U. S. STUDIES 50,000-TON DREADNOUGHTS

Weather and Tides
Fair tonight. Tides for Friday: 5:57 a.m., 11.4 ft.; 12:31 p.m., 0.6 ft.; 6:58 p.m., 10.8 ft.

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LIGHT

A Column of Editorial Comment on Events That Make Today's Headlines

IN PORTLAND, where labor terrorists and racketeers are currently meeting their doom, the Portland News-Telegram has carried forward a forceful, intelligent campaign to arouse public opinion against these forces which would ultimately destroy labor unionism.

The News-Telegram is a member of the Scripps League of Newspapers. Here is a typical editorial, plucked verbatim from the front page of the News-Telegram, which contains a strong message to all labor:

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IN THE world of labor, where strife between rival union organizations and controversy with employers have fomented bitterness and passion, it is refreshing to read the words of one labor leader whose common sense is reflected in the following statement:

"... The labor movement in America may be destroyed by leaders 'drunk with power' ..."

The foregoing was the keynote of a speech delivered Monday by Daniel J. Tobin, president of the teamsters, before the third western conference of the teamsters' union at San Francisco.

These words should be a lesson to all.

They might even be read by Herr Hitler with profit.

The danger of losing our bearing, our proper perspective or outlook when under the influence of a mass movement has been recognized since man began to think. Kipling had the idea in mind in these lines:

"If you can keep your head while all about you ..."

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THE labor organization movement, founded on the theory that the laborer is worthy of his hire, gradually gained for the working man better pay and better working conditions. The movement became accelerated in the past few years—so rapidly it got out of hand and leaders "drunk with power" seemingly lost their bearings.

They became engaged in a war among themselves.

Employers charge them with disregarding contracts into which they had solemnly entered.

And the public has felt outraged by a reign of terror that is laid at labor's door and has taken steps, locally, at least, to restore conditions to normalcy.

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IT SHOULD not be the duty of the public to clean house for labor. That's labor's own duty.

Labor leaders who are sincerely interested in the destiny of the labor movement should pause and take heed of Dan Tobin's warning.

Public confidence in the honest aims of labor must be restored.

Only in this way will the labor movement reach its objective.

WOMAN, JAILED IN KNABB CASE, REMAINS MUM

Witness Being Held in Alleged Plot on Mayor

A comely, 31-year-old woman was held today in King county jail in lieu of $1,500 bond as a material witness in the alleged "conspiracy" to photograph Mayor Jesse A. Knabb in a compromising situation last November.

Arrested yesterday in Sedro Woolley, the woman, who was booked as Miss Evelyn Johnson, denied she had any connection to with the asserted plot to lure the mayor into a Seattle hotel and take him in picture with a woman other than his wife.

Outside of making a flat denial that she is in any way connected with the fantastic "frame-up" plot, Miss Johnson refused to comment.

She was arrested yesterday by Investigators Pat Hughes and Tex Maletsky, who said they had had a "tip" that the woman was in Sedro Woolley.

"Identified" By Knabb

Hughes said that the Bremerton mayor has "positively identified" the woman as the one with whom he went to the Frye hotel in the asserted plot to take his picture and force his resignation from office with threats to publish it.

At the request of Deputy Prosecutor Charles Ralls, Presiding Judge Malcolm Douglas signed a material witness order, preventing the woman's attorney from obtaining a writ of habeas corpus.

Bell boys and hotel clerks on duty at the time of the alleged picture-taking incident have identified Miss Johnson as the woman in the case, Hughes said.

At the time of her arrest, she was robed in lounging pajamas and bedroom slippers. She was transported to Seattle in this costume and jailed last night.

Revives Knabb Case

The arrest of the woman once again cast the glare of publicity on Bremerton, after a respite of a week, during which time only rumor has circulated in the Knabb case.

Seven men, four of Bremerton and three from Seattle, were arrested recently and charged with conspiring to "frame" the mayor and bring about his resignation from office. Those arrested were: H. E. Gorman, local attorney; P. H. Erwin, former head of the Bremerton Central Trades and Labor Council; W. E. Savage, real estate dealer; Julius Gius, editor of the Sun; F. L. Swenson, Seattle private detective; Bennett Hoffman and Edward J. Burns, Seattle attorneys. All are at liberty under $500 bond, awaiting formal arraignment and trial.

King county prosecutor's aides had supposedly made a wide search for the "mystery woman" in the case. They said other arrests "were likely."

Forfeits $100 Bail On Larceny Charge

Charged with petty larceny by check, Carl Swenson, 44, Madrona Point, today forfeited bail of $100 when he failed to appear for trial in justice court before Justice of the Peace Frank Ryan.

The state charged he issued worthless checks of approximately $6 on a local drug store. Evenson has repaid the checks, according to Prosecutor Ralph Purves.

Eagles to Initiate Class This Evening

Bremerton Aerie No. 192, Fraternal Order of Eagles, tonight will hold initiation, at which time a large class of candidates will be obligated, with the drill team in charge of arrangements.

Firemen's Dance Tonight

Appropriately observing St. Patrick's Day, city firemen will stage their annual ball tonight, beginning at 9 o'clock at the Elks temple. It is the 15th annual dance being staged by the firemen, and Perl Maurer's orchestra will provide the swing tunes.

Proceeds of the affair will be used in the firemen's various charitable undertakings throughout the year, according to Fire Chief Ernest Yett.

To assure the city fire protection during the hours of the dance, the firemen themselves will dance on "shifts," and the hook-and-ladder and other fire-fighting equipment will be parked outside the Elks temple so that the firemen at the dance may quickly answer any emergency call which may be sounded.

Don't be surprised if you see one of the fire laddies quit right in the middle of the Big Apple and dash for a fire truck.

"But give us a break tonight, if you can," Chief Yett said, addressing his remarks to the general public. "We want to enjoy ourselves—and it's no fun fighting fire."

Greatest Hoax in Filmland History

UNITED PRESS

Sigrid Gurie, the girl who got a long-term contract on the strength of publicity indicating she was a Norwegian actress and "Norway's threat to Greta Garbo," is shown above as she takes a sun bath, apparently little heeding the furore she has created. When a divorce hearing revealed she was born in Boston and was married to an American businessman she remarked: "I merely tried to use a little showmanship in breaking into the movies!"

Stage Show Saturday Eve Will Aid Needy Neighbors

As another means of raising money in the current unemployed relief campaign, a giant amateur show will be held Saturday night at the Bremerton high school auditorium.

H. H. Hammond, activities secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is arranging several vaudeville acts, with amateurs of outstanding talent to take part.

Included in the show will be the winners of the Y. M. C. A.'s recent series of amateur contests. E. J. Smith, who impersonates Bob Burns of screen and radio fame, will be one of the show's headliners.

Another impersonator of considerable ability who will take part is Joyce Pierson, 11-year-old mimic, who does turns on Sonja Henie and Eleanor Powell with all but professional talent.

The show will begin at 8 o'clock Saturday night, with Hammond serving as master of ceremonies. Musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, will be on the program. Others who will appear Saturday night include: Betty and Shirley Warner, S. E. Eads, Harold Boney, Edith Moore, Betty McKay, Neoma Adler, Vernon Cook, Jean Carter, Robert Pittman, Bobby McKay, Carole McCaslin and Bobby Damaino.

The junior Y. M. C. A. girls' tumbling team will appear, with the following girls included in the act: Marjorie Prindle, Gloria Morello, Betty McKay, Roberta and Viola Hill, Joyce Pierson, Willa Barg, Carole McCaslin, Fay Marie Carr and Phyllis Thornton.

An accordion band composed of the following will appear, also: Dwight Harned, Ina Wray, Jane Packard, Marjorie Zeman, Willard Fast and A. Maglio.

Admission for the show will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children, with all proceeds to go to the fund being raised in the county at present to aid families of the unemployed.

Congress May Probe Radio's 'Monopoly'

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(UP)—The radio broadcasting industry faced the possibility of a federal communications commission investigation into alleged monopolistic practices today.

The commission is scheduled to act Friday on a resolution by Commissioner T. A. M. Craven proposing that three of its members investigate the competitive and contractual relationships between chain broadcasting companies and network stations.

Craven's motion was made after several months of general criticism of the radio industry, including charges of monopoly and questionable policies.

I. O. O. F. Staff to Exemplify Degree

The I.O.O.F. degree staff, headed by R. A. Marvin, will exemplify the second degree to a class of candidates Friday evening in the I.O.O.F. hall, West Bremerton.

At this meeting plans for the ensuing months will be made and members will discuss the proposed modernization of the building.

HOLD ELECTION

Retail Bureau Now Selecting Board of Directors

Members of the Retail Bureau of the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce today started casting their ballots to elect 12 directors of the bureau, to serve during the forthcoming year.

Ballots for voting were sent to all retailers, who are members of the chamber, by Secretary Homer Jones. Total of 24 have been nominated for membership on the board.

The ballots are returnable by 10 a. m., March 22, Jones declared. Following election, the new directors will select their chairman, who will be installed at the annual Retail Bureau dinner-meeting, to be held April 5 at the Elks club. William Gates now is chairman of the bureau.

Nominated for the board of directors are: Vern Arndt, Kerr Motors; Mark Barr, Barr's Women's Apparel; E. C. Branch, Puget Power; C. R. Christensen, Christensen's Shoe Store; O. V. Darrow, The Bookstore; F. B. Duncan, Buster Brown; Sam Fein, Fein Fein Electric; Norman Fitz, Fitz' Quality Store; N. N. Gates, News-Searchlight; Jack Goodwin, Woolworth's; T. R. Hubbard, Western Auto Supply Co.; Richard Kahn, Kahn's Store; L. (Hum) Kean, Frye Market; H. T. Lebo, Kaufman-Leonard's; James A. McCallum, Bremer's Department Store; Fred Ryen, Reliable Hardware Co.; T. S. Morrison, Penney's; Joe Redrick, Diamond Store; H. J. Salmela, Apex Bakery; H. G. Thompson, Thompson's Art and Stationery; Elmer E. Thulean, Thulean's Shoe Store; Ed Travis, Travis-Yowell Hardware Co., and Charles White of Todd Hardware.

ROSS KIDNAPER AWAITS 'CHAIR'

CHICAGO, March 17.—(UP)—John Henry Seadlund, 27, asked his keepers for some new magazines today, intending to pass the time pleasantly until he is electrocuted for the kidnaping of Charles S. Ross.

He was sentenced to die last night by a federal court jury. He snickered when Federal Judge John P. Barnes ordered a hearing for Saturday on a motion for a new trial.

Ten Additional Men Added at Navy Yard

Ten additional workmen called to duty in Puget Sound navy yard this week reported for work yesterday.

They were: Nels A. Qualheim, Peter B. Shea, William Adair, Elmer J. Waltenburg and Henry G. Fladeland, electric welders; John G. Ross, Daniel W. Brown, John Morgan, Arthur J. Schlee and Charles F. Zeyen, machinists.

WANT BRITAIN ADOPT POLICY IN NEW CRISIS

Revolt Now Brewing Against Chamberlain's Cabinet

LONDON, March 17. (UP)—A serious revolt within the conservative party and even within itself threatened the Neville Chamberlain government today.

The revolt came in midst of the grave European crisis, which has caused a parliamentary clamor for a "peace or war" policy by the government.

Consent to the government's middle-of-the-road policy, previously accepted as the best way of dodging war, apparently has given way to a feeling that Britain had better speak in the spirit of former years, or be dragged into war, anyhow.

An active group of members of parliament sought a clear-cut declaration by the government on whether Britain would go to the aid to Czechoslovakia in event of aggression.

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Larger Reichstag?

BERLIN, March 17.—(UP)—The reichstag, which meets tomorrow to hear a declaration of Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, may be dissolved so that a Greater Germany reichstag may be elected with Austria included, it was reported today in usually well informed quarters.

Hitler was expected, in his speech, to discuss the Austrian union and it was believed that he would answer foreign criticisms of Germany's part.

It was believed possible that he might announce the dissolution of the reichstag, and that election day for a new one might coincide with the April 10 plebiscite in Austria on the union.

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Russia Pledges Aid

MOSCOW, March 17. (UP)—Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinov today affirmed Russia's determination to stand by her treaty obligations to Czechoslovakia, and invited other powers to a conference to discuss practical measures to check aggression.

The invitation to a conference did not include Germany, Italy or Japan, but did include the United States.

If Russia's invitation to a conference were rejected or proved fruitless, Litvinov said, the Soviet Union stood ready alone to support her obligations.

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Arrests Continue

VIENNA, March 17. (UP)—Baron Friedrich Ritter Von Wiesner, Austrian monarchist leader and personal representative of Archduke Otto Von Hapsburg, pretender to the throne, has been placed in protective custody, it was understood today.

His status is the same as that of Wilhelm Miklas, last formally constituted president of the Austrian republic and Kurt Schuschnigg, who was forced to resign as chancellor when the Nazis took power.

Jews continued in extreme anxiety over their lot. Jewish movie houses were almost deserted. Windows of many Jewish homes were darkened, and Jewish business was stagnant. Windows of many Jewish shops bore signs: "Jews."

Kiwanis Members Attend Meet With Gig Harbor Group

Delegation of 15 members of the Bremerton Kiwanis club, headed by David Dow, president, journeyed to Gig Harbor last night to meet jointly with the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

Principal speaker at the meeting was Rex Roudebush, Tacoma attorney, who spoke on matters of national defense and encouraged support of the president's naval expansion program. He particularly cited benefits which would accrue to Bremerton upon enactment of the measure.

Dow, L. J. Bourke, chairman of Kiwanis visitations, and Homer R. Jones, representing the local chamber of commerce, were other speakers. Jones discussed cooperation between communities and the advantages Puget Sound navy yard brings to nearby cities and towns. The local delegation was welcomed by President H. R. Thurston of the Gig Harbor chamber.

RAYBURN BACKS NAVY BILL

Vote on Passage Expected Monday in House

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(UP)—Majority Leader Sam Rayburn, Dem., Tex., warned the house today that before next January it may be called upon to vote defense appropriations even greater than the pending $1,121,000,000 naval expansion measure.

Rayburn, concluding general debate on the bill to increase U. S. war fleets by 20 per cent, warned solemnly that the program must be approved to guard against a day when some alien power may gain a foothold in the western hemisphere.

"Looking at the world today," he said, "at what is happening in the far east and in Europe, I would be very much pleased, I would be happy, if before next January we are not called on to vote more national defense than is in this bill.

"I believe some countries outside the western hemisphere would like to get a foothold over here.

"The problem of some country in the western hemisphere will some day become the problem of the United States."

After Rayburn's message, reading of the bill for possible amendments was started in the house. Its passage is not expected before Monday.

Opponents first will seek to amend the bill to strike out authorization for three more battleships.

The authorization for 105,000 tons of battleships—enough for three 35,000-ton ships—is the first on a list for 46 fighting ships, 22 auxiliaries and 950 airplanes.

It was learned that plans for battleships bigger than any now afloat would be submitted to President Roosevelt soon.

DEMANDS NOOSE

State Offers Closing Arguments in Bathtub Slaying

SEATTLE, March 17.—(UP)—The state demanded today that Dell and Claire Richason hang for the "bath tub murder" of Richardson's girl wife, the former Clara Compton of San Francisco.

"There is one among you," Deputy Prosecutor Henry Clay Agnew said in addressing the jury of eight men and four women, "who would treat a yellow cur as these two treated that little girl, then let that one cast the first vote of 'not guilty.'

"They murdered her up in that hotel room, tying her hands and beating her until she was unconscious and near death. Then they lowered her into that tub of scalding water to try to cover up, and make it appear an accidental scalding.

"They'll try to tell you she was loose morally — that she wasn't much of a person to kill. We won't argue that, because they had murdered that girl's soul so much before.

"We have witnesses who heard that girl shout, 'I have never done a thing like that before, and you can't make me.' From this we know they were trying to force her into acts of perversion in houses of ill fame — even worse than before."

The case was to go to the jury late today.

Marine, Struck by Bottle, Recovering At Naval Hospital

Believed to have been struck by a beer bottle during a fight with a sailor, J. Lester, private, first class, U. S. M. C., of Keyport, was under treatment today at the naval hospital.

He was found lying in an alley between First and Second sts. last night. Another marine said he witnessed the fight, but could not identify the sailor who struck Lester.

Investigation of the case was being made today by shore patrol officers. They reported Lester, knocked unconscious when struck on the head, was recovering.

HARBOR TIE-UP ON FOURTH DAY

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—(UP)—Capt. E. H. Fitzgerald, federal conciliator, called another conference today in an effort to settle a labor dispute that has tied up Los Angeles harbor for the fourth day.

Since Sunday, there has been no cargo movement. Fifteen ships are tied up, and 4,000 men are out of work. The shutdown was ordered by the shipowners because longshoremen refused to unload freight cars.

HUNDREDS DIE IN BARCELONA

Report 1,200 Killed in Nationalists' Air Raids

BARCELONA, March 17.—(UP)—The nationalist air force in raid after raid today subjected Barcelona to the most deadly bombing of the entire Spanish war in an effort to hasten the collapse of the loyalist capital. The 12th attack in 14 hours occurred this afternoon and raised the casualties to an estimated 1,200 dead and 2,000 wounded.

Cafes jammed by lunch hour crowds became charnel houses. It was estimated that 500 were killed and 1,000 gravely wounded in this raid alone. Hundreds ran screaming into the streets.

One bomb hit a crowded railway station, injuring hundreds.

The toll mounted hourly as rescue workers toiled in the smoking ruins of buildings, factories and a hotel and dance hall where victims lay under stones and debris.

The cabinet met under President Manuel Azana in the former palace of former King Alfonso.

The surrounding streets were packed with thousands of demonstrators. Orators, using loud speakers, urged men to go to the front and fight.

Taking advantage of a clear night and a bright moon that made the loyalist capital a perfect target, the first bombers roared over at 10:15 o'clock last night. Anti-aircraft guns broke out in a deafening barrage of fire.

Thereafter at intervals during the night and today the raids continued.

FUNDS OBTAINED

Better Street Lights Assured In West End Area

A major project of the Charleston Business Men's club—installation of new street lights in the West Bremerton business district—will reach a climax Saturday when a delegation from the club, headed by Charles McCluiston, president, presents a check to the city commission, covering expense of operating the lights until Jan. 1, 1939.

From that date the city will take over payment of cost of maintaining the lights, which are to be erected with a view toward creating better visibility and provide greater safety in the Charleston district.

Following final action of the city commission on the lights, they will be erected and ready for use within 20 days.

A celebration will take place in the West End district when the lights are first turned on, and Clarence Berg of the Chicken Coop was named by McCluiston to make arrangements for the gala celebration.

In all, 45 lights are to be installed and they will be erected from Montgomery to Wycoff aves. on 6th st., from 6th st. down Callow ave., thence down Farragut st. to Cambrian ave., and from Cambrian to the city limits.

JUSTICE BUTLER IS 71

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(UP)—Pierce Butler, associate justice of the supreme court, celebrated his 71st birthday today. He worked, as usual.

LARGER SHIPS EXPECTED TO BE LAID DOWN

President Will Make Final Decision on Navy Tonnage

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(UP)—Plans for 51,000-ton battleships, the largest ever built, will be submitted to President Roosevelt soon in connection with his naval expansion program, it was learned today.

It is understood that three sets of plans calling for vessels of 45,000, 45,000 and 51,000 tons have been completed, and that the decision on size rests with the president.

A high naval official indicated that Mr. Roosevelt's advisors favor the 45,000-ton size for the two vessels to be laid down this year under the Vinson super-navy bill, now before congress.

It was added that the 51,000-ton ships are entirely feasible, and may be recommended for the two ships provided for in the 1939 naval supply bill.

Under the plans, the vessels probably would be armed with 18-inch guns and carry from four to six airplanes each, along with innovations making them superior to anything afloat.

The navy's largest battleships now displace 33,000 tons, are armed with 16-inch guns and have cruising range of about 15,000 miles.

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Britain Prepared

LONDON, March 17.—(UP)—Britain's plans of building capital ships over 35,000 tons, if necessary, are well advanced, Geoffrey Shakespeare, financial undersecretary of the admiralty, told the house of commons today on introducing the 1938 naval estimates.

The estimates total $618,535,000 for the fiscal year beginning April 4, and are part of a total for air force, army and navy of $1,664,635,000.

While Britain is ready to build the bigger ships, Shakespeare said it is still possible that Japan, upon reconsideration, may decide to take her place with great naval powers and abide by treaty limits.

Shakespeare revealed that in event of war, the admiralty is prepared to provide immediate convoys for merchant ships.

Navy Plane's Plunge Kills Two Airmen

SAN DIEGO, March 17.—(UP)—Two navy fliers were killed when a plane plunged into the ground, exploded and burned at Kearney Mesa, near here, today.

Witnesses said the plane was engaged in dive bombing practice, and the pilot failed to pull out of his dive.

The dead were Aviation Cadet Herbert W. Yunkman and Aviation Machinists' Mate Junior D. Murry.

The plane was flying with two other bombers at the time of the crash. It fell from an altitude of 1,500 feet.

Students Present As Eight Receive Citizenship Exams

Eight aliens were granted their first citizenship papers this morning in a naturalization hearing at Kitsap county superior courtroom, attended by a Silverdale high school civics class.

Richard Thomas of Seattle was the examiner, while Judge H. G. Sutton presided. Application of Wilhelm Anderson to change his first name to William was granted.

Those who were passed this morning were: Lydia Ann Woodcock, Great Britain; Edith Gunhild Westin, Sweden; Wilhelm Anderson, Finland; Raymond Mayo Bicknell, Great Britain; Anna Rudin, Norway; Victor Berger Sandin, Norway; Mary Lassen Evanson, Great Britain, and Ingrid Runberg, Norway.

This Day Belongs to Irish

Are ye wearin' a sprig o' green today—or perhaps a shamrock or a green necktie.

Sure, and this is St. Patrick's Day—the day that belongs to the Irish. Faith, and you're not in style unless there's some green about you're clothin'.

It was 1506 years ago that the French missionary, later to be known as St. Patrick, landed at the mouth of the River Slaney in County Down, to bring Christianity to Ireland. How well he succeeded is shown today by the fact that the Irish today are as devoutly Christian as any people on earth.

So here's to you Irishmen—the Clanceys, Callahans, Kellys, Hogans, O'Reillys, Shays, Burkes, and all the rest. Sure, and 'tis a fine thing to be celebratin' today with the likes o' you.