

THE WEATHER

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Rain tonight; partly cloudy Wednesday; slightly warmer tonight.
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TOBRUK

If the British capture that fort in the major onset begun today, it will practically spell the end of Italy's north African empire.

BRITISH LAUNCH MAJOR ATTACK ON TOBRUK

Sprague's Forestry Program Submitted to Legislature

Conservation Aim Listed In 17 Measures

Bills on Old Age Pension, Reapportionment Dumped Into Session Hopper

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague's program for forestry conservation was submitted to the legislature today in 17 bills, including a measure to enable the state to obtain title to forest lands from any owner so that the state may develop such lands itself.

Other bills would give the state forester more powers in control of fire suppression and prevention, force logging operators to use precautionary measures, change the incendiary penalty from two to five years, and change the closed season from April 1 to December 31, instead of from May 15 to December 31.

The program is one of the six points of Governor Sprague's message to the legislature. The 1939 legislature gave the state authority to acquire forest lands from the counties, but this power would be extended to permit acquisition of private lands.

Other bills would impose severe restrictions on logging and mill operators to prevent them from using equipment likely to cause fires.

Roseburg Men Talk At Land Meeting

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 21.—(AP)—County officials from eight western states conferred here yesterday on means of forestalling further tax revenue losses resulting from government purchase of private lands.

George F. Simmons of Ogden, Utah, secretary of the national association of county officials, called the meeting, attended by some 75 officers.

He said the association hopes soon to present to congress comprehensive data establishing "the demoralizing effect on local governments of this land acquisition program."

"Local governments cannot survive long at the present rate," averred Earl B. Daly of Medford, Ore., secretary of a special lands committee for the Association of Oregon Counties.

What that "present rate" is was described by another Oregonian, Guy Cordon of Roseburg, counsel for the special committee. The federal government has recently acquired 16,000,000 acres of land from private owners and plans to buy another 24,000,000, he said.

Mountainous Area Still Grips Secret Of Lost Army Bomber's Location

McCHORD FIELD, Wash., Jan. 21.—(AP)—An aerial searching fleet of 33 planes failed yesterday to find any trace of an army bomber that disappeared five days ago with seven men aboard, and Col. William H. Crom, field commander, conceded that "only a miracle can cause those boys to be found alive now."

As the search continued along half the length of the Pacific coast, McChord officers expressed fears that the wreckage of the missing twin-motored bomber might not be found until after the snow leaves some isolated mountain slope in the spring.

If the clear weather held, the search was to continue today over the rugged, forested regions south of Mount Rainier in Washington and near the Oregon-California boundary. More than a foot of fresh snow has been reported from the former region since the plane vanished without ever making a radio report on a flight to the Muroc lake bombing range in California.

Educator Lashes U. S. "Corruption"

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Ralph C. Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson college, believes Adolf Hitler is right in "preaching to the world about corruption in democracies, because our individualism has gotten out of bounds, has gone to seed and is unsanitized and unregulated."

"We need no argument that democracy seems to develop corruption," he told a group of Presbyterian pastors. "Our courts are filled with the trials of corrupt officials. In this state alone in the past 10 years corruption has become a by-word."

As a remedy, he said, "we just need to waken ourselves up to the fact that we face in this country an individualism which has grown out of Christianity and now goes to seed in widespread corruption. More needs to be said in the name of decency and righteousness."

Communist Newspaper Suppressed by Britain

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Scotland yard detectives today raided the offices of the Daily Worker, organ of the communist party in Great Britain, and stopped publication just as the paper was going to press.

The raid came shortly after the government had issued an order banning further publication and delivery of the Daily Worker and also of The Week, a weekly news letter of leftist tendencies. The order was issued by the home secretary, who, it was said, was satisfied that in each paper there had been systematic publication of matter calculated to foment opposition to the successful prosecution of the war.



Lt. R. M. Krummes, Boise, Idaho, pilot of the U. S. army bomber missing with seven persons aboard on a flight from Tacoma to southern California.

Winant Slated as Envoy to Britain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—John G. Winant, one-time republican governor of New Hampshire and former chairman of the social security board, was reported authoritatively today to be President Roosevelt's choice to succeed Joseph P. Kennedy as ambassador to Great Britain.

Informants close to the white house said that he was acceptable to Prime Minister Churchill and other British officials. Authoritative reports said the president probably would send the nomination to the senate in the next few days, and well-informed leaders on Capitol hill said there was little doubt that he would be confirmed promptly.

Winant, who is now 51, was named as first chairman of the social security board in 1935. He resigned during the 1936 campaign to defend the social security act against the criticism of Alf M. Landon, then the republican nominee.

Kiwanians Hosts at Public Sendoff to Nine Selectees

The Roseburg Kiwanis club today entertained a large number of guests at its noon luncheon which was opened to the general public. The program included special honors to nine young men making up Douglas county's January quota under the selective service call. This was followed by a brief talk by F. H. Young of Portland, head of the Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., who discussed tax matters. Directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers league were among those present for the program. A meeting of the directors was held during the afternoon to elect officers of the association for the coming year.

CCC Trio Jailed in Clubbing of Policeman

REDMOND, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Three Camp Redmond CCC men were held in the city jail today pending investigation into the clubbing Sunday night of Police Patrolman Jesse Edgar. Edgar, aiding in a search for automobile thieves, suffered a triple skull fracture when assailants belabored him with the stock of his own rifle.

Council Lets Contract For 1941 Gasoline

J. S. McDonald Appointed Fire Chief; Purchase of Dump Truck Authorized

The city council, in a short meeting last night, gave consideration to several routine matters, including the annual award of the gasoline contract, appointment of a fire chief to fill a vacancy in that office, the appointment of a committee to purchase a needed dump truck, and consideration of a proposed offer of a park site.

The gasoline contract was awarded to the Standard Oil company. Eight bids were received from major companies to supply the city with gasoline during the year. Three companies made bids of 14.90 cents, 13.23 cents and 12.73 cents on the three principal gasoline structures, while five companies made uniform bids of 16.37 cents, 14.37 cents and 13.87 cents. The council in awarding the contract to the Standard Oil company followed its procedure of rotating the contract among the low bidding concerns.

New Fire Chief Named

Upon recommendation of the board of fire commissioners J. S. McDonald, who has been serving as assistant fire chief, was appointed fire chief to succeed Ialo D. Stephens, who recently tendered his resignation. Mr. McDonald will take over the duties immediately and will fill out the remainder of the term which expires March 1.

The street committee was authorized to purchase a dump truck to be used in connection with the completion of the sewage disposal project. The city for the past two months has been renting a truck and it was the opinion of the councilmen that the purchase of equipment would be more economical.

High School Basketeer Killed When Auto Upsets

RAINIER, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—An automobile overturned on the highway near here last night, killing Alred E. Brisset, 17, Scappoose high school basketball player, and injuring two other members of the team, William Gatch and Eugene Brown.

The injured youths were taken to a hospital. The trio was returning from a game against Rainier high.

British Split On U. S. Role, Kennedy Says

Entry in War Opposed by Some, Ex-Envoy Asserts; Nazi Negligence Cited

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy, retiring ambassador to Great Britain, declared today that Britain's leadership was divided over the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war.

Testifying before the house foreign affairs committee, Kennedy said, in response to questions, that some members of the British government felt that if the United States entered the war it would "find a way to carry it through."

Others, he said, believed that United States entrance into the war would be a great detriment to Britain's war effort because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There was no unanimity to the question," he said. The diplomat, who reported he went through more than 280 air raids during his service in England, told the committee that many people in the British government felt they were not yet getting all the aid they might normally expect from the United States.

U. S. Gets Fresh Urge From Japan

Change of Attitude Needed to Promote World Peace, Says Foreign Minister Matsuoka

TOKYO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Matsuoka expressed "earnest hope" today that the United States would reflect seriously on her attitude toward Japan's ambitions in greater east Asia both "for the sake of peace in the Pacific and the sake of peace in the world in general."

Later today, the British consul at Yokohama was reported to have sent letters to some British citizens in his district advising them to leave Japan "before the impending crisis in American-Japanese relations comes to a head."

The United States, Matsuoka told the Japanese diet (parliament), has "evinced no adequate understanding of the fact that the establishment of common prosperity throughout greater east Asia is a matter of vital concern to Japan."

Declaring the United States "apparently entertains the idea that her own first line of national defense lies * * * not only along the eastern Pacific, but even as far as China and the south seas," Matsuoka said, it would ill-become her to accuse Japan of having "ambitious designs."

U. S. Urged to "Reflect." "I, for one," Matsuoka declared, "believe that such a position assumed on the part of the United States would not be calculated to contribute toward promotion of world peace."

The foreign minister urged the United States to "realize her responsibility for the maintenance of peace, reflected deeply on her attitude with truly God-fearing duty * * * and bend her utmost efforts to allay an impending crisis in civilization."

Pointedly, Matsuoka referred to Japan's recent military alliance with Germany and Italy, which he said, will "surely" result in establishment of a new world order, "if only time be given."

Legion Leader Will Speak Here



Alfred P. Kelley, above, state commander of the American Legion, will be the speaker at a public mass meeting to be held at the Roseburg armory Thursday, Jan. 23. Commander Kelley is heading a group of Legion and auxiliary officials of the Oregon department in a series of district conferences and will come to Roseburg from a district meeting at Grants Pass. The party will go to Marshfield the following day. Visiting officers will make an inspection of the veterans facility here prior to the meeting, to which the public is invited by Umpqua post, which is arranging for the gathering. Commander Kelley will speak on national defense.

Supreme Defense Council Proposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota suggested today the creation of a supreme defense council composed of President Roosevelt and congressional leaders to exercise "the great powers and authority" which the lease-lend bill would delegate to the president.

Asserting the most serious objection to the measure arose from the "unprecedented" delegation of legislative power to the chief executive, the republican governor said the council idea would be a step toward avoiding "internal controversy."

The proposal was submitted by Stassen to the opening meeting of the council of state governments of which he is president.

Stassen said such a council, including both majority and minority leaders of the house and senate, could "rapidly and effectively decide" any questions arising under the plan for aid to Great Britain. He declared presence of minority leaders in a minority position would be a "tremendous force for national confidence and unity."

Asserting that government of free men and free women was being subjected to its greatest challenge since the first blueprint was drawn at Philadelphia, Stassen said the responsibility of representatives of state governments seemed clear.

House Votes 300 Million For Air Defense Needs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A \$300,000,000 appropriation to strengthen the United States navy's protection against air attack was passed by the house today 139 to 0 and sent to the senate.

The bill was the first passed by the house at this session of congress.

Non-Licensed Operator of Dance Hall Pays \$25 Fine

A fine of \$25 was paid in the justice court here today by J. H. Sanborn, a resident of Elktion. He pleaded guilty before Judge R. W. Marsters to a charge of operating a dance hall without a license.

Decisive Blow Before Nazis Can Aid Planned; Greeks Face Desperate Smash by Italians

Britain's desert army launched a major attack today on 30,000 Italian troops in the besieged fortress of Tobruk, Libya, this morning British general headquarters announced; while in the Balkans, bloody street fighting and bombings were reported in Bucharest and other Rumanian cities.

A British communique said RAF bombers "heavily raided" Tobruk, scoring direct hits on military barracks in the beleaguered town and dropping "many bombs" on a fascist camp of about 200 tents.

Patriot Suffers Teeth Ordeal To Meet Army Test

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Memorandum for congress: If you have an extra medal of honor lying around, have it polished up for John Shea, a 23-year-old patriot, who yesterday all but made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

Rejected by the army because of defective teeth, he sat from 10 a. m. until 8:30 p. m. in a dentist's chair and suffered proings and pullings, drillings and fillings, until at last his molars were in order.

In that ordeal, with only local anesthesia and fortified by only one cup of coffee, the hardy youth had: Three teeth pulled. Four filled. Five crowns repaired. Two removable bridges inserted.

Today he awaits another army examination. Two Italian bombers which attacked Piraeus, the port of Athens, were reported officially to have been shot down by British planes in dogfights watched by cheering crowds in the capital's streets, five miles away.

Others in two bomber formations were said to have been driven away, but not until some bombs were dropped on the port in the mid-day raid yesterday.

With ordinary channels of communication shut down, the situation in Rumania was not immediately clear. Diplomatic dispatches to Sofia, Belgrade and Budapest said German soldiers, civilians and communists were listed among the casualties.

Rumania's frontiers with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria were closed, except to a few travelers with diplomatic passports, while Balkan capitals speculated that the widespread disorders may have flared in resentment over German military concentrations in Rumania. Others suggested bitter rivalry between Rumanian iron guard elements as a cause.

Other developments brought a quickening tempo to the international situation: In London, Labor Minister Ernest Bevin announced a government decision to register Britain's working men and women for drafting into war factories.

Bevin told the house of commons that the nation's production was steadily increasing, but that it had "now reached a stage when it will be necessary to take industrial registration by age groups."

Housewives were reported to have dropped their kitchen work in a town on the outskirts of London today to smother fire bombs unloaded by a German raider.

Three alarms sounded in the (Continued on page 6)

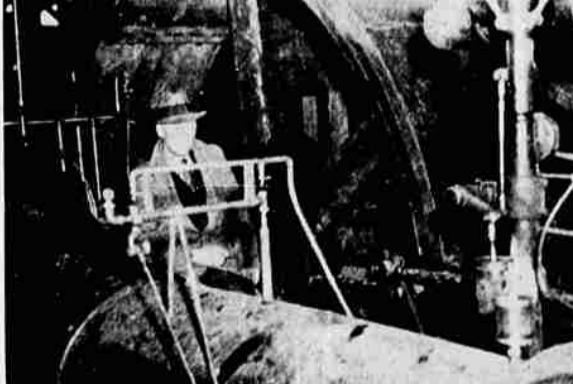
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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



HARRY CHENOWETH, Sutherland postmaster, as he posed obligingly beside a big fly-wheel in the power plant of the Schlemmer mill in Sutherland.

Harry has been postmaster since some time last year, succeeding to the office after the term of the late Frank Young. He has been in the telephone business most of his life; the desire for communications work seems to be in his blood.

From a newspaper standpoint—the only one I am fitted through knowledge of conditions

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

By the Associated Press KANSAS CITY—"Hey, watch this!" shouted Ralph Castle as he saw a motor car skid down a steep, ice-covered street. The car veered to the sidewalk, skipped between two light poles with only paint to spare, barely missed another. A big bus appeared. A crash seemed inevitable. But the lithe car swerved deftly aside. "Some driver," breathed Castle in admiration. Then he looked again. The car was empty.