

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slightly colder tonight. See page 4 for statistics.

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CONGRESS

It's disposal of the Roosevelt budget recommendations will highlight national news for some time. Outstanding will be its decision on further aid to Britain. The NEWS-REVIEW will keep you posted.

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CONGRESS HANDS BUDGET FOR 17 BILLION

Rescue Chances for Tobruk Cut Off by British Besiegers

New Italian Stand Facing Bardia's Fate

Italian Losses in Albania Mount Heavily; Germans Destroy British Ships.

(By the Associated Press) Italy's last major defense base in eastern Libya, the port of Tobruk, was reported cut off from rescue today.

Sea blockade and tank encirclement of Tobruk, 80 miles west of the Egyptian border, were said to effectively bar any large reinforcements.

"Concentration of our forces in the Tobruk area is continuing," a British general headquarters statement said laconically.

The statement said total British and Australian casualties in the capture of Bardia were less than 600.

Combined British and Greek estimates placed Italy's losses at some 150,000 men—captured, killed, wounded or missing—in Africa and Greece.

Garrison Head Escapes. British general headquarters in Cairo reported that General Annibale ("Electric Whiskers") Bergonelli, commander of the Italian garrison at fallen Bardia, escaped in the capture of the fascist base.

"On the night before Bardia fell," a British announcement said, "the blackshirt corps commander and his two blackshirt commanders deserted their troops."

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS to the state of the nation, President Roosevelt tells the new congress:

"At NO PREVIOUS TIME has American security been as seriously threatened from without as it is today."

We are threatened, he adds, because dictators are aiming at domination of the world.

AS to our commitments, he says: "By impressive expression of public will and without regard to partisanship, we are committed:

- 1. To all-inclusive national defense.
2. To full support of ALL those resolute peoples EVERYWHERE who are resisting aggression and are thereby keeping war away from our hemisphere.

AS to our present job, he tells us:

"Our most useful and immediate role is to act as an arsenal for them (the resolute peoples who are resisting aggression) as well as for ourselves. . . . The time is near when they will not be able to pay for what they need in ready cash. We can not and WILL NOT tell them they must surrender merely because of present inability to pay for the

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Sea Raider Said Again on Prowl



One of the most dramatic rumors to come out of the war's strict censorship revolved about the famed Count Felix von Luckner, above, world war skipper of the German raider "Sea Devil." Reports state that Von Luckner is in command of a former British ship which has formered havoc with British shipping in the Pacific.

Utility Line Work Soon Will Start

The I. and E. Construction company of Minneapolis, which holds the contract for building approximately 185 miles of transmission lines for the North Douglas Electric Cooperative, is making ready to start actual operations within the next few days, it was reported today by R. L. Adams, county R.E.A. manager.

The company now is engaged in stringing out poles along the route of the transmission line in preparation for construction work expected to proceed at the rate of about six miles per day. The company has until about April 1 to complete the work but expects to have the system in operation considerably ahead of that date, Mr. Adams reports.

Traffic Crash Kills One, Sends Another to Hospital

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—One man was killed and another seriously injured in an early morning automobile-truck collision on the Columbia river highway near here.

State Police Sergeant Frank Grimm said F. C. McIlroy, Dee, Ore., the driver, was killed as his car skidded on slick pavement, struck a truck and trailer and piled into a bank.

Bud Chambers, Hood River, a passenger in the McIlroy car, was in a Hood River hospital with five broken ribs and a lung puncture. His condition was reported serious. Another passenger, John Rockwell, Hood River, and the truck driver, Harry Culp, Portland, escaped injury.

Grimm said all occupants of the car were en route to Celilo canal where they were employed.

U. S. Food To Be Shipped To France, Spain

Britain Lifts Blockade on Assurance That Red Cross Will Head Distribution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The American Red Cross announced today that it was planned to dispatch an American ship late this month loaded with condensed milk and other relief supplies for unoccupied France and a consignment of flour and milk for Spain.

In addition, Chairman Norman H. Davis said that the Red Cross had offered to the Spanish government on certain conditions a cargo of wheat or flour, apparently a separate ship load, to meet the immediate needs of the civilian population.

The plans were made for the relief shipments after an agreement with the British government for their passage through the blockade.

The French and Spanish governments are being notified, Davis said, that the Red Cross is ready to proceed with the emergency relief shipment under certain conditions.

These conditions were not specified but they were believed to involve assurances of complete freedom for Red Cross authorities in distributing and handling the supplies.

Program For France. In the case of France, Davis outlined the following relief program:

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Youth in Army Uniform Is Held in Double Car Theft

A youth, who gave officers the name of Wetherbee but bore papers giving the name of Frank Marion Elliott of the 99th field artillery, Phoenix, Ariz., was in custody at Grants Pass today, charged with the theft of an automobile.

He admitted to state police, according to a report from Grants Pass, that he abandoned a Nebraska-licensed car, reported stolen from Eugene, near Myrtle Creek Monday night. He also is accused of stealing a car at Grants Pass.

Dressed in army uniform, the young man denied being an army man and claimed loss of memory, according to the report made at Grants Pass by State Police Corporal Lyle Harrell.

To Join List Of Roosevelt Aides



Sherman Minton. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced yesterday that he would appoint former Senator Sherman Minton to be one of his administrative assistants. Minton, an Indianan and democratic whip of the senate through the last session, was defeated for reelection in November. As an administrative aide, Mr. Roosevelt told reporters, Minton will serve, with a passion for anonymity, as the president's legs, eyes and ears.

Alleged Communist Again Faces Deportation Try

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The government today reopened the widely publicized Joseph George Strecker "communist" case, once linked with efforts to deport Harry Bridges, California labor leader.

Strecker, saved from deportation as a communist by the supreme court in 1939, was arrested yesterday in Hot Springs, Ark., and sent to New Orleans where immigration officials said he might still be returned to his native Austria under the 1940 alien act.

C. A. Stanfield, Strecker's attorney, said in Little Rock he believed the revived action was based on a section of the 1940 alien act providing that any alien, who at any time had been a member of the communist party, was subject to deportation.

The previous law, under which Strecker was prosecuted, did not apply if an alien had ceased to be a member, as Strecker claimed.

British Founder of Boy Scouts Passes

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Lord Baden-Powell, 83, a veteran soldier who spent the last 30 years of his life working for peace as the founder of the boy scout movement, died today at his home in Nyeri, Kenya colony.

He had been in precarious health since last November, when he suffered a series of severe heart attacks.

A lineal descendant of the early American settler, John Smith, Lord Baden-Powell had visited the United States on numerous occasions—the last time in April, 1937, when he delivered a radio address to the boy scouts of the world from San Francisco.

Lord Baden-Powell founded the boy scouts in 1910, following his retirement from the British army, to "promote good citizenship in the rising generation" and to further peace through the advancement of international understanding.

A veteran soldier and a retired lieutenant-general, he had served with the British armed forces in Africa during the Boer war and participated in the famous defense of Mafeking.

One of his last public utterances was a message issued last June from his Kenya colony home to British boy scouts calling for "still further effort" to help win the war.

"You have done grand work behind the scenes already," he said, "but as the fighting has grown more desperate it calls for still further effort from you."

"So with tails up and sleeves up, go to it in every way you can to help win the war."

Although known best for his work with the boy scouts, Baden-Powell also founded the girl scouts, of which his widow is the British head.

Navy Shakeup Establishes 3 Main Units

Rear Admiral Kimmel to Head Fleets; Manpower Boost of 42,000 Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Reorganization of the United States navy into three main fleets—the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic fleets—was ordered today by Secretary Knox, who announced at the same time that President Roosevelt had authorized an increase of 42,000 in naval manpower.

The reorganization, which Knox said "really fits the facts," will become effective February 1 and a new set of commanders, headed by Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel as commander-in-chief of all fleets, will assume authority on that day.

Kimmel, present commander of battleship cruisers, also becomes chief of the Pacific fleet, succeeding Admiral James Richardson, who will go on undisclosed duty.

War Power Basis Aim. The changes will raise the status of the present Atlantic patrol force and the Asiatic squadron to that of fleets. Knox described the future Atlantic fleet as consisting of the approximately 125 ships now in the patrol force, the Asiatic fleet as the squadron now based in Asiatic waters, and the Pacific fleet as the fleet now based at Hawaii.

The president's authorization of an increase in the navy's enlisted personnel, Knox said, was designed "to take care of the expanding fleet" so that new ships may be given crews at 100 per cent of war strength as fast as the ships are commissioned.

Keep All Destroyers. Knox disclosed the presidential action and his own orders at a press conference at which he also was asked about the possibility of making additional United States destroyers available to the British.

"I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our fleet without seriously impairing our own defense."

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C. of C. Banquet Will Hear Him



Dr. Victor P. Morris, above, will be the speaker Thursday night at the annual banquet meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. Dr. Morris, dean of the school of business administration at University of Oregon, and widely known as a public speaker, is in particular demand each year for addresses at commencement. He is expected to bring a timely message to the banquet crowd, which will assemble at the Umpqua hotel lobby at 6:30 o'clock.

AFL Men Facing Charges of Theft

REDDING, Calif., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Three men were under indictment here today on charges of conspiracy to commit robbery and grand theft in an asserted plot to cover up shortages in accounts of the AFL Construction and General Laborers' union.

E. H. McAfee, union business agent, and his brother, Willis, were sought on bench warrants. The third man indicted, Lyle Ross, a laborer who testified before the Shasta county grand jury, was in custody.

Deputy District Attorney John A. Spann said Ross testified he robbed Richard Brennan, union secretary, last October 23 at the instigation of Willis McAfee, and that E. H. McAfee urged him to rob a Redding automobile dealer of \$3,000 on a "50-50 split" basis.

Ross related, the prosecutor said, that Willis McAfee told of being "in a jam" over a \$4,000 shortage in union expense funds and asked that he rob Brennan and seize the union records.

Brennan was robbed of his satchel, carrying the record book, and \$81 in cash.

Spann said the proposed robbery of the automobile dealer, Earl Needham, never materialized.

Oregon Sheepman Found Dead on Malheur River

ONTARIO, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Charles Sutherland, 63, prominent eastern Oregon sheepman, was found dead in shallow water on the banks of the Malheur river near here yesterday.

Coroner R. A. Tacke said he apparently became exhausted and collapsed in the water after searching for help when his automobile became stuck.

Sutherland was a director of federal grazing district No. 3, representing sheepmen.

Hen Hitch-Hikes 10-Mile Ride on Auto's Bumper

SUTHERLIN, Jan. 8.—Ernest Corty and George Cooper of this city drove ten miles up the Calapooia Saturday morning to their place of employment and upon arrival were startled by an unusual noise at the front end of their car.

Investigation revealed that a bantam hen, a pet of the Corty children, had hitch-hiked a ride on the front bumper, and, unperturbed by the long, cold ride, was quite able to hop down and start a hunt for worms in new territory.

Defense Takes 60 Per Cent Of Total Asked by Roosevelt; Debt Limit, Tax Boosts Held Needed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today for \$17,485,528,049 in an unprecedented peacetime budget reflecting "a world at war" and the huge cost of preparing "for total defense."

Mr. Roosevelt allotted \$10,811,314,600 of his 1942 budget exclusively to national defense, estimated the deficit for the year beginning July 1 at \$9,210,093,409 and foretold a public debt pushed by that deficit to a record \$58,367,065,056 by June 30, 1942.

The budget made no provisions for the cost of aid to Britain, Greece and China—an extensive program to be covered in subsequent appropriations request.

Congressional leaders said that the overall cost of this alone might eventually total \$10,000,000,000, but were uncertain on how great the actual cash outlay would have to be for the first year.

Irrespective of these future aid requests, nothing in treasury figures compared with the huge figures presented to the senate and house since the last year of the world war when spending reached \$18,522,895,000 and the deficit \$13,370,638,000.

"A wry turn of fate places this burden of defense on the backs of a peace-loving people," the president said of the budget which was read by clerks.

Only "Forecast" of Future. But, Mr. Roosevelt continued, even these big sums—82 per cent of them earmarked for defense—where only "a forecast of things to come. . . . No one can predict the ultimate cost of a program that is still in development."

The sole guiding "marker" down the road, he added, was "a command to defend our democratic way of life."

In line with the assertion of his annual message that the nation put "patriotism ahead of pocketbooks" in helping defray defense costs, the chief executive called for increased taxation, but made no specific recommendations.

Counting today's recommendations, the president estimated that since June, 1940, defense appropriations, authorizations and requests aggregated \$28,480,000,000.

Production Lagging. The only reason today's requests were not higher, he told reporters, was industry's apparent inability to produce any more weapons than had been budgeted.

In this connection, however, (Continued on page 6)

Help Won't Save Britain, Nazis Say

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER. BERLIN, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The German press, with a unanimous, apparently preconceived pattern, declared today that President Roosevelt's Monday message to congress was historically inaccurate and would have practically no bearing on the outcome of the war.

Britain's doom is sealed, the newspapers declared, and American aid will come too late.

"The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, said 'Roosevelt imperialism seeks not only supremacy over the western hemisphere republics of South and Central America, by bases and pincers of capitalistic economy, but also seeks to lay the groundwork for a heritage from the British empire.'"

"Inasmuch as the British never even paid their world war debts, this method of payment (post-war repayment of ships and arms loans) is a pure fiction," the paper declared.

It headlined the comment on President Roosevelt's message "eccentric arguments for a lost cause."

Hours before the papers appeared, the editorial tack they followed had been foretold by authoritative quarters.

"They said the papers would call Mr. Roosevelt's message 'arrogant beyond description and, as compared with his fire-side talk, even less dignified, more abnormally nervous and more fraught with historical inaccuracies.'"

Elderly Pair Burned as Heater Ignites Bedding

TACOMA, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An elderly couple—each 86 years of age—suffered severe burns here early today when their clothing on their bed became ignited by an electric heater. Surgeons said the condition of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Finmann, was "complicated" by their advanced age.

Four Indians Die After "Anti-Freeze Cocktails"

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An "anti-freeze cocktail party" among Indians on the Muckleshoot reservation, Deputy Coroner Harlan S. Callahan said, brought two more deaths today, increasing the number of victims to four.