

Hitler's Launched Invasion of Italy, Ostensibly to "Prop the Fascist Regime," Reverses an Old Invitation in That the Spider is Going Into the Parlor of the Fly.

THE WEATHER
By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
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EYES ON CONGRESS
It's still wrestling with that aid-to-Britain bill. Revision appears likely in order to speed action. What will be its final form? NEWS-REVIEW wire service will give you the answer.

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SENATE VOTES 300 MILLION IN NAVY PLANS

OREGON HOME GUARD NOT NEEDED NOW, GENERAL WHITE ASSERTS

Legislature Told, Though, To Pave Way
Cites Heavy Cost of Plan In World War; Armories Declared Urgent Need

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Major General George A. White, commanding officer of the Oregon national guard, told the legislature today it should authorize a state guard, but that such a force should not be organized until there is need for it.

Supporting Governor Sprague's stand and opposing Alfred P. Kelley, state American Legion commander who demanded that a state guard be organized immediately, General White wrote in his biennial report today:

"The policy of the state of Oregon should include legislation specifically providing for a state guard, but that no state guard be organized until the need for same is much more apparent than at the present time. In the world war, 'home guard' activity cost Oregon approximately a million dollars."

Armories Need Stressed

General White, who also commands the First Lewis army reservation and the 41st division, also said the federal government might have made "reprisals" against Oregon for failing to provide suitable armories if the Oregon national guard hadn't gone into federal service last September.

Asserting that the armory situation in the state is "critical and humiliating," he wrote that it is up to the legislature to provide them. The national defense act provides that the states shall construct and maintain armories. While there are national guard

Oregon Circuit Judge Passes On



Judge T. E. J. Duffy
BEND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Timothy E. J. Duffy, judge in this circuit court district since 1915, died last night following two operations for an intestinal ailment.

He came to Oregon in 1909, and lived in Prineville a number of years before moving to Bend. He was born in Shakopee, Minn., in 1876.

Survivors include his widow, Katherine; a daughter, Mrs. David Silven, Baker; two sons, Robert T. and Thomas J. Duffy, Bend.

Monopoly Charge Hits Bulb Firms

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Suits accusing 12 companies of unlawfully restraining competition in the electric light bulb industry were filed today in United States district court here.

The complaints charging the companies entered into a combination to fix prices were filed in the name of William F. Smith, acting U. S. attorney for New Jersey. The government sought a court order breaking up the alleged combine.

Classifying the General Electric company as the "dominating company" in the incandescent lamp industry in the United States, the papers asserted the firm's annual net profit from the manufacture of light bulbs was from \$16,000,000 to \$21,000,000 from 1935 through 1939.

Net profit represented 33 to 47 per cent of the net worth of the bulbs, and 64 to 88 per cent of net costs, the suit alleged.

The suits also charged that General Electric and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company fixed prices and discounts or rebates "on the condition, agreement or understanding that the purchasers thereof, or agents thereof shall not use or deal in other incandescent lamps, all with the purpose and effect of substantially lessening competition and tending to create a monopoly in interstate trade and commerce."

The Westinghouse company, the suit alleged, "shares" with General Electric in the "domination" of the industry through "restrictive agreements and understandings, and by means of various other acts and practices."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
BRITAIN'S army of the Nile, having taken Tobruk, is rushing its bombers westward to hammer the remaining defenses of Libya.

In Ethiopia, Emperor Haile Selassie lands from a British warplane to lend his personal leadership to the arming, training and organization of the Ethiopian tribesmen. Italy's forces are retreating deeper into Eritria (on the Red Sea) in the face of British attacks.

An Italian troopship, laden with badly needed reinforcements, is sunk by a British submarine in the Mediterranean.

MUSSOLINI, watching the disintegration of his African empire, must admit secretly to himself that his foot slipped when he rushed into the war thinking it was all over but the division of the loot.

AND it is possible now to believe that Hitler knew what he was talking about when at the beginning of the war he told Mussolini that all he wanted from him was his non-belligerent aid.

A GUESS as to Rumania—based on putting two and two together and wholly without inside information: Stalin is better pleased than

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City Will Aid Fund in Fight On Paralysis
Public Card Party, Ball on Presidential Birthday Program in Roseburg

The birthday of President Roosevelt will be celebrated locally by a public ball, Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Roseburg armory as a part of the national campaign against infantile paralysis. Proceeds from the dance will go to the infantile paralysis fund, of which 50 per cent will remain in Douglas county, with the balance going to the national foundation for research work.

Arrangements for the ball are in charge of the dance committee of the local chapter of the national federation of federal employees, with C. L. Baquet as chairman.

The committee has arranged for music by Billy Black's orchestra. The major portion of the expense connected with the event will be met by donations.

The advance ticket sale, now starting, will reach its peak with a drive Thursday. Members of the ticket sale organization, which is headed by Ted Post, will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday at Carl's Tavern for a final discussion of sale plans, and all persons interested in assisting in the drive are invited to attend.

Card Party Also to Aid

In further honor of the president's birthday and to contribute to the fund to fight paralysis, the Douglas county committee, headed by Attorney Thomas

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Bring On That U. S. Army Chow



When Private John Shea, N. Y. national guardsman, wanted to go off to camp with his outfit, army authorities said "Nix" until he got his teeth fixed. John spent nearly 11 consecutive hours in the dentist's chair, had three teeth yanked, four filled, five crowns repaired and two bridges (which he holds) made. Okayed, he's now at Camp Shelby, Mass., with his buddies.

Selective Service Appeal Board Sets Meet at Salem

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Niel R. Allen, chairman of the five-man board of appeal No. 1 for Oregon, selective service, announced Monday that appeals for the area comprising the first congressional district would be considered in a session opening Sunday in Salem. Appeals reaching his office here by Saturday will be considered.

Twelve cases were on the docket Monday in addition to two decided at the organization meeting in Salem on Dec. 17.

Willkie, Churchill Have Nice Confab

Ruins Left by German Raiders Viewed; Production Methods of Britain to be Studied.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie delivered President Roosevelt's message to Prime Minister Churchill today and disclosed that he intended to talk with Prime Minister de Valera during a visit to neutral Eire.

The American lunched with Churchill after spending an hour at the foreign ministry with Foreign Minister Eden.

He informed British newspapermen earlier that he hoped to stay in England about two weeks, viewing wartime conditions.

Before his luncheon with the prime minister, Willkie made a tour of the city of London, the financial district around St. Paul's cathedral which was devastated by the heavy German fire bomb raid of December 29.

As Willkie left, Churchill followed him to his automobile despite rain to say goodbye and the two posed on the sidewalk shaking hands.

"He was very gracious," said Willkie. "I know he was a great man. I know it now even more."

To the question "Do you think the United States will come into the war?" Willkie replied: "I can not speak on that. I have no connection with the government in any way."

So buoyant were Willkie's spirits on the flight from Lisbon, Portugal, yesterday that he japed up and down in the plane and even helped the navigators chart their course.

He was so eager to see England that he incautiously stood up while the plane was landing at a western port and promptly took a nose dive in the aisle. Unhurt, he picked himself up vigorously, brushed off his suit—the same one he was wearing when he left New York by clipper plane last Wednesday—and bounced out to be received.

Willkie said he wanted to find out "all I can about English methods of production so that I can make up my mind as to how far they can be coordinated with American production."

Pear Export Limit Held Inadequate by Sen. McNary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R.-Ore.) does not believe that Argentina's agreement to limit pear exports to the United States to 300,000 boxes up to April 1 "extends adequate protection to our pear growers, and there seems to be little hope of relief."

The agriculture department announced the agreement Jan. 22. McNary expressed his views in a telegram to R. R. Reter of Medford, president of the winter pear control committee.

Naval Base at Norfolk Is Damaged by \$275,000 Fire

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 27.—(AP)—The navy sought today to learn the source of a fire Sunday at the Norfolk naval operating base which caused damage estimated at \$275,000 to communications and administration offices and destroyed a quantity of official documents.

The building was erected in 1906 for the Jamestown exposition and the wings were added by the navy after it took over the old exposition site as a naval station during the world war.

Blind Man Sees for 2 Days, Says He "Had Good Time"

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Curly Ayers, 94, one time pony express rider, whose sight was restored for two days by a fall, accepts return to near blindness philosophically.

"I took several motor trips, had long walks and saw friends that I had never been able to see before," he said.

"I had a good time while it lasted."

British Closing in on New Goals in African Campaign

Rail Center, Port of Derna Seem Doomed

Ethiopians Aid in Hitting Italians Elsewhere; Nazi Areas Bombed by R.A.F.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 27.—(AP)—British headquarters announced today that 25,000 Italian prisoners were taken in last week's capture of the Libyan port base of Tobruk and that 1,100 prisoners have been taken thus far in the British invasion of Italian Eritrea, in East Africa.

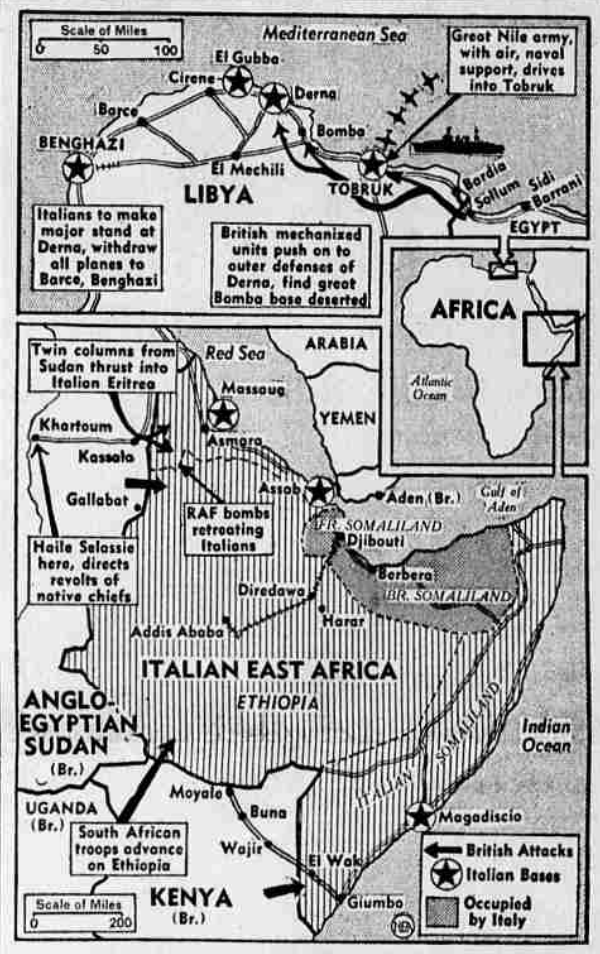
The British war bulletin reported also that the British forces were closing in on the important rail center of Agordat and on Brentu, both in Eritrea, and that operations in the Derna area of Libya were developing "satisfactorily."

In addition to the prisoners captured at Tobruk, the communiqué said 22 medium and 28 light tanks were seized. It added that the counting and sorting of guns captured there "is proceeding."

The Italians were reported to have abandoned Umm Hagar, in southern Eritrea near the juncture of the frontiers with the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Ethiopia. The British command added that its forces were closely pursuing the retreating fascists in this sector.

Agordat is 80 miles inside Eritrea from the Sudan border and is the railroad of a line of Asmara, the Eritrean capital 70 miles farther east. Barentu is 60

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Two Draw Fines For Drunk Driving

George Clausen Also Given Six Months in Jail; Bondsman Surrenders Cliff Howard.

A sentence of six months in jail and a fine of \$100 was imposed in justice court here today upon George Oliver Clausen, 34, of Camas Valley, who pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving. Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported that a car driven by Clausen collided on the highway bridge north of Oakland last night with a machine occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon of Roseburg and that Clausen sped away from the accident only to damage his own car a short time later when he ran into a roadside bank. He escaped into the brush and hid from officers for about two hours, Morgan said. No one was injured in the accident but the Bacon car was badly wrecked, the officer reported.

A fine of \$50 was paid by Harry Thies, 45, of Portland, arrested by the state police, who pleaded guilty to being drunk on a public highway.

The state police reported the arrest Sunday of Lawrence Ivan Gates, 19, of Portland, and three juvenile boys, who were not identified, on a charge of breaking into a cafe near Canyonville. The youths are being held in the county jail while officers are conducting an investigation.

Cliff Howard, 46, of Tenmile, was back in custody today after being surrendered by his bondsman. He was arrested Dec. 27 on a charge of drunken driving and was released on bail pending trial set for last Friday. He failed to appear for trial and a commitment was issued by the court. He could not be located by officers but was brought to the sheriff's office yesterday by his bondsman and surrendered, Sheriff Cliff Thornton said. A new trial date has been set for Wednesday of this week.

Congressman Dies After Twenty Days of Service

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—State Senator Frederic R. Couder, Jr., and former Rep. Bruce Earton were mentioned today as probable republican choices for the congressional vacancy caused by the death Saturday night of Rep. Kenneth F. Simpson.

Simpson, 45, died of a heart attack at his home after serving just 20 days in the 77th congress as representative from Manhattan's 17th "silk stocking" district—an office held by Earton until the latter's recent unsuccessful bid for the senate.

Chief accomplishment of Simpson in his brief tenure in his first elective office was the introduction in the house of a substitute for President's Roosevelt's "lease-lend" bill for aid to Britain.

Car Kills Man and Wife Strolling on Trestle

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—A Sunday afternoon stroll across a 300-foot interurban trolley trestle cost Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Schultz their lives.

A speeding car rolled onto the span as Mr. and Mrs. Schultz neared the opposite end. They made a run for it but Mrs. Schultz, 37, stumbled within 20 feet of safety. Her husband, 48, dashed to her aid and the car struck and killed both.

The operator said he was within 100 feet before he saw the pair and was unable to stop the speeding car.



Locomotive, Car Plunge Into River; Man Killed

OROVILLE, Calif., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Wrecking crews toiled today to raise a huge locomotive and baggage car from the bed of the Feather river, into which they plunged yesterday when the luxurious Exposition flyer of Western Pacific railroad crashed into a landslide.

One trainman was believed to have lost his life in the accident. He was James E. Curry, 61, of San Rafael, baggage man on the Chicago-San Francisco train. Curry, veteran of 40 years with the Railway Express agency, was on his regular run. It was at first announced by the railroad that a substitute, named Hughes, was making the trip.

Nearly 200 passengers on the train were severely jolted but unhurt when the engine hit the storm-loosened slide and a 500-ton hauler on the tracks in Feather river canyon, about 248 miles northeast of San Francisco at 4:20 p. m.

Engineer Fred Loucks and Fireman Eric Hecker, both of Portland, saved their lives by jumping as the big mountain-type engine left the rails and plummeted 40 feet down the canyon side toward the river. They were treated for shock and minor bruises.

Air Defenses Of Fleet Will Be Improved

Fund of 909 Million More Waits Action; Hull Cites Boon of Aid to Britain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The senate passed unanimously and sent to the white house today legislation authorizing a \$300,000,000 expenditure for modernizing the fleet's air defense.

The chamber acted within an hour after the senate naval committee had approved the legislation.

Witnesses at the hearing testified that increased protection against air attack had been shown to be necessary because of lessons learned from the European war.

Chairman Walsh (D.-Mass.) of the naval committee said he would call up later authorizations totalling \$909,000,000 for expanding navy shipbuilding and ordnance works and building 400 small naval craft, which also had been approved by the committee earlier in the day.

Personnel Boost Voted

The senate also passed and sent to the white house today legislation authorizing an increase of 495 midshipmen in the United States naval academy's enrollment.

Under the proposal each member of congress will be given the right to have five instead of four appointees in the academy.

The number of appointees which the president is authorized to make annually would be increased from 15 to 25 and appointments each year by the secretary of navy would be increased from 50 to 100.

Convoys Need Heeded

Most of the new vessels authorized are expected to be built this year.

This would include patrol boats, local defense craft, escort, salvage and towing ships, accounting for \$400,000,000 of the program.

In response to a question from Chairman Walsh, Rear Admiral S. M. Robinson, chief of the navy's bureau of ships, said that 36 of them would be suitable for conveying ships to Europe.

Modernization of the fleet's air defense, incorporating improvements in armor and anti-aircraft guns suggested by the European war, the admiral said would be carried on over a period of several years.

When the program is completed, he added, "you can be sure that our ships will be a little better than the other fellow's if we get into any sort of mix-up."

Hull Cites Aid Benefit

Secretary of State Hull told the senate foreign relations committee today, an informed source said, that American aid had been "largely responsible" for Great Britain's ability to resist a German invasion in the last seven months.

Testifying behind closed doors, Hull was reported to have declared emphatically his belief that the increased assistance envisioned under the administration's British aid bill would not involve the United States in war.

Committee members said the state department apparently had had information that an invasion attempt was scheduled last September but had no definite clue as to why it did not come off.

Hull was quoted also as saying at one point in a 2 1/2 hour closed session that he believed Turkey

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TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

(By the Associated Press)
BOSTON—This city's police believe in being not only efficient—but original.

In raiding a dice game, one of the policemen lit his pipe, blew smoke into the keyhole of the gambling room. One of the players cried "fire," all of them rushed out the door into the arms of the raiders.

Two weeks ago, one of the raiding officers gained entrance into a gambling game by "meowing" outside the door like a cat.