

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Occasional rain tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperatures.
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AID

What form will it take to enable Britain to beat the axis? The answer rests with congress. Watch the proceedings through the news columns of the NEWS-REVIEW.

CONGRESS RALLIES TO AID-BRITAIN URGE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
BOMBS (mysteriously few in number) fall in Ireland. The Irish identify them officially as of German origin and protest to Berlin.

A German "spokesman" replies that the bombs are ENGLISH or they are IMAGINARY, as German planes have not been over Ireland.

THAT is to say (according to the German spokesman) the British are dropping German bombs on Ireland, hoping to get the Irish so mad at Germany that they will throw in with the British.

Maybe so. Anything is possible in war. But it doesn't sound reasonable. Such an enterprise would be risky, and the British can't afford to take risks with the Irish.

Too much is at stake.

IN AFRICA, the British launch what is apparently an all-out attack on besieged Bardia, reporting today (Saturday) deep penetration into the Italian defenses and capture of 5,000 of the 20,000 defenders.

Rome says the attack was hastened in order to get it over before the German airplanes that have been sent to Italy's help can get into action.

THAT is probably true. Still, under the circumstances, it must hurt Mussolini to have to admit that only German help can save him from an African disaster.

That admission won't be forgotten when (and if) the spoils are divided.

A RECENT survey by the League of Women Voters shows 140 women elected this year to the legislatures of 29 states, with eight women members of congress. Two years ago there were 130 women legislators in 28 states.

Looking over the records of the last few years, even the hard-boiled male will have to admit that the women couldn't have done much worse.

WOMEN have had a lot of experience in balancing family (Continued on page 4)

British Grab Tobruk Airport In Libya Thrust; Fort Again Bombed, Port Entry Barred

Garrison Of 50,000 Waits 3-Way Onset

Determination to Battle On Despite Big Losses Voiced by Rome Govt.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 7.—(AP)—An RAF communique announced today that British troops thrusting deep into Libya had reached El Adem, the airport for Tobruk, and there captured 40 Italian planes which had been damaged by previous British bomb attacks. The Italians had abandoned the airport. El Adem is only 15 miles south of Tobruk.

Tobruk, 70 miles west of captured Bardia, is the next major Italian stronghold in the path of the British advance, and armed patrols were reported already testing its defenses as General Wavell sought to keep Italy's north African army on the defensive.

(The forces which reached El Adem presumably were mechanized units reported in London to be "now in contact with the outer defenses of Tobruk." Pointing out that the coastal road all the way across Libya to Tripoli is vulnerable to sea attack, official quarters there said Italy's remaining Libyan air bases were being forced constantly to shift westward.)

Tobruk itself was bombed again yesterday as well as Martuba and the port of Derna, still farther west, the communique said.

Bombs fell along Tobruk's waterfront and on military targets within the town, it reported. "but (Continued on page 6)

Boy Admits Holdup Try To Aid Needy Mother

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Joseph Bellavia, arrested after attempting to hold up a Brooklyn grocery with a toy pistol yesterday, said he did it to get money so his mother wouldn't have to go to a charity hospital when she bore her seventh child late this month.

"It was for my mom," he wept. "I wanted her to have the best."

Boy Slaver of Sheriff Freed From Prison With High School Diploma

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—(AP)—From nine years of isolation behind institutional walls—to which he was committed for life as a sheriff's slaver at the age of 12—Herbert Nicolls stepped forth today to seek a niche in the world "outside" and to vindicate a governor's confidence in him.

Herbert, at 21, a frail and studious appearing chap with a ready smile and a hopeful manner, was granted an executive parole yesterday by Governor Clarence D. Martin, and was to go to work today as an apprentice in a machine shop. He earned his high school diploma in prison.

It was nine years ago that Herbert, an ill-dressed, emaciated waif whose father had been sent to an Idaho asylum for the insane, pulled the trigger that meant death for aged Sheriff John Wormell at Asotin, Wash. Wormell had surprised the boy as he was committing a petty burglary in an Asotin store, and the urchin fired from behind a barrel.

Hunger Crime Motive. He said later he only meant to scare the officer. Governor Martin, in reporting the parole, said in extenuation of the crime: "You went into the store because you were hungry, didn't you

Noted Aviatrix Dies in Thames

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Amy Johnson Mollison, Britain's greatest aviatrix, drowned in the Thames estuary Sunday after she was forced to bail out of the aircraft she was flying for the air transport auxiliary. During her spectacular career, the 32-year-old flier had winged from Britain to Australia and to America, Japan and China and across Africa.

Nazi Planes Renew Raids Over Britain

DAMAGE DEALT MIDLANDS, BUT LONDON LITTLE HURT AND SHOWS NO CONCERN.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—German raiders were reported to have killed or wounded several persons in a midlands town today in the heaviest of a series of daylight raids against that industrial area, London and the southeast coast.

The midlands casualties were reported in the suburb of a town where several houses were demolished. This raid was carried out as London was kept under alert for more than three hours and the city's anti-aircraft defenses roared repeatedly at the attackers.

Londoners went about their business without fluster despite the long alert and the anti-aircraft fire, unusually persistent for the daytime.

Strike Voted By Aircraft Union

FARMINGDALE, N. Y., Jan. 7.—(AP)—A strike of workers engaged in aircraft production at the Ranger engineering division of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane corporation has been called for Thursday night.

By a unanimous vote, 212 union workers last night decided to lay down their tools should negotiations fail between the aircraft company and local 661, aviation division of the United Automobile Workers (CIO). The company employs 240 men.

The threatened strike was authorized on the heels of the signing of a \$1,478,000 navy contract by the Fairchild firm.

The union has been negotiating with the company since Sept. 1, seeking a blanket 5-cent-an-hour pay increase, elevation of the starting wage from 50 to 55 cents an hour, raising of this to 65 cents after 90 days and complete reclassification of all plant employees.

Hermit Postmaster of Curry County Passes

AGNESS, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—George W. Rilea, who ventured out of this remote settlement in southern Oregon's coast range only twice in 38 years, died yesterday, three days after his 76th birthday.

Rilea, father of Brigadier General Thomas Rilea of the Oregon national guard, was postmaster here for 33 years until his retirement a year ago. Nearly all of the town's 125 people joined in a celebration at the postoffice, at the corner of Cougar street and Rattlesnake avenue, on his last day.

He took his first automobile ride in 1928 after an automobile was brought here by boat, up the dangerous Rogue river. There were no roads into here at the time.

Lumber Mill At Greens Is New Project

Plant to Refine Output of Small Mills to Be Built by California Company.

Construction of a lumber re-manufacturing plant at Greens station, five miles south of Roseburg, will be started within the next ten days by Alley Brothers, wholesale and retail lumber dealers at Santa Monica, California, it was announced here today by Joe Murphy, local timber cruiser and agent, who has been assisting the California men in their negotiations here.

The plant, Mr. Murphy said, will be equipped to take lumber from small mills operating in Douglas county and to refine it to meet market requirements.

All machinery and equipment now is being loaded at Los Angeles for shipment to the new location, and it is expected the mill will be set up and ready for operation within 30 to 60 days. A superintendent from the company's yards at Santa Monica will be sent here to direct operation of the new plant, which is expected to furnish employment for from 12 to 15 men. The mill will be electrically powered throughout.

Five Dodge Death When Auto Dives Into Canal

THE DALLES, Jan. 7.—(AP)—An automobile skidded off the icy Columbia river highway five miles east of here yesterday and plunged into the Yeller canal, drenching the five occupants.

The passengers, Alfred Larson of Fort Peck, Mont., his wife and three children, climbed through the car windows to safety before the automobile slowly submerged.

Bootlegging Remains Flourishing Industry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Bootlegging, which supposedly disappeared with repeal of prohibition, still is a flourishing industry.

Secret Service Chief Frank J. Wilson, reported today that out of the 39,978 persons convicted for violation of federal acts under jurisdiction of the treasury department, 18,221 were bootleggers or moonshiners.

Douglas County Road Jobs Listed for Bids

SALEM, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Bids on 15 highway projects costing \$500,000 will be opened by the state highway commission in Portland January 21 and 22.

Projects include the following: Coos and Douglas counties—Provide 7,350 cubic yards of crushed rock on Endicott Creek-Bear Creek rock production project on Coos Bay-Roseburg highway.

Douglas county—Provide 10,000 cubic yards of crushed rock on Bear Creek-Coos Junction rock production project on Coos Bay-Roseburg highway.

Council Hears Economy Urge From Mayor

Young's Warning Touches 'Would Be Planners'; No Appointment Changes

The Roseburg city council was organized last night for the 1941-42 term as two new councilmen, Fred Hargis and O. J. Feldkamp, were seated and departmental heads nominated and approved. No changes were made by Mayor A. J. Young in his appointments, which were prefaced by a brief statement in which he urged strict economy for the ensuing two years.

The mayor's appointments, unanimously ratified by the council, were: B. L. Eddy, attorney; John S. Duer, chief of police; George Frew, street superintendent; H. Worthington, electrical inspector.

The council elected W. F. Harris to continue as president. The president of the council presides in the absence of the mayor.

Nine Bund Heads Slated for Prison

NEWTON, N. J., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Sussex County Judge John C. Losey upheld today the constitutionality of New Jersey's "race hatred" statutes and set January 31 for the sentencing of Wilhelm Kurze, national German-American bund leader, and eight bund associates on indictments charging them with "promoting hatred against people of the Jewish religion."

John Winans, defense attorney, filed an exception immediately and said he would appeal.

Maximum penalties under the law are three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Besides Kurze, the men are August Klapprott of Andover, the bund's eastern leader; Matthias Kohler of Irvington, state bund treasurer; Leonard D. Clark of New York, writer for the bund magazine, "Free America"; the Rev. John C. Fitting of Union City, state bund secretary; Richard Schiele and Paul Schaar-schmidt of Paterson, Carl Schlipphorst of Glen Rock and George Neuppert of Cliffside Park, trustees of Camp Nordland.

The defendants admitted the facts in the indictment, but contended they were insufficient to warrant prosecution and that the laws under which they were returned were unconstitutional.

Man Denies Mother's Charge of Assault

A plea of innocent to a charge of assault and battery was made in justice court by William E. Richardson, who was arraigned here this morning. The complaint was filed by the man's mother, Mattie Richardson, Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters reported.

Richardson was continued in custody in lieu of \$50 bail and a trial was ordered on Thursday of this week.

Defense Road Program For West States Eyed

DENVER, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A half billion dollar program of defense highway construction in the western states was studied today at a conference of highway officials of 12 states.

Working on a tentative program submitted by a special committee, the highway officials planned to correlate the western network of strategic highways and access roads to camps, airports and defense factories, and then appeal to congress to finance the work.

The special committee pointed out that the states themselves would be able to bear only part of the cost of the huge program need to bring the highway network up to minimum military standards.

Traffic Crash Near Wilbur Injures Driver

J. F. Hogan, Portland, was in Mercy hospital here today suffering from a broken leg, broken arm and chest injuries suffered late Monday in an automobile accident north of Wilbur. Hogan's car, it was reported, struck the abutment of a concrete culvert bridge when he turned out to avoid a delivery truck belonging to C. S. Fullerton of Roseburg. The impact drove the Hogan car into a collision with the truck. The injured man, although seriously hurt, was expected to recover.

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Gives Business To Home Town



Clarence Shoock believes that the laws of our land which provide for the inheritance of property are unethical and un-Christian. So the wealthy Mount Joy, Pa., oil man, pictured above with a model section of one of his service stations, turned over his \$1,000,000 Shock Independent Oil company in trust to his home town. Except for a small part of the profit reserved for the donor and his wife, all earnings go to the community.

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Leaders At Work on Task Of Procedure

Time Required for Plan's O. K. of More Concern Than Any Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A surge of congressional sentiment for extensive British aid today answered President Roosevelt's call for a "swift and driving increase" in armament production, despite some criticism that the program would mean war.

The reaction generally bespoke readiness to take up at the earliest possible moment a detailed plan under which "billions of dollars worth of the weapons of defense" could be lent or leased to England and other "democracies," as Mr. Roosevelt recommended in his message yesterday.

Administration leaders already were at work on the complicated problem of procedure and legislation. The president was said to have advised leaders that congress and the executive department should collaborate in the task, with the assurance that there would be no quibbling over details.

Budget Awaited. Submission of the 1941-42 federal budget tomorrow was awaited, meanwhile, for the first indication of proportions of the overall program. Congress will learn then how much money Mr. Roosevelt wants immediately for the manufacture of war supplies.

There was general support among legislators for vast funds to arm America itself, but some division in party ranks over the president's proposal to make the United States an arsenal for countries "now in actual war with aggressor nations."

Nevertheless, some leaders appeared more concerned about the length of time that might be required to obtain final approval of the British aid legislation than they did with the opposition expected against it.

Aid Financing Muddled. One plan reported under consideration involved use of a federal corporation to assist the Bri-

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Woman Jailed On Bad Check Charge

Prisoner at Medford Accused Of Unlawful Operations in Roseburg and Vicinity.

A woman whom state police report has a record of numerous aliases is under arrest in Medford, after having allegedly issued a number of worthless checks in Roseburg and vicinity, Sergeant Paul Morgan reported today.

Using the name of Alma Sloan, Alma Bates and Mrs. Frank Outscheid, the woman is reported to have posed here as planning to open a convalescent home, the officer reported. She had negotiated for a lease on the J. W. Hamilton property, had contracted for the purchase of furnishings and supplies and had succeeded, the officer reported, in cashing a number of checks, six of which, in the total amount of \$85, are in the hands of the police. She was in Roseburg for about a week, officers stated, and was reported to have said she was soon to receive money from an estate in Pennsylvania. Checks were drawn on a Pittsburgh bank.

She was taken into custody at Ashland and was lodged in the Jackson county jail, where, according to information received by Sergeant Morgan, she is being held on a charge issued in that county. The exact nature of the Jackson county complaint was not learned Morgan said, nor was it ascertained definitely whether she would be prosecuted there or returned to Douglas county to answer to complaints filed here.

Her activities, Morgan said, are being further investigated by the state police.