

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Occasional rain tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.

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OREGON LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED FOR DUTY

NEW LAWS

Their proposal will begin at Salem tomorrow. Keep abreast of the state legislature's principal proceedings through the news service of the NEWS-REVIEW.

RAF Raid Nazi Trenches In France, Italian Oil Base

Blows Aimed At 'Invasion' Preparations

Germans Hit Back With Another 'Fire Krieg' on London, Other Places.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Day and night air attacks on both axis allies, from swooping assaults on troops in trenches near the German-held French coast to diving bomb raids on oil refineries near Venice, were reported by the air ministry today.

Night fliers, it said, hit at the harbors of Brest, Le Havre and Lorient—much-leaded nazi submarine bases—and at oil targets at Porto Marghera, in north eastern Italy, the German city of Regensburg and the Belgian port of Ostend.

The daylight attack on the German-held coast yesterday—the fourth in as many days—was pictured not only as an attempt to break up nazi invasion plans, but also as preparation for the time when Britain might fall strong enough to carry the fight to the continent.

Nazis Also Strike German warplanes struck at London with another smashing 'fire raid' last night but hundreds of civilians pitched in to help firemen smother incendiary bombs and put down flames and the attack ended before midnight after three and one-half hours.

Other raiders mauled a town in southwest England for several hours and a government communique said "a small number of persons" was killed. Several places near the Thames estuary also were attacked.

The first bodies were recovered today from the ruins of a London subway crossing hit Saturday night in a heavy German fire-bombing raid. Military en-

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS MORE today about wars, preparation for wars and the necessary processes of PAYING for them.

It may be a dull subject, but you need to be thinking about it.

SUPPOSE you owned and lived in a fertile oasis surrounded by wide deserts inhabited by FRIENDLY prospectors, sheep herders, etc., who gave you no cause for fear.

In that event, you would exchange the products of your rich soil for new automobiles, radios, washing machines and all the other conveniences of modern life.

With reasonably intelligent MANAGEMENT, your standard of living would go on rising year after year.

SUCH, in substantial effect, has been the situation of the United States of America during the recent years of peace.

SUPPOSE now (for the purposes of this argument) that into these hitherto friendly deserts came a gang of BANDITS who cast envious eyes upon your possessions and threaten to TAKE them.

(You must imagine at this

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Author of Noted Book Passes On



ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 13.—(AP)—James Joyce, 58, Irish author whose novel "Ulysses" touched off world-wide literary controversy and influenced a new school of writing, died today in a Zurich hospital where he had undergone an intestinal operation.

Joyce took seven years to write "Ulysses." It was banned as obscene in Dublin, London and New York and became the center of widespread discussion and debate.

In 1933 Federal Judge Woolsey lifted the ban on publication of the book in the United States in a decision which said the book was unusually frank, but not pornographic, and described it as "brilliant and dull, intelligible and obscure by turns."

French Food Ship Chased By Briton

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Foreign office sources reported today that the 5,000-ton French merchantman Mendoza, which left here last night in an attempt to run the British blockade, had taken shelter in Maldonado bay, east of Montevideo, after signalling she had been chased by a British warship.

Shipping sources said the British auxiliary cruiser Asturias had attempted to intercept the Mendoza at sea and followed her into the bay, later returning to lie some distance off shore.

The French naval attaché in Buenos Aires said that the officers of the British vessel "visited" the Mendoza, but that he was without information as to the outcome of the encounter.

Informants said Foreign Minister Guan was preparing a protest to the British government against this reported violation of Uruguay's territorial waters as well as the pan-American neutrality zone.

The Mendoza, apparently the first French ship to try to reach home from Argentina since the French-German armistice, sailed from Buenos Aires Friday heavily laden with chilled beef, canned meat and wool. She stopped here to take on additional cargo before sailing last night for Marsellie.

Movie Comedian Laurel Re-Weds 2nd of 4 Wives

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Stan Laurel, the movie comedian, brought his fourth wife—who also was his second—back from Las Vegas, Nev., today for a honeymoon at home.

Laurel, 50, and Virginia Ruth Laurel, 41, of Beverly Hills, were re-married Saturday in a surprise ceremony at the Community church's wedding chapel.

They were married first in Mexico in April, 1934, and divorced in December, 1936. In the meantime, Laurel was wed to Helma, the Russian dancer. That tempestuous affair ended with the comedian obtaining a divorce in 1939.

Greek Lunge Gets Nearer Valona Goal

Strategic Tepelini's Fall Imminent; New Change in Italian Generals Made

ATHENS, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Greek warriors closing in on Valona, the Italians' only remaining port of entry into southern Albania, were reported sweeping forward without serious check today in what Greeks called the greatest offensive of the war.

The spearhead of the Greek drive was declared to have reached the vicinity of Tepelini, ancient fortress town 10 miles southwest of captured Klisura, and its fall was expected momentarily by authorities here.

There even were reports from the Yugoslav frontier that Tepelini, guardian sentinel of an Italian-built road leading to Valona, already had been captured, but this lacked official confirmation in Athens.

Further Greek advances were reported on the northern sector of the Albanian battlefield in the Pogradetz sector, with fierce hand-to-hand engagements in progress. A large number of fascist pack mules were captured on this front, Greek advisers said, adding that the Italian supply situation had become precarious there because it would be impossible to maintain it.

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Ex-Convict Held Here In Stolen Auto Probe

An automobile allegedly stolen from Carl K. Mills, Cottage Grove undertaker, was recovered by the state police this morning before it had been missed by the owner, according to Police Sergeant Paul Morgan. The officers are holding Daniel A. Stiefel, 27, Spokane, who, Morgan says, has admitted the theft of the car. Stiefel also told officers, Morgan said, that he had served a sentence in Walla Walla penitentiary.

Stiefel told the officers, the state police sergeant reported, that he became sleepy while driving south in the stolen car at an early hour today. He saw a vacant cabin in a camp ground three miles north of Oakland and slipped in to take a nap. He overslept, however, and was apprehended by the owner, who summoned the police. The investigation by the officers revealed that the automobile had been stolen, Morgan said.

Stiefel said the stabbing climaxed a day-long drinking party.

Where Italians Might Make Last Stand in Africa



As the British lightning advance into Libya swept around Tobruk, cutting the defenders off from reinforcement from the west, military authorities speculated on the possibility of Marshal Graziani's forces being driven back to Tripoli, great port in far western Libya. Photo above shows a view of the harbor-front section of Tripoli.

Conviction Of 2 Men As Spies Upheld

Russian-Born Ex-Cop of Berkeley, Soviet Citizen To Serve Prison Terms.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The supreme court upheld today the conviction of two men—one a citizen of Russia and the other a Russian-born naturalized American—on a charge of violating federal anti-spy legislation by obtaining information from United States naval intelligence files.

Justice Reed delivered the opinion, which applied to Hafis Salich, former Russian employed by naval intelligence at San Pedro, Cal., and Mikhail Nicholas Gorin, a Soviet citizen employed by a Los Angeles tourist company.

No dissent was announced. Justice Murphy, former attorney general, did not participate. Salich was alleged to have supplied Gorin with data from naval intelligence files in 1938 after Gorin had solicited information concerning "Japanese activities in that area for use in the event of trouble between Japan and Russia." Salich was said to have received \$1,700.

Defense Basis Cited Donald R. Richberg, attorney for the two men, argued that conviction under the 1917 espionage act was justified only if the information related to a vessel, aircraft, navy yard or similar things specified in the statute.

He added that if the act were applied to everything "affecting national defense"—a phrase used in the legislation—it would be unconstitutional. This, he argued, would "subject millions to possible indictment," including "every newspaper and radio."

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Murder Charged in Fatal Altercation Over Bulldog

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Detective Walter Peterson said that Hans Knecht, 34, was hooked in the city jail yesterday on a murder charge in the fatal stabbing Saturday night of Mrs. Irene Ike, 46.

J. D. Rutherford, 36, who suffered a right hand laceration in the altercation, told Peterson that the stabbing followed an argument over Mrs. Ike's 10-year-old bulldog. He accused Knecht of threatening to kill the animal, the detective reported.

Peterson said the stabbing climaxed a day-long drinking party.

First Tilt On Aid Bill Won By Roosevelt

Foreign Affairs Group, Not Military Body, Gets Lease-Lend Setup Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The administration won today the first congressional skirmish over its lease-lend bill for aiding Britain when the house upheld procedure charted by the leadership for rushing consideration of the measure.

By a voice vote, Speaker Rayburn's assignment of the bill to the foreign affairs committee was approved and an effort by the military committee to bring the measure under its control was defeated.

The vote was taken without debate, house rules permitting no argument on such an issue. The balloting was the first involving the British-aid bill introduced in the new congress Friday. The outcome cleared the way for Chairman Bloom (D., N. Y.) of the foreign affairs committee to convene hearings tomorrow with Secretary Hull as the first witness.

A short time before the house session started, Rayburn declared that he "certainly wouldn't oppose" a time limitation on powers granted in the bill "if the limit ran concurrently with the emergency."

Willkie Backs President Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 republican presidential nominee, and others have suggested that the extraordinary powers which would be assigned to the chief executive should be given only for a specified period. Some republican leaders in the senate have discussed proposing a two-year limit.

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Freed Douglas Prisoner Beating-Robbery Victim

James E. Poe, who was sent to the penitentiary from Douglas county in March, 1940, to serve one year for receiving stolen property, was in a Salem hospital today after having been attacked and robbed Saturday. He was released from the penitentiary Saturday after completing his term, with deductions for good behavior, and was carrying the sum of \$42, officers said. He was attacked, beaten and robbed soon after his release, but he refused to discuss the alleged attack with officers, according to the report from Salem.

Wield Gavels at Legislative Meet



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Avoid New Taxes, Keep Within Budget, Gov. Sprague Urges Oregon Legislature; Six Major Recommendations Offered

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague asked the legislature today not to enact any new taxes, asserting that Oregonians should be spared increased state levies because the federal government will have to impose heavy taxes to finance its defense program.

Addressing the opening session of the 41st legislative assembly, Governor Sprague advised the legislators to "avoid 'extraneous' in their appropriations so that the budget won't be thrown out of balance."

The governor, after asserting that the state liquor control commission will not submit any legislation because the people apparently approve of existing liquor laws, made six major recommendations:

- 1. Increase the limits on length and weight of trucks permitted on state highways.
2. Create the office of administrator for the workmen's compensation law, with the administrator responsible to the industrial accident commission.
3. Equalize school taxes within counties.

4. Extend the administration's forestry program by stronger fire prevention and suppression methods, by enforcing minimum forest standards to permit natural reforestation, and by further acquiring lands for growth of new forests.

5. Construct a new state building in Salem to house the public utilities commissioner and the unemployment compensation commission. These offices now use rented quarters, and the rent they pay would pay for the building, which would be erected opposite the new state library.

6. Adopt a six-year building program for the 12 state institutions.

Wants No Tax Increase

"I would remind you," the governor declared, "that the cost of national rearmament will be enormous, and that the federal government must impose heavy additional taxes upon the people. We should recognize a priority of claims for this cause and hence the state should avoid increasing the tax burdens of our people. I hope the legislature will not devote valuable time in trying to uncover new sources of revenue, but that it will seek to apportion wisely the revenues now furnished under the existing tax structure."

While endorsing President Roosevelt's defense program and his policy of "accelerated aid for Great Britain," Governor Sprague said "our national policy should be one of aid to China and economic restraint to Japan."

Favors Bigger Trucks The highway commission's bill to permit bigger trucks on state highways is expected to be one of the most controversial of the session, but the governor endorsed it on grounds that the restricting of trucks handicaps many areas of the state which are dependent

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Caucus Gives Speakership To Farrell

Session Expected to Last 50 Days at Longest; Law Agenda Well Prepared.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The 41st assembly of the state legislature convened with Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland assured of election as speaker of the house of representatives and Dean H. Walker of Independence as president of the senate.

The election of Farrell, 34-year-old Portlander, was assured last night when a caucus of the state's representatives gave him 33 votes to 27 for his opponent, William H. McAllister of Medford.

When the voting of the pre-session caucus was completed, giving Farrell a winning edge, McAllister moved to make the vote unanimous and it was accepted. Official election of Farrell from the house floor today was expected to be a mere formality.

Representative Eugene E. Marsh, republican of Marshfield, moved for a secret ballot on the caucus vote but the motion was defeated. Farrell supporters had opposed a secret vote.

Representative Frank Lonergan of Portland expressed a desire for a harmonious session of the legislature and the caucus ended with Farrell and McAllister shaking hands.

Jobs Awarded. Joseph F. Singer of Portland, veteran sergeant-at-arms of the house, was nominated without opposition.

Frank B. Tichenor, Port Orford, defeated the veteran Rollie Southwick for house doorkeeper, 35 to 24. Wendell Willkie received one vote.

Fred Drager of Salem was re-elected chief clerk and Patricia Sylvers of Eugene was named his assistant. Jack Eakin of Dallas was named reading clerk of the house. C. A. Hayden, Klamath Falls, was re-elected house mailing clerk, defeating J. W. Bolin, Salem, 48-12.

Edith Bynon Low, Salem, was named house calendar clerk.

Three contests developed in the senate caucus for desk and floor positions.

Mrs. Elizabeth Glatt of Portland was elected assistant chief clerk, defeating Walter Meacham, also of Portland, 17-10. Meacham

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Crash Near Elkton Kills Coos Woman

Mrs. W. E. Beaumont, 45, of Marshfield, died in a Marshfield hospital Saturday night as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Elkton early Saturday afternoon. Her daughter, Jeanne Beaumont, student at University of Oregon, suffered a fractured hip, while Mr. Beaumont escaped with minor bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont, who operate a myrtle wood shop at Marshfield, were on their way home from Los Angeles, where they had established a branch of their business. They had gone to Eugene to take their daughter home for the week-end and were driving along an almost straight piece of road when their car, a large new sedan, went off the road and rolled over several times, according to the report from the state police office here.

The injured persons were given first aid by Dr. Bertha Devore of Drain and were taken by Stearns' ambulance to Marshfield for hospitalization.

Roseburg Men Slightly Hurt in Wreck of Auto

Lyle and William Roberts of Roseburg suffered minor injuries Saturday night when a car reportedly driven by Kenneth Kent skidded and rolled off the highway on a turn about a mile north of Roseburg. Kent was uninjured. The Roberts brothers were not seriously hurt and were discharged from Mercy hospital after receiving treatment for cuts and bruises.

Roseburg Chosen By G. O. P. Clubs For 1941 Meet

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Oregon Republican club's executive committee Saturday named Barbara Benson of Salem to succeed Mrs. Elsie Scott Keeney of Portland as young republican national committee-woman. Mrs. Keeney resigned.

Roseburg was selected as the club's 1941 convention city and the date was tentatively set for late in September.

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, national committeewoman from Oregon, described preliminary meetings looking toward formation of a council of republican organizations which would serve as a clearing house for activities, ideas and finances.

Strike Over 'Hot' Goods Hits Another Ward Store

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A strike of employees at the Montgomery Ward and company store here was ordered after pickets were placed about the establishment, Max Langford said Saturday.

Langford, international representative of the A.F.L. Retail Clerks union, said pickets were withdrawn earlier in the week when it was agreed that goods from the struck Portland store would not be accepted. He explained the agreement was broken.

Auto Plunge Kills Three Men in Lane County

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Three men were killed Saturday and a fourth injured in the plunge of an automobile from the Willamette highway into Salt creek.

Carl C. Owsley, Salem, and Joe Donohue, address unknown, were killed at the scene and Henry W. Gerig of Salem died en route to a hospital.

Edward Mulrone was slightly injured and a fifth, unidentified man escaped unhurt. All were employed in a Southern Pacific railway company gang at McCredie Springs.

Northwest Turkey Show's Dates This Year Fixed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Oregon Fair's association announced dates for leading Oregon fairs at its annual meeting here Saturday. Dates included: Oregon State fair, Sept. 1-7; Pendleton Roundup, Sept. 10-13; Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, October 4-11; Northwest Turkey Show, Oakland, Ore., Dec. 9-13.