

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Cloudy tonight. Rain Saturday. Little change in temperature. See page 4 for statistics.

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HOTTER

That's the status of the second world war today, with heavy blows being struck on all major fronts. Any day may see a smash indicating the trend toward ultimate victory. Read the NEWS-REVIEW daily and keep posted.

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AID-TO-BRITAIN BILL OFFERED IN CONGRESS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY (Wednesday) there is a comparative lull in the war storm. (Since the advent of air bombing, lulls can be only comparative.)

IN cyclone territory, there is a peculiar lull that comes before the vicious and terrifying storm. The wind dies. The air becomes oppressive. Dark clouds mass on the horizon. Gradually these clouds acquire a greenish tinge. Humans and animals, sensing the tension, become jittery.

Suddenly, the STORM BREAKS. The present lull in the war storm is like that. Despite the comparative calm, the air is tense. On the Balkan horizon, dark clouds have been gathering for days. Threatening clouds loom about Britain.

Throughout the world, people sense the tension. Unless you are an exception, you feel it yourself. If you have lived in cyclone country, you know that when these conditions appear the following storm is as certain as anything can be. You know that when the storm breaks it will be SOMETHING.

The whole world knows that today. INTERESTING: The British government agrees today to the passage of American Red Cross ships through the blockade with condensed milk for the children of unoccupied France and wheat for the hungry of Spain.

The dispatches explain that humanitarian, not political, considerations have led to the decision.

MAYBE. Don't forget, however, that France can still be useful to the British cause (which is now officially our cause) if she chooses to make the sacrifices that will be involved. Spain, holding the road to Gibraltar, can also be useful.

The point is that in war history (Continued on page 4)

slim blond, supposed to be Paul Elliott's new girl. Early on the morning of Oct. 16—registration day—the neighbors heard whoops of laughter from the Marshall menage. They judged, correctly, that Paul Elliott was eating breakfast with the Marshalls again.

"We might as well register together, Bill," Paul had said. "After a hearty breakfast, the condemned men will go forth bravely. Bill, you certainly were the farsighted bird, seeing all this coming." He didn't say that he'd had the idea first. "Now you're married, in the exempt class."

"So that was it, you worm!" Martha turned on Bill. "You married me for protection." Her golden brown eyes sparkled with laughter, her little white nose wrinkled adorably. "What else?" Bill ran a casual hand through her red curls. "You didn't think I was in love with you?"

They munched their toast, in perfect bliss. To Paul, Martha said seriously, "You should rush to the license bureau with Suzanne Decker, that's what you should do." Paul grinned. "Should I? Per-

Internal Collapse To Beat Axis, Says Dr. Victor Morris

Alternative Would Be U. S. Entry in War, Speaker at Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Banquet Asserts; World's Business Wants Peace, Free Enterprise.

A prediction that the axis powers will be defeated in the present world war through internal deterioration and a gradual breakdown in morale, rather than through the force of British military might, was voiced here last night by Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration of University of Oregon. Speaking before the annual banquet meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, Dr. Morris declared that there already are indications of an internal breakdown in the axis structure. If, however, the totalitarian states succeed in holding together, the United States eventually will be forced to send men as well as supplies to Britain's aid, he predicted.

Dr. Morris pictured the world's business interests, as represented through chambers of commerce and like organization, the greatest force for peace, personal liberty and law and order.

The meeting at which Dr. Morris was the principal speaker was held at the Umpqua hotel last night with a large attendance. The program was conducted by Tom Parkinson, retiring president, and included music by the Roseburg high school Singers and the Roseburg Men's Glee club. H. H. Cleland, Medford, president of the California Oregon Power company, and E. P. Leavitt, manager of Crater Lake National park, were guests at the banquet and spoke briefly.

Business Wants Peace The address by Dean Morris, which was the principal program feature, gave an interesting picture of the economic and social factors involved in the present war. He pointed out that the business interests of the world are the strongest advocates of personal liberty, free enterprise and peaceful society, because it is under such conditions that business

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Captured Jail Fugitive Faces Kidnaping Charge

SALEM, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A year-old charge of kidnaping awaited Warren E. Bartges, Salem, here today, following his arrest in Klamath Falls, Sheriff A. C. Burk said. Burk accused Bartges of escaping the county jail December 30, 1939, with another prisoner and forcing Mrs. A. R. Hunter, 53, Salem, to drive him to Portland. Mrs. Hunter has since died.

Bartges' record also includes navy desertion and an arson conviction in Yamhill county for which he served a sentence in the penitentiary, the sheriff said.

Waae Dispute Threatens Airplane Engine Output

FARMINGDALE, N. Y., Jan. 10.—(AP)—John Owens, representative of the national defense commission, reported "little or no progress" today in efforts to avert a strike which would halt production on \$7,750,000 worth of government airplane engine orders.

Owens told newsmen that a conference at the Ranger plant of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane corporation had adjourned until later in the day because "so far, they have been unable to agree on any substantial wage basis."

"Once they agree on that," he explained, "other matters can be cleared up easily."

Sheep Stealing Charged To Four at Crescent City

CRESCENT CITY, Calif., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Charged with stealing 120 sheep near here and selling them in Grants Pass, Ore., four men were under arrest today. Those accused were Lloyd Edgerton, 30; Charles Hornbarger, 24, John Eller and Harvey Watkins, both 17. Deputy Sheriff Frank Blackberry said that Edgerton also admitted stealing cattle.

Gets Puerto Rico Governor Post



Former Congressman Guy Swope, above, lately auditor of the Pennsylvania railroad, has been nominated by President Roosevelt as governor of Puerto Rico. He succeeds Admiral W. D. Leahy, who was transferred to the post of ambassador to France.

Gardiner Youth Plans to Enlist as British Aviator

Announcing his intention to enlist in Canada for service with the royal air force in Great Britain, Robert Milan Richmond, 24, of Gardiner, Oregon, secured his release from the selective service board here today and departed for Vancouver, British Columbia. Milan, a graduate of Oregon State college, where he received training in the ROTC, recently completed an enlistment in the U. S. navy, where he trained as an aviation mechanic and obtained flying training. He has had 50 hours of solo flying.

Discharged from the navy only last week, he registered here Monday, with the selective service board.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



PAUL SIMPSON, Glide rancher, as he made an appearance at the "open house" the Farm Bureau Cooperative Exchange staged last Wednesday. The wire netting "dodger" which shows up so splendidly in the photograph above bears ample testimony to this.

"Ever since we lived in Douglas county once before," Mrs. Simpson told me a year or so ago, "we have wanted to come back. I particularly liked the climate here so well. So, the first opportunity we got, we came back."

You see, after leaving here that time, the Simpsons went to the Tule lake district, just below the California line south of Klamath Falls, and took up the first homestead opened in that area by the government. Mr. Simpson didn't tell me this.

RAF Stages Terrific Raid On Nazi Bases

French Ports, Ruhr Valley Blasted; Greeks Capture Gateway to Valona

(By the Associated Press) Massed hundreds of RAF warplanes thundered across the English channel at midday today—challenging Hitler's fighter plane defenses along the Nazi-held French coast—and blasted the Calais and Boulogne areas with bombs and machine-gun fire in one of the greatest attacks in many weeks.

Residents of a southeast English town said "at least 50 bombers" engaged in the assault, which capped a six-hour overnight attack on the German U-boat base at Brest, France, Nazi "invasion" bases, and targets in Germany's industrial Ruhr valley.

It was indicated unofficially that 500 RAF fighter planes escorted the bombers in the daylight raids, spreading over 1,000 square miles of northwestern France.

London aviation experts declared that the foray compared with mass German daylight raids on Britain last September and October but that it was "more successful."

German airdromes, military installations and patrol vessels were among the objectives hit.

The RAF offensive came as Britain's empire armies slashed against Italian east Africa and massed for an assault on the fascist stronghold of Tobruk, North Africa, and as Britain's little ally, Greece, rejoiced over still another triumph against Italy's battered legions in Albania.

Greeks Capture Klisura. Church bells pealed throughout the ancient Aegean kingdom as

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Twosomes in New Congress



Upper picture shows the youngest members of the 77th congress, each 26 years old. They are Representative Hale Boggs, at left, a democrat from Louisiana, and William G. Stratton, a republican, of Illinois.

Lower picture is that of father and son sitting among the nation's lawmakers. At the left is Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama welcoming his son, Representative Walter W. Bankhead, who succeeded his uncle, the late House Speaker Wm. B. Bankhead.

Birth Certificate Filings Increase

Arrangements for filing of birth certificates principally by persons born in Oregon between the dates of 1890 and 1910 are rapidly increasing, according to County Clerk Roy Agee. Birth records were not authorized in Oregon until 1903, and from that date until 1910 were not kept with any degree of accuracy, Mr. Agee reports.

Opportunity for employment in civil service, national defense jobs and other types of employment, in which it is necessary for the applicant to furnish a birth certificate, has resulted in a great demand for such filings.

A recent Oregon law permits the recording of birth data where an affidavit is obtainable from either parent, a near relative, or some person having direct knowledge of the birth and its date, provided the affidavit can be supported by some person outside the family who also has knowledge of the exact or approximate date of birth. This opportunity for recording a birth, however, is open only to persons born within the state of Oregon.

During the past few months, Mr. Agee states, his office has filed 105 such certificates, has 25 pending and has furnished application blanks to many other persons who are attempting to secure the required affidavits.

Legion Chief Criticizes Oregon State Guard Plan

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Alfred P. Kelley, state American Legion commander, voiced criticism here this week of Governor Sprague's decision to form a state guard only in case of an emergency.

Kelley warned, "I have a high regard for the integrity of our governor, but when it becomes apparent to him that an emergency exists requiring a state guard, it will be just too late."

May Change Knox Law to Aid Fruit, Berry Raisers

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission said yesterday it would consider changes in the Knox law to aid Oregon fruit and berry growers and wineries.

A discussion with wine manufacturers was planned for next week.

Lend-Lease Power Vested In President

Repair Provision Could Include British Craft; "Neutrality Act" Holds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—After President Roosevelt urged quick action on his vast lend-lease program, administration leaders asked congress today to give him sweeping powers to transfer American-made military equipment to Great Britain and other warring "democracies."

The president told his press conference just before the legislation was introduced in both houses of congress that the powers which it gave him were needed to avoid delay.

The bill would permit the chief executive, "when he deems it in the interest of national defense," to:

- 1. "Manufacture in arsenals, factories, and shipyards under their jurisdiction, or otherwise procure, any defense article for the government of any country whose defense the president deems vital to the defense of the United States.
2. "Sell, transfer, exchange, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of, to any such government any defense article.
3. "Test, inspect, prove, repair, outfit, recondition, or otherwise to place in good working order any defense article for any such government.
4. "Communicate to any such government any defense information, pertaining to any defense article furnished to such government under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
5. "Release for export any defense article to any such government."

"Repair" Proviso Board

A statement issued by congressional leaders said that the bill's provision permitting the president "to test, repair, outfit, or otherwise to place in good working order any defense article" meant that repairs could be made to defense articles whether manufactured in the United States or not.

"It could conceivably mean, for example," the statement said, "that the British battle cruiser Renown could be repaired in the Brooklyn navy yard if the president considered it in the interest of our national defense to do so. (The provision is broad enough.)"

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Cult Leader Must Pay Heart Balm

McMINNVILLE, Jan. 10.—(AP) Alfred Smith, gray-bearded head of the "Household of God" successively married his step-mother and three of the four Taylor sisters. But it was the one he didn't marry who cost him \$500 yesterday.

A circuit court jury held he alienated the affections of Mrs. Maxine Hadley and ordered him to pay her husband, Russell Hadley, \$500 damages.

The jury returned its verdict after Smith had spiced the day's testimony with his "talking in tongues" on the witness stand.

The 52-year-old cultist of the small Falls City, Ore., lumbering community, confounded attorneys and the court reporter with his utterances. The reporter said she took down Smith's talk phonetically but could make no meaning of the sounds.

An explanation demanded, Smith said he had no idea what he said. Three of the Taylor sisters, Thelma, his present wife; Julia, his second wife, and Maxine sat beside Smith in court.

Only Bernice, the first of the Taylor sisters to marry him, testified against Smith. She said Smith declared it the will of God and her duty to get Maxine away from Russell Hadley. Later she divorced Smith after losing faith in his religious powers, she said.

Swollen-Tongue Deaths Traced to Poison Beets

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Portland's three mysterious swollen-tongue deaths were traced definitely to botulinus poisoning in home-canned beets, Dr. Harry J. Sears announced today.

The food bacteria claimed the lives of Miss Laura Gordon, 43, her sister, Mrs. Gladys Cook, 35, and Fred Thompson, 53.