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THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, local thundershowers Sunday and Monday. Light to moderate southerly winds. Highest temperature Saturday 80, lowest 66. Same day last year, highest 89, lowest 72.
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CLIPPER NEARS HORTA ON OPENING HOP TO EUROPE

AXIS INVINCIBLE, CRIES MUSSOLINI, DEFYING NATIONS TO HALT ADVANCE

Tells Group Near Border of '150,000,000-Man' Front Against Which He Vows Europe Is Helpless

(The Associated Press)
Cuneo, Italy, May 20.—Premier Mussolini asserted tonight that the Italian-German military alliance to be signed Monday would create an unbeatable bloc "of 150,000,000 men."
Speaking in Cuneo's main square, barely 30 miles from the French frontier, at the close of his week's tour of the Piedmont region, Il Duce said:
"This bloc, formidable in men in arms, wants peace but is ready to impose it in case the great conservative and reactionary democracies should try to halt our irresistible march."
Mussolini is fond of referring to the combined populations of the Italian and German empires as "150,000,000 men." (The actual total, including women and children, Germany's new acquisitions and Italy's overseas possessions, is somewhat short of that figure.)
"I spoke clearly at Turin and what I am saying at Cuneo may be considered a postscript."
Boo Democracies
(In Turin last Sunday, Mussolini said in part: "As before, and even better than before, we shall march with Germany to give Europe that peace with justice which is the profound desire of all people."
(He also declared "there are not at present in Europe problems big enough or acute enough to justify a war. . . . There are knots in European politics but recourse to the sword is, perhaps, not necessary to cut them.")
His thunderer listeners interrupted him with boos at the word "democracies" and at various times there were shouts of "Tunisia!" "Nice!" and "Savoy!" and "We shall march."
(Savoy, formerly a division of the kingdom of Sardinia, and Nice are parts of France; Tunisia is a French protectorate in North Africa. All have been mentioned in Fascist clamor for concessions from France.)
'People Will Speak'
At each outburst, Il Duce paused and grinned broadly.
As he spoke he faced Alpine peaks to the east and beneath and beside him were ranged 10 large mountain cannon facing in the same direction.
Mussolini paid tribute to Piedmont's strength and industry and concluded:
"Now I will close in silence; in case of necessity the people will speak. On a wall of a mine at Cogné I read this phrase, 'Forty-five million Italians, ten million soldiers and a single will.' Your heart tells me that is truly so."
Il Duce's speech followed a trip from Aosta to Cuneo in which he topped off at the Cogné iron mines, donned miner's clothes and descended into the pit.

'Who Is Mike? Oh Yeah! That's My Name'



At 8 p. m. Saturday a man walked up to Traffic Sergeant Emile McCullough at Canal and Camp streets and said: "I don't know my name. I can't remember anything." He was taken to the First Precinct station. There, 15 minutes later, officers found a piece of paper bearing the name "Mike" in his pocket. "Mike," he exclaimed as he studied the paper. "Oh yeah, that's my name." He said he was Michael Berry, 27 years old, 4907 Camp street, and that he had been worried for several days, causing the lapse of memory.

More Showers Ahead for City Through Week

Showers for New Orleans today and all this week are indicated by a long-range forecast issued Saturday by the United States weather bureau.
In the East Gulf states area, showers are likely over the east portion during early part of the week, becoming general during the latter part of the period, the forecast said.
Over the Southern plains and West Gulf states, generally fair weather is predicted except for showers over the northern portion during middle of the week. Temperatures are expected to be near normal.
Rainfall between 10:26 a. m. and noon Saturday was measured at .37 inch, bringing the total since 6:30 a. m. Friday at 1.82 inches in New Orleans, the bureau said.

Nazi-Hatched Plan to Kill Ex-President Benes During American Stay Is Claimed

Former Czech Envoy Bares Scheme to Send Assassin from Prague to Chicago; Statesman Under Guard

(The Associated Press)
Paris, May 20.—Diplomatic sources reported today a plot had been discovered to send a man from Europe to the United States to assassinate Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of now-dissolved Czechoslovakia.
These sources said the scheme was hatched in German-occupied Prague both to weaken Czech standing in the United States and to remove an important opponent of the Nazi regime.
Dr. Benes, who resigned as president of the Czechoslovak republic after it was reduced in size by the Munich settlement of last September 29, has been in the United States since February 11.
Those who reported the plot said that with their information in the hands of the American police they believed much danger to the former president had been averted.
(In Chicago, E. B. Hitchcock, personal aid to Dr. Benes, declined to say whether the former president had been warned of a plot to assassinate him but said every precaution was being taken for his protection.)
(Bobus Benes, a nephew of Dr. Benes, said two young policemen of Czech descent had been assigned by the Chicago police department as a bodyguard for his uncle.)

Leche Doubtful About Judgeship, Visits McIntyre

(The Associated Press)
Asheville, N. C., May 20.—Louisiana's youthful Governor Richard Webster Leche, en route to Baton Rouge from Washington, stopped here today for a visit with Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to President Roosevelt. McIntyre is recuperating from an illness.
The governor, who conferred in Washington with Senator Ellender respecting the offer of a federal judgeship to himself, said his visit was purely personal. He said he had not decided whether he would accept the position.
"Every time I go out of the state they start that," he said in reference to a query concerning his decision. "It's been going on for a year. I haven't made up my mind what I'm going to do."
Leche left at 6:40 p. m. for Baton Rouge.

JOHN M. PARKER EXPIRES AT 76 IN PASS CHRISTIAN

Former Governor of Louisiana Dies After Long Illness; Funeral Rites to Be Strictly Private

John M. Parker, for four years governor of Louisiana and for many years a leader in the South, died at 10:45 p. m. Saturday at his Pass Christian residence. He had been ill long.
Members of the family said Saturday night that funeral services will be strictly private, at the request of Mrs. Parker and as Governor Parker desired. Neither time nor place of the services will be announced publicly.
Governor Parker is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Walker Saussy, and two sons, Thomas A. and John M. Parker, Jr.
Few men of his time took greater personal interest in the civic and commercial development of the South than John Milliken Parker.
Independence of thought and action was the mainspring of his character. The trait manifested itself throughout his career and in all his activities, but perhaps nowhere more emphatically than during his term as governor.
For four years Governor Parker gave his state an independent administration that was marked by fearless policies, constructive work and law enforcement in spite of numerous threats against his personal safety.
In 1912 he joined in the movement for the organization of the Progressive party, which appealed to him as the "first to place humanity above the dollar." He was a member of the platform committee at the national convention that year. Four years later he was named for vice-president as the running mate of Theodore Roosevelt, but with the latter's withdrawal the national organization came to an end before the election.
Candidate for Governor
Continuing his service to the party, Mr. Parker entered the campaign in Louisiana as its candidate for governor, but was defeated. In 1920 he was elected governor on the Democratic ticket and had the satisfaction of having enacted into law virtually every important plank of his platform.
Governor Parker was born at Belle Chere, Miss., March 16, 1863, the son of John M. and Roberta Buckner Parker. The family moved in 1871 to New Orleans, where the governor's father, engaged in the cotton business. There the son continued his education until he was 17, leaving high school to join his father's business. He eventually succeeded to that and became one of the leading cotton men of the South.
In New Orleans his prominence in commercial circles was attested by his election as president of the Board of Trade when he was 30 and as president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange four years later. Wider recognition came to him in 1908 when he was elected president of the Southern Commercial League, in which capacity he served four years, and in his election as the first president of the Mississippi Valley Association.
During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War, Mr. Parker was food administrator for Louisiana. He served as a member of the advisory committee of the Washington arms conference and on three occasions when the Mississippi river floods caused great damage and suffering—1912, 1922 and 1927—he acted as flood relief director.
Retires from Politics
At the conclusion of his term as governor, Mr. Parker retired from politics and went to live on his farm at St. Francisville. However, he took an active part in the national campaign of 1928 and made a tour of the Southwest in

Former Governor Dies at Coast Home



John M. Parker, governor of Louisiana from 1920 to 1924, died Saturday night at his home at Pass Christian, Miss. A leader for many years in the civic and political life of New Orleans and Louisiana, and once the nominee of the Progressive party for vice-president of the United States, he was 76 years old.

Queen Heard in First Public Address as King's Birthday Is Celebrated by Canadians

(The Associated Press)
Ottawa, May 20.—King George and Queen Elizabeth tonight rounded out four solid days of ceremonial welcoming to Canada, and in their "royal progress" through the North American dominion there was no letup in the enthusiasm of receptions and the fervor of demonstrations.
Geographically, the royal couple has seen but a small part of Canada, but half of the 12,000,000 people of this country live in the two great eastern provinces, where French Canadians and Canadians of British descent have been shouting in different languages but in the same spirit, "God save the king," and "Vive le roi."
As for the queen, she is the toast of this part of the American continent. If a man ever ought to be proud of his wife, his Britannic Majesty George VI is indebted to the gracious Scotswoman who has won Canadian hearts.
Today was set aside for celebration of King George's birthday, and it was one long public party.
Cheering Crowds
In the uniform of a colonel of the Coldstream Guards, with a towering bearskin hat, the king saw Canadian soldiers perform an old British custom of trooping the colors. Queen Elizabeth made her first public address and laid the cornerstone of the new Canadian supreme court building.
They lunched privately with Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and a few of his friends. They drove through Ottawa again, crossing the Ottawa river to Hull, Quebec, wound up their temporary residence and attended a garden party, went back to town for a big government dinner at the Chateau Laurier, with appearances on a balcony before cheering crowds, witnessed a gigantic display of fireworks, and finally were through for the day.

FLIES 1900 MILES IN SLIGHTLY OVER 10 HOURS WITH 17 IN CREW ABOARD

Inauguration of Regular Ocean Transport Comes on 12th Anniversary of Lindbergh Trail-Blazing

(The Associated Press)
New York, May 20.—The giant metal flying boat Yankee Clipper roared eastward over the Atlantic at a 180-mile-an-hour pace tonight on the inaugural flight of regular air-liner service between the United States and Europe.
The first stopping point on its schedule was Horta, the Azores, about 2400 miles from New York. At 10:30 p. m. (E. S. T.) the ship wireless it was but 500 miles from that port, having covered 1900 miles in the 10 hours and 23 minutes since its takeoff from Long Island bay at 12:07 p. m.
Inside its broad, high hull, listening to the throaty symphony of its four motors, were 17 men, the first to cross the North Atlantic in an airplane operating by time table.
The start of scheduled transatlantic transport flights from Manhattan bay, hard by the little community of Port Washington, was routine, even casual.
A few short speeches were made. Congratulations were exchanged. A message from President Roosevelt was read.
Then Arthur E. La Porte, skipper of the 411-ton Yankee Clipper, turned to Juan T. Trippe, president of the operating company, Pan-American Airways. La Porte saluted.
"Captain La Porte," asked Trippe, "is the flight in order?"
"The Yankee Clipper is ready, sir," responded the skipper. "All stations are manned. Standing by for orders, sir."
Trippe nodded. "Very well, captain. I commit to you these manifests for the first United States air mails for transatlantic dispatch to Europe. You have your flight orders. Cast off and depart for Marseille in accordance therewith."
The crew marched smartly down a small quay, stepped aboard, the lines were cast off and a few minutes later the 6000-horsepower in the clipper's motors lifted her slowly aloft.
So, on the 12th anniversary of Charles A. Lindbergh's memorable flight to Paris, began a service which men have talked about since the North Atlantic first was spanned by air in 1919 and actually have planned for a full decade.
This first flight over the so-called "Southern" route is for mail only, and four more mail trips will be made before customers can step up to an air-line ticket counter and buy 160-mile-an-hour transportation to Europe.
The takeoff for Horta, the Azores, first stopping point and 2400 miles away, was made at 12:07 p. m. Eastern Standard time. The clipper crew, expected to sight Horta in about 14 hours after their departure.

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1000 ARE WARNED, 63 OTHERS FINED IN CLEANUP DRIVE

Sixty-three persons have been fined for sweeping trash into New Orleans streets, Police Superintendent George Reyer reported Saturday as an Association of Commerce committee continued its campaign to clean the city.
About 1000 persons, Superintendent Reyer said, have been served notice that they violated city ordinances by sweeping trash or rubbish into streets or by placing rubbish along the curbs in improper containers.
He reported 22 arrests for kicking garbage cans into streets, one arrest for larceny of a garbage can, an arrest of a truck driver for permitting trash to fall from his truck into the street and the serving of affidavits to 19 firms and individuals in the first five blocks of Royal street for placing garbage on the curb wrapped

Cotton Clothes Gaining in Sales Before Special Week Is Opened

As sponsors of National Cotton Week observances in New Orleans prepared for its opening Monday they announced Saturday that New Orleanians have already begun to increase their purchases of cotton clothes.
Mark W. Kennedy, chairman of arrangements, said a large percentage of New Orleans stores reported a gain in the past few days in their cotton sales.
He said a meeting of business leaders and heads of civic organizations at the New Orleans Cotton Exchange Friday to stress the importance of boosting cotton was partly responsible for the improvement in cotton consumption.
The placing of bales of cotton in many stores and hotels and along both sides of Canal street to remind the public of National Cotton Week also has helped to bring to public attention the South's major money crop.
Superintendent Nicholas Bauer of the New Orleans public school

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Reserves Comment on Reserve Board



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Photo by The Times-Picayune.
Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the board of governors of the federal reserve system, spent 10 minutes in New Orleans Saturday en route from Houston to Washington. He declined to be interviewed.