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Thursday night and Friday, partly cloudy. Mod-

srate temperature.

Iowa Weather

Winston Churchill Admits.....

APSUPPEN

UNUSUAL STORY OF TWO LIVES IN APPANOOSE

One Hundred Year Span Between Relatives Is Very Unique

Two Appanoose county lives span the century. The one is a centen-narian, the other a baby less than a month old. They are a great-great-grandhold.

great-grandchild.
When the former first opened her eyes to a brand new world, wooden ships sailed the seas. Telephones, enips same the seas. Telephones, electric lights, automobiles, and even bathtubs just didn't exist. California was not yet a state, the U. S. had just begun to consider the annexation of Texas, from Britain The Whig party was about to read President Tyler out of their party as a miserable "president by acci-dent," the Mexican was was still in the offing, faintest rumblings of the trouble that was to bring or the Civil war were just being heard and the Oregon territory was soon to be divided between England and the U. S. The rush of the Forty Niners to California hadn't begun.

Another Era And when the latter arrived a second world war is in progress. Television was on the eve of becoming commercially effective, and air travel had reached a speed of 500 miles per ched a speed of 500 miles per hour. A president who had put more initialed innovations in niore initiated innovations in.
U. S. government than any president since or before Tyler seemed to be tightening his belt for a probable race for third term against a keen-eyed young man by the name of Dewet.

A century is a long time, and yet between them Mrs. Sarah Haines, of near Walnut City and Leslie Gene Beer, her great-grandson encompass that time with human life. Leslie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beer, and he was been approximately 26 502 days.

The century is a long time, and People In Southern Iowa and Northern Missouri Are

Warned to Exercise Every Precaution

In Guarding Against the Fever

In Guarding Against the Fever was born approximately 36,502 days

later than Mrs. Haines.
Should be span the years as successfully as his great-great-grand-mother, he and Mrs. Haines would in the space of their lifetime encompass two centuries and more of Last years.

talk with his great-great-grandmother she could tell him tales of the long ago that would seem almost

And that isn't all that is unique dition to his great-great-grandmama centennarian, he has four great-grandparents and four grandparents, in adidtion to his father and mother. Few babies in Centerville are so well endowed with

The great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fessenden, of Aberdeen, S. Dak., Mrs. Marshall, the mother of Verne Marshall, with whom she resides near Centerville and S. W. Beer. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Verne Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. H I. Beer, the

Right now Leslie Gene is busy with the business of eating, aleeping and growing. His great-greatgrandmother dreams of the years long gone by. For the one life lies ahead, for the other life lies chiefly behind. And yet in kinship these two span one hundred full years, a privilege accorded to so few.

RUSSIAN TRADE TALK HITS SNAG

filish and Russians Arc Unable to Come to Any Agreement

As Yet

toward trade negotiations between Britain and Russia as "unsatisfac-

tory."
The British, in the latest exchange of views over the possibility of entering a commercial pact with Russia, were reported to have asked for exact details of Soviet trade with Germany, including what and how much war materials were being sold to her.
Ask Too Much.

The British also were said to have asked whether Russia would hands promptly after removing be prepared to supply the same ticks from themselves. amount of war materials as to

Chamberlain Nar Wiy Wins; King George Call More Men To Colors

SMUGGLED PHOTO SHOWS NORWEGIAN "BREAD LINE"



This picture, one of the few to evade German censorship and smuggled across the Norwegian border into Sweden, shows a group of Oslo natives, mostly women and children, crowding about eager

to receive their food rations. The British caption on this picture suggested this photograph as evidence that food stocks were commandeered by the

YOUR FIRST WARNING.....

Spotted Fever Season Here

May Offer U.S.

Corn At Lower

Washington, May 9 (AP)-Ad-

studied today a suggestion that the United States offer corn to foreign

buyers at "cut-rate" prices in an

The proposal, they said, has been

25 Cents Higher.

centine grain in European markets,

due principally to the price-sup-porting effects of the government

Under the plan being considered,

effort to reduce a record surplus.

vere offered.

orn loan program.

Murder Charge

Filed Against

Des Moines, Ia., May 9 (AP)-

Miller, 56, Clayton county farmer,

accusing him of the slaying of Christian Ruckdoshel, 86-year-old

retired farmer at Postville, Ia.,

Chief R. W. Nebergall of the state

oureau of investigation announced.

Nebergall said Miller, who was

arrested yesterday, had signed a

statement admitting he killed Ruck-daschel in his cottage at Post-

Philadelphia, May 9 (AP)—Miss Anna Jarvis, 61-year-old founded of

Mother's Day, has suggested to

ville the night of March 9

Mother's Day

Seek Armistice on

Cost to Buyer

Southern Iowa and northern Missouri people were warned today to be on the watch for the dread Rocky Mountain Spot

Last year one man died at the St. Joseph Mercy hospi-Strange Tales

It's a little early yet for Leslie
Gene to understand, but if he could weeks illness.

It's a little early yet for Leslie weeks illness. tal, and several others were afflicted with the disease. Harry

Be on Guard.

Out of the District health office comes the warning for all people to be on guard against the ticks that infect huhe will associate 50 or more years | man beings.

Last year was the first time that the dread fever ever penetrated about this small lad and his un-usual kinships. For instance in ad-ties predict increased infection this year. Several cases were contacted in Appanoose county in 1939, but none proved fatal. Brown lived near Iconium in Monroe county.

The department of health, in issuing a statement today through ministration farm officials, facing the local district health office, the possibility of a grower referenthe local district health office, which is headed by Dr. Frank Condon, had this to say: "The common wood tick which spreads this disease has been seen in some sections of the state and soon will be found in all areas." Going on, the department warned people to advanced by exporters reported to been in wooded areas.

The department said there is no reason for undue alarm about the possibility of contracting Rocky Mountain spotted fever from as only one out of several hundred is ant to be infected but stated that "precautions are wise in any event."

Departmental statistics show that more causes of this disease were reported in 1939 than in any year since 1933 when the first case was found in Iowa. Last year, 27 cases and seven deaths occurred. The preceding year there were five cases and no deaths and in 1937, 16 cases and three deaths.

Advising persons in rural areas to inspect their bodies daily for ticks, the department emphasized London, May 9 (AP)—An authoritative source said today the Soviet tick is engorging on the skin. Us-Union regarded the British attitude ually the tick does not begin to engorge until several hours after it has been on the body, it was

explained Dogs Are Danger.

Equally as much care should be taken in removing ticks from dogs as they bring them close to the home and children, the department further pointed out. Use of pliers, forceps or rubber gloves in taking ticks from dogs was suggested and Iowans were told to wash their

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, according to the Russia holds trade with Germany health department, include chills as a two-party matter not for discussion with a third party any more eralized aching, and a red rash than trade between Russia and the (later purplish) which usually be- the heads of Europe's warring na-United States or any other country gins around the wrists or ankles tions that an "armistice" be obshould be subjected to British and climbs upward, finally cover-served Sinday as a tribute ing the entire body. "mothers living and dead."

IS UNDER WAY IN COURT HERE

Service Station Proprietor Denies Charges Against

Him

Today Oscar Billberg, proprietor of the Home Oil Station, large per service gas station across from said. "Germany was prostrate and the Drake Library, which burned the creation of this terrible power on the night and morning of Sat- in Germany and the spirit behind urday, March 23, went on trial in it which makes it so formidable district court here on a charge of is due to the fact that we did not

Mr. Billberg and a colored employe Eddie Palmer, were at the station during the night of the fire and Mr. Billberg received burns in the blaze, which he said followed an explosion of unknown origin in a portion of the station build-ings.

The blaze that followed destroyed a large portion of the station, leaving a part of the offices be careful and remove all ticks be in a position to arrange sales from their bodies after they have abroad if more favorable prices caught fire during the blaze, was caught fire during the blaze, was Captain Andy Sank, St. Louis riv-unearthed when water from the er pilot who disappeared off the fire fighting hose lines filled the cavity it occupied and forced it up out of the ground.

American corn is quoted at about 25 cents a bushel above Ar-Following the blaze matters came to light which brought about an nvestigation. Both Palmer and Mr. Billberg were placed under arrest Later Palmer was said to, have the agriculture department would signed a confession. Billberg obhigher domestic price and sell charge against him and after one abroad on competition with Argen-line and other grain. Rinker for Defense

Representing the station pro-prictor is Attorney Purley Rinker, and representing the state is Prosecuting Attorney Charles Johns Clayton Farmer ton. This forenoon and afternoon the counsel in the case examined the prospective jurors and it was expected that the trial jury might be selected by late afternoon. A first degree murder charge was to be filed today against Henry

The case is of considerable local interest due to the fact that the defendant is well known and has been a longtime station operator and prior to that a coal operator in this field. The filing of arson charges came as a shock to many locally and it is likely that the case will be a hardfought battle.

What the state will bring out in less a secret. It is likely that taking of evidence will begin late this afternoon or tomorrow morning. MISSOURI WEATHER.

Fair west and north, consider-

CABINET SOON Churchill Takes Most of Responsibility for

Norwegian Loss

PREMIER MAY

London, May 9 -(AP)- Boy Who Murdered Albia Youth The house of commons recessed today until May 21, leaving the Chamberlain government apparently determined to remain in office on the strength of last night's slim margin on a vote of confi-

fort was stepped up by a roy-al decree making 2,500,000 last March, will start next Monday more men available for military service.

had encouraged Hitler.

Chamberlain, members of his war cabinet and opposition leaders were in secret consultations.

Geoffrey Mander, a left winger, said the talks were to decide whether "by getting rid of the chancellor of the exchequer and the secretary for air, the prime minister might be allowed to carry on with partially fresh colleagues."

Mander told the house that this, and "his injuries were consistent in his opinion, would be "perfectly useless."

Wander told the house that this, and "his injuries were consistent with a simple fall onto the railroad track."

Llyod George declared that Britain was to blame for Hit-ler's rise to power and that since 1922 he (Lloyd George) had been urging the world war victors to exert their authority and carry out the pledges they made in the treaty of Versail-

said. "Germany was prostrate and carry out our promises."

Increase Army The new registration notice, affecting 19 year-olds and men be-(Continued on page two)

Floating Body Is Found Near Keokuk

Keokuk, Ia., May 9 (AP)—A float ing body, believed to be that of towboat William T. Warner, as it was approaching the O lock here April 29, was discovered in the Mississippi about 15 miles south of Keokuk this morning. Keokuk and Hancock county, Ill.

officers, with friends of the missing pilot, will attempt to make identification late this afternoon.

Two Young Men Confess Slayings

Colorado Springs, May 9 (AP)— Albert Lucero, 27, and his brother Arthur, 25, confessed killing two men but could not be brought to trial because police couldn't find

the bodies.

But District Judge John M.

Meikle sentenced Albert to 50 to 65

years and Arthur to 25 to 50 years
on their pleas of guilty to stealing their victims' auto. LeeRaedel, Devner detective ser-

geant, testified the brothers con-fessed they shot Benito Romedo and Elias Quintano, on a lonely road near Deertrail, Colo., and buried the bodies in the prairie.

KEEN TRIAL TO START MONDAY

Must Face the Decision and Verdict of the Court

Eldora, Iowa, May 9 (AP)—The trial of Edward R. Keen of Muscatine, accused of murder in connection with a fatal hammer attacl Meanwhile, Britain's war ef- on Charles Cottrell of Albia at the in district court.

Keen, who has been under obser-

vation at the University hospital at George Attack.

The house rose after David

Thursday and will stand trial re-Lloyd George, critic of the prime minister, had defended himself that, by demanding Chamberlain's resignation, he had encouraged Hitler

Thursday and will stand trial regardless of the findings of the Iowa City doctors, officials declared.

It is expected that if the findings of the doctors reveal Keen is mentally unbalanced the defense will plead not guilty by relative to the control of the control of the doctors reveal Keen is mentally unbalanced the defense will plead not guilty by relative to the control of the control of the control of the findings of the Iowa City doctors, officials declared. sanity.

Miller Death Is

London, May 9 (AP)—A coroner's inquest decided today that Webb Miller, European general manager of the United Press, died accidentally as a result of a fall from a train at Clapham Junction. Dr. Frederick Simpson testified Miller suffered a fractured skull

Found Yesterday. Miller's body was found yester-day morning 10 yards from the end of the Clapham station platform. Since blackout restrictions prohibit lights, it was presumed Miller

the belief his train was at the platmorrow. Miller's ashes will be sent to the United States.

stepped from his compartment in

Cook Didn't Go To Surprise Party

Maryville, Mo., May 9 (AP)— Friends gathered at Earl Cook's Friends gathered at Earl Cook's was about the only person liable home for a surprise party. Cook for its payment who was objecting. didn't show up.

The friends found him hanging in his barn loft. Coroner C. D. Humbred said Cook, 54, killed himself because of money troubles.

One Pound Baby

Allentown, Pa., May 9 (AP)— Doctors' efforts to save a one-pound baby born to 21-year-old Mrs. Ernest Gross at her home in nearby Coopersburg failed today. The tiny girl died 22 hours after birth. She had been kept alive by being swathed in an electric heat-ing pad.

Mussolini Doesn't Reveal His Plans

Rome, May 9 - (AP)-Premier Mussolini today told his Fascist followers celebrating army and empire day that "only facts" would break his self-imposed silence on the European

Il Duce thus indicated clearly to his hearers massed under his Palazzo Venezia balcony that Italy's non-belligerency remained without change until some new development in Europe's conflict pluged this country into war. While Mussolini was addressing-

his followers, Fascist authorities velopments could change Italy's indicated that Italy still is on the attitude appeared in a warning to n prestige and more living space.

emphasized that Italian preparedpressing the charge remains to be ness for war did not mean necesseen and has been kept more or sarily that Italy was entering the drawn from him by the crowd unconflict soon.

Il Popolo Di Doma said none asking for a speech. should delude himself that any Il Duce appeared three times country which stays out of the on the balcony, smilingly shook war will be able to make its his head and placed a finger on able cloudiness southeast tonight voice heard afterward as the Ital-and Friday: light rain extreme ians intend to do.

It was only at his fourth appearto and Friday; light rain extreme lians intend to do. southeast tonight, warmer Friday. An indication of what new de- ance that he spoke.

fence waiting the right moment to Yugoslavia against accepting Bri-jump in and get what she wants tish-French guarantees of protectish-French guarantees of protection which was sounded in the Associates of Premier Mussolini Bologna newspaper Resto Del Car-Mussolini's brief statement was

> der his balcony which kept calling, "The Mediterranean for us," and

Babs Hawaii-Bound



Pictured aboard the liner Matsonia is the Countess Barbara Hutton Haugwitz-Reventlow, who sails from San Francisco to Hawaii for a rest. She was accom-panied by her son, Lance.

GOODE REFUSES TO

Bloomfield Man Fought the Program in the Legislature and Now Refuses to Pay Tax

Des Moines, Ia., May 9 (AP)-State Representative Dewey Goods (R-Bloomfield) is staging a oneman strike against the state dairy advertising tax collection, officials

Miller Death Is

Judged Accident

London, May 9 (AP)—A coro
Bloomfield.

Doing Same

Doing Same.

His only comment today was we're doing the same thing this year that we did last year."

The law enacted by the 1939 legislature provides that in order to set up an advertising fund for Iowa dairy products a tax of one cent a pound of butterfat should be colected on milk sold in Iowa between May 1 and May 15, 1939 and 1940. No Action.

Burr Willets, secretary of the Iowa dairy industries commission which collects and administers the tax for the state, said that Goode had not paid in 1939 but that the commssion had not taken legal steps to collect the tax in court.

commission meeting in Ames to-morrow probably would consider question of whether action should be taken against Goode for failure to pay.

The reason no action has been taken against Goode, the secretary said, is that the Bloomfield man

Pella Tulips **Attract Many**

Pella, Ia., May 9 (AP)-Co-operating in regular chamber-of-commerce fashion, an estimated two Lives 22 Hours merce fashion, an estimated two million tulips bloomed in a riot of color as the annual tuliptime festi-val of this Dutch community opened

The festival, its beauty enhanced by the old country Holland costumes of most of the town's inhabitants, ends Saturday. The daily program includes the

traditional street-scrubbing scene and a float parade. Governor George A Wilson will be the speaker of the day tomorrow.

Germans Want Prime Minister to Enjoy Long, Healthy Life

Berlin, May 9 (AP)—The reaction in official German quarters to yesterday's scene in the British parliament may be summed up in the words of one authorized "May God give long life to Neville

Chamberlain as Britain's prime minister" As long as Chamberlain is at the

helm of the British government, this source added, Germany has nothing to fear.

Good Movie Job Is Unwanted

Hollywood, May 9 (AP)-A good movie job is going begging.

Twentieth Century-Fox wants someone to play the role of Adolf Hitler in "I Married a Nazi." It's

Jack Cooper, former Sennett comedian, declined today to even take a test. He is a British sub-

an excellent speaking role.

clined.

GERMANY IS FAR AHEAD IN NUMBERS

Nazis Made 3,300 Planes Last Month Compared With Allies 1,100

By Edward E. Bomar Washington, May 9 —(AP(–A British official admission. that the Allies were inferior to Germany in air power stirred expectations today of a speed-up in Anglo-French orders for American-made war-

planes. Aviation authorities said they were puzzled by the strange lag in Allied purchases, particularly in view of reliable reports that British and French plane production had declined from pre-war levels.

No Sales.

It has been six weeks since the last of the army's newest military ships was released for sale abroad, yet the Allied purchasing mission has announced contracts for only about 1,900 planes out of a projected \$1,000,000,000 order for a fleet of possibly 8,000.

Members of the allied mission had been stressing a desire for speed, and officials consequently believed that release of the latest American models would be follow-ed promptly by mass orders for allied air reinforcements. This ex-pectation has gone unfulfilled.

The acknowledgement of allied air inferiority came from Winston Churchill, first lord of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, who told the house of commons yesterday that the allies, as a result, would be exposed to difficulty and danger for an indefinite time. This was in contrast to optimistic earlier predictions that the allies would overtake the nazis in air power.

Reports reaching here and accept ed by informed airmen as accurate weer that Britain had turned out only about 700 planes in March and France approximately 400, against a likely nazi production of

Place Large Orders On the assumption that the allies will place their remaining orders soon, informed airmen calculated that the American industry might be called on to turn out upwards of 13,000 military planes of all types in the next 16 months, for the army, navy and foreign govern-

TEN DOLLAR BILL TRICK IS CLEVER

ments.

People In Northern Iowa Are Requested to Be On the Look Out for Swindlers

Des Moines, Ia., May 9 (AP)-The Iowa Bureau of Investigation has warned merchants and law enforcement officials, particularly in the northern part of the state, to watch for a pair working a \$10

short-change racket.

The bureau described the scheme as follows: A woman makes a purchase with

a \$10 bill Shortly after she leaves, a man comes in and buys some thing, offering a \$1 bill in payment. He demands change for \$10, saying the storekeeper must be mistaken. Argument Follows

In the argument that follows, he declares he carries only \$10 bills. By way of "proof," he produces a wad of bills of that denomination and a list showing each serial nun The bill given to the merchant

by the woman is discovered, of course, to carry a number corresponding with one of those on his

The temporarily convinced store keeper gives up the big bill. Realizing later that he has been victimized, he calls the police, but the couple meanwhile has disappeared

Eighty One Year Old Man Suffers First Toothache

John Johnson, 81, recently had his first toothache. The Riverton, Ia., man went to

Shenandoah, Ia., May 9 -- (AP)-

Several others also have de- a dentist, had three teeth extracted and now is feeling better.