upset over the loss and busy getting fresh meat supplies, his father had made no plans regarding rebuilding or restoration of the plant, young DeVore said. The plant supplied Mr. DeVore's retail City Meat Market. Some wholesale business was also done.

Young DeVore was of the belief that the fire started in the smoke house. Bacon was being smoked and Mr. DeVore theorized that a piece of bacon dropped into the fire, causing a flare which ignited grease and then the rafters and other wooden parts of the structure. No one was at the plant at the time.

The building was completely remodeled last spring and was considered among the most modern in the state and reasonably fire proof. The walls were of concrete and the roof was of metal but interior parts were wood. The interior burned furiously and the roof collapsed. Ammonia escaping from the cooling system was ignited and added to the intensity of the blaze.

The fire consumed about \$1,000 worth of beef, bacon, lard and other meats and meat products. Only the ice machine was saved. A new cooling unit, together with an old one, was also destroyed.

The state forest patrol sent a crew and a pumper to the fire but the blaze had so good a start that little could be done. The forest firefighters, however, helped in saving the ice unit.

### ASTORIA REGATTA QUEEN ECLIPSED

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 29.—(P) —Jean Pauling was crowned queen and Tommy Luke of Portland became admiral at the 29th annual Astoria regatta yesterday, but the star of the day was Conrad Koski, an Astoria fisherman.

Koski caught a 52-pounder in the salmon derby, adjunct of the regatta. It was the largest fish ever caught in the derby.

### WAR IN BALKANS MIGHT RUIN AXIS MACKENZIE SAYS

Peace Needed for Food and Halt on Russia—Stalin Suspected.

By DeWitt MacKenzie  
Bombs raining on England and Germany almost drown out other operations but there are two matters of great importance to the battle of Britain which at the moment fall within the field of words rather than bullets—(1) The anxious efforts of the Hitler-Mussolini brotherhood to prevent a Balkan war, and (2) the growing Franco-British animosity.

The German and Italian foreign ministers, Von Ribbentrop and Count Ciano, met in Vienna today with representatives of Rumania and Hungary to try to compose the volcanic quarrel resulting from the Hungarian claim to Rumanian Transylvania. A Balkan war might easily grow out of this fight, and that might represent a catastrophe for the axis powers.

There are two vital reasons why Hitler and Mussolini must maintain peace on the peninsula. One is that they must have the vast supplies of war materials and foodstuffs which they get from the Balkans. The other is even more important—that of keeping Russia in hand.

The Red Sphinx  
The ways of the Sphinx of Moscow, Josef Stalin, are all but inscrutable—but not quite. The axis partners have given indications that they suspect him of intending to increase his influence through the Balkan situation. Indeed, some observers believe there is a chance he may become involved in war against the axis, and that is something

which Messrs Hitler and Mussolini must head off at all cost until the battle of Britain is settled.

The tenseness of the situation in the Balkans, and the great potentialities of damage to the axis cause, undoubtedly have had considerable to do with Hitler's delay in his major attack on England.

Anglo Franco Hate  
While Hitler and Mussolini are finding a threat in the Balkans, the increasing hostility of the French government to Britain shows signs of being a possible breeder of difficulties for England.

The charge by the Petain government that Britain is inspiring rebellion in the former's African empire is the latest development in a feud which has swelled in bitterness ever since the allied collapse in the battle of Flanders. The accusation is based on the decision of the French colony of Chad in Central Africa to side with England rather than with Petain.

The quarrel really goes back to the early days of the German drive against the allies, when we heard unofficial allegations from each side that the other fellow wasn't pulling his weight in the fighting. The effort of both governments to keep this feeling from official statements stuck out like a sore thumb.

The fight broke wide open when the British attacked units of the French fleet which insisted on following the Petain government in surrender. Since then barbs have been flying in both directions, and London has been playing host to the so-called French national committee which was set up by General De Gaulle to head all "free" Frenchmen who refuse to surrender with Petain and wish to continue to fight with Britain.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 29.—(P) —Two of the four passenger trains on the Astoria-Portland Seaside run will be discontinued about mid-September because of operating losses, the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway company announced today.

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