

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Occasionally rain tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature.

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BIG NEWS AHEAD

Next week will see Oregon legislative action on major bills and congressional action on the British aid proposal. Prompt and accurate coverage on both by the NEWS-REVIEW.

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WEYGAND REFUSES TO AID IN WAR ON AXIS

EDITORIALS on the DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

HITLER makes another speech. A great orator, a shrewd student who knows that wars are fought with words as well as with bullets and bombs, he addresses it to:

1. The British people.
2. The people of the U. S.
3. The German people.

TO the British, he says: "Wherever England puts in an appearance, we will attack her—and we are strong enough to do so."

"Perhaps they (the British) are counting on hunger. We have organized our life rationally. There never will be hunger or lack of raw materials."

That is intended to inspire defeatism—a sense of futility—in England.

TO the United States, he says: "Who thinks to be able to help England must know one thing—EVERY VESSEL which, guilty or not guilty, gets in front of our torpedo tubes will be torpedoed."

That is intended to point out to the American people where sending American supply ships or conveying British supply ships to England will lead.

TO the German people he says: "Perhaps they (the English) are hoping for other states they can drag in. You who know me will realize that every contingency has, in a matter-of-fact manner, been calculated."

That is intended to inspire the German people with confidence that their leader is too smart for all the rest of the world put together.

HITLER is smart (conqueror-smart.) Napoleon was smart in the same way. He conquered as much of Europe as Hitler has conquered.

Napoleon was NARROW. The eye of his mind could see no farther than conquest. Instead of inspiring Europe with a vision of better things for ALL people, he inspired only hatred among those he conquered. Eventually these accumulating hatreds overthrew him.

To this writer, Hitler seems to be treading the same road.

ON this side of the water, President Roosevelt signs a bill authorizing 300 million dollars to increase the navy's program.

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Rich Man's Son, 10, Reported Missing

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Los Angeles Examiner said today Eugene Weiner, wealthy New York importer and estranged husband of actress Lillian Roth, had reported to police the disappearance of his 10-year-old son, Eugene, Jr.

The newspaper said Weiner had brought the boy from a military school to his apartment for the week-end and had tucked him in bed last night, only to find him gone a short time later. Weiner was quoted as saying that from the appearance of the room the boy had left willingly.

Police said they had no record of the case.

Miss Roth, former wife of New York Municipal Judge Ben Shalleck, recently sued for a divorce from Weiner, whom she married last year several weeks after charging him with assault, on a complaint that he struck her on the jaw at a New York night club. It was the third marriage for both Miss Roth and Weiner.

Young Eugene's mother was the late Dorothy Hughes, British actress known on the stage as Daphne Dawn.

WILLIAM GIBBS M'ADOO, EX-TREASURY CHIEF, DIES

Heart Attack Closes Noted Career at 78

Fame Won as World War Financier; Unsuccessful Candidate for President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—William Gibbs McAdoo, former senator from California and one-time secretary of the treasury, died here today of a heart attack. He was 78 years old.

Death came in his apartment at the Shoreham hotel. With him were Mrs. McAdoo, and his daughter, Mrs. Brice Claggett, wife of a Washington attorney.

McAdoo has been chairman of the board of the American Presidents line since leaving the senate.

McAdoo, who was secretary of the treasury during the world war, was named head of the shipping line shortly after he was defeated for renomination by Sheridan Downey in the 1938 California democratic primary. Downey succeeded him in the senate.

McAdoo was a colorful figure in Washington official and social circles for more than a quarter of a century.

Married Three Times

In 1935, at the age of 72, McAdoo was married to Miss Doris Gross, 26-year-old public health officer.

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Strike Situation Little Improved

By the Associated Press

"Some progress" toward settlement of a strike at the Bayway plant of the Phelps-Dodge Copper Products Corp., at Elizabeth, N. J., was reported today as company and union officials resumed negotiations to end the dispute which affected 1,600 workers and halted production on \$74,323 of navy orders.

Two representatives of the U. S. department of labor were on hand. The strike was called by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (CIO), who sought higher wages and a collective bargaining election.

Peter D. Besch, international representative of the union, expressed belief the strike "may spread" to other Dodge-Phelps plants at Yonkers, N. Y., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Los Angeles, and Wylie Brown, president of the company, said that more than \$200,000,000 in federal defense contracts might be tied up unless Phelps-Dodge could continue supplying other manufacturers with products. "The company has \$30,000,000 in army and navy contracts in its own plants, Brown declared.

A strike of nearly 1,500 truck drivers and helpers was called at Dayton, Ohio, today, with a union demand for a wage increase of 10 cents an hour the principal issue.

Deadlocks Elsewhere

At Milwaukee, Wis., a deadlock continued in a strike which for 10 days has halted work on \$40,000,000 in defense orders at the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. R. J. Thomas, international president of the CIO United Automobile Workers union, which called the strike, announced last night he was withdrawing from negotiations after making "no headway" at a conference with the firm's officials. More than 9,000 workers are affected.

Other plants where defense orders were held up by strikes included the International Harvester Co., at Chicago, employing 6,500, and the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Co., at Mobile, where 3,400 men were idle.



William Gibbs McAdoo

Tunnel builder, financial wizard, ex-treasury secretary, ex-senator and democratic leader for 20 years, who died today.

Young G. O. P. Rows Over Willkie Units

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 1.—(AP)—A move to deny recognition to the Associated Willkie clubs, and similar independent political groups provoked a clash of opinions today at the convention of the National Young Republican federation.

A resolution to disassociate such groups from the federation was presented by the Minnesota delegation and it provoked a stormy debate at a session of the resolutions committee. The measure was held for further consideration.

Although the measure affected the federation only, supporters expressed hope that it would lead to the banning of independent groups by the national committee as well.

Earl Isensee of Minneapolis, chairman of the Hennepin county republican group, asserted that independent groups interfere with the party's campaigns by "putting on financial drives of their own" and operating without direct control of party officials.

Oren Root, Jr., founder of the Willkie clubs, said in an address last night that "certain independent clubs, which may or may not be the outgrowth of Willkie clubs during the campaign," could play a part in preserving the nucleus of an opposition "which can be marshalled effectively when the international crisis is over."

He contended that the party needs the support and activity of such groups to "keep alive our fundamental beliefs."

Wife for 54 Years Sues "Too Thrifty" Husband

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Lena Feltman finally gave up trying to make a go of married life—after 53 years and 359 days.

Mrs. Feltman, 77, has filed suit for separation from her 80-year-old husband, William, charging him with cruelty and failure to support.

Among other things, she alleges, he was "too thrifty." They lived virtually next door to the world's fair, but he never would take her there. He wouldn't permit her to buy a vacuum cleaner, arguing that rugs swept by hand would last longer.

Feltman denies the charges.

Dutch Spurn Japs "New Order" Plan

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Netherlands government-in-exile instructed its minister at Tokyo today to inform the Japanese that the Dutch "reject any suggestion of having the Netherlands Indies incorporated in a new order in East Asia under the leadership of any power whatsoever."

The minister also was said to have been instructed to tell the Japanese that the Dutch "can never be expected either to let their actions be guided by such a conception of a new order in the far east or to acquiesce in the consequences of its eventual application."

The message, it was announced, was prompted by Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuo's speech to the Tokyo parliament Jan. 20 in which he said that the three-power axis pact respects "the leadership of Japan in establishment of a new order in greater East Asia."

Matsuoka also said that "The Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China... should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with our country (Japan)."

Yukon Flier, Passenger Die in Airplane Crash

DAWSON, N. Y., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Pilot Lionel Vines and Ernest Chapman, a passenger, were killed yesterday when a White Pass and Yukon Route plane crashed in a take-off near here. Chapman, a Dawson merchant, was on the way to the Bonnet Plume district where he has a trading post.

Department Store at Astoria Swept by Flames

ASTORIA, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Hildebrand's, Astoria's major department store, was seriously damaged by fire of undetermined origin yesterday. Owner August Hildebrand estimated loss at \$40,000 to the building and \$25,000 to stock.

Newly-Elected Recorder Of Marion County Dies

SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Albert Egan, who was elected Marion county recorder last November, died today in a hospital in Portland.

Major Bills Up For Action Next Week

Jobless Pay Changes, 4th Congressman, Sprague Program on Waiting List

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Hoping the session is half over, Oregon's legislators took a day off today and were prepared to come back Monday to begin consideration of the most controversial issues.

The first of several hearings on the amendments to the unemployment compensation law will be held at 7 p. m. Monday by the house judiciary committee, and it is expected to produce more fireworks than any other hearing of the session.

The hearing will deal with the experience rating system, which is scheduled to go into effect next July. Under this system, employers with good employment records would pay lower payroll taxes, while those who have dismissed many employees would be taxed more. Labor seeks to repeal the provision, but the unemployment compensation commission contends it would tend to stabilize employment.

Sprague's Program Stated Governor Charles A. Sprague's six-point program is completed, and the legislature will begin work on it next week.

The bill to increase the size of trucks on state highways is expected to reach the senate floor during the week. The governor's amendments to the workmen's compensation law and to construct a \$1,000,000 state office building in Salem were introduced yesterday.

His forestry conservation bills probably will reach the floor late next week, and the bill to equalize school taxes on a state-wide basis will be introduced Monday or Tuesday. The governor's six-year building program for state institutions is being considered by the ways and means committee.

For 4th Congressman Sen. Rex Ellis (R., Umatilla) said he would introduce Monday a bill providing for a fourth Oregon congressman, to be elected from the state at large. Four other proposals, all to create a fourth district by dividing the first (western) Oregon district, are in the house.

Although still in the 20th day, legislators today are talking about going home on the 40th day, when they cease to draw their \$3 a day. The ways and means committee is nearly finished with its work and is expected to introduce its big appropriation bill.

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Knox Admits 'Worry' Over War Danger

Navy Secretary Fears Aid Of U. S. May Be Too Late To 'Save' Great Britain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox testified today he was "tremendously worried" over whether the United States could furnish sufficient aid in time to save Great Britain.

Supporting the administration's aid-to-Britain legislation before the senate foreign relations committee, Knox was asked by Senator Nye (R., N. D.) whether the measure was designed "to underwrite a British victory."

"Not this bill," the witness replied, "but we do have an interest in seeing that Great Britain is not defeated."

"Can we act in time to save Britain if this awful crisis period for the near future comes to pass?" Nye asked.

"Frankly, I don't know," the witness responded. "I'm tremendously worried."

While Knox testified, a crowd of several hundred self-styled "peace marchers" gathered outside. Police permitted several to enter the building to talk to senators. They said they represented the "American peace mobilization."

"Positive" of Danger

In his questioning, Nye repeatedly sought information from Knox regarding potential naval strength of the axis powers should they win the war.

The navy secretary said that if the axis controlled all of Europe it would have seven times America's shipbuilding capacity.

Knox declared, however, he believed there was little danger of an immediate direct attack on American shores. "First they would have to establish bases," he said.

"Do you really believe there is danger?" Nye asked.

"I'm positive," the witness responded. "Do you think that if they (the axis) won, they would just let us alone?"

Nye said he did, because, he added, the axis powers would have to contend with disease, famine and troublesome minority groups at home.

"Did you ever hear of a conqueror quitting, especially when there still was some loot to be had?" Knox interposed.

Approval Forecast

Approval of the British-aid bill in the senate foreign relations committee by a margin of at least three votes was forecast today by administration leaders, and

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Wheeler Denies Having Forecast Nazi Domination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) declared today that he "did not say in 1934 or at any other time that Nazi domination of Europe was inevitable"—a statement attributed to him yesterday by President Roosevelt.

In response to press conference questions, the president said he had been advised by the late William Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, that Wheeler—an outspoken critic of the administration's British-aid bill—voiced this opinion at a dinner party in 1934 or 1935.

Wheeler said in a statement issued through his office here that "this is a desperate attempt to discredit me because I stand unalterably for American peace and against the entry of the United States into any foreign war."

"This slanderous attack on me—attributed to a dead man—is absolutely false."

"This is the second time that the president has assailed me personally," the Montana senator declared. "The first time occurred after I branded the lend-lease-five bill as the new deal's AAA foreign policy to blow every fourth American boy under European or African soil."

"This time I am attacked because, in my humble way, I will not cease warning the American people that the foreign policy of this administration is taking the United States into a war that is not ours."

Seven Merchant Ships Sunk by Axis

Allies Counter Losses at Sea With Blows in Albania That Puts Italians in Retreat.

(By the Associated Press)

Axis snookmen reported today the counter-blockade sinking of seven merchant ships and the fascist high command noted bitter fighting in Libya, apparently among patrols, in which both Italians and British suffered "considerable losses."

Sinking of a 10,000-ton steamship from a British convoy in the Aegean sea by a torpedo-boat was announced by the Italian high command. It is through the Aegean that the British have been moving war supplies to the Greeks for use on the Albanian front.

In Berlin, the German high command reported the sinking of two merchant ships totalling 10,100 tons by long-distance fighting planes operating west of Ireland and said "an enemy merchant ship was severely damaged off the British east coast."

Informed Germans claimed the destruction of six ships by German action, four more than the toll listed by the high command.

Greeks Claim Successes

In Albania, the Greek army fighting fascists north of vital Kilastra and elsewhere along a 100-mile front was reported officially to have taken new Italian positions "of great importance" in mountain fighting. An Italian tank counter-attack also was reported smashed.

Greek dispatches from the front said the recent series of Italian counter-attacks had ended so disastrously that the fascist commanders were forced to call off their efforts to wrest the offensive from the Greeks in order to reorganize their forces.

The Greeks now dominate Tepeleni from three sides, dispatches from the front said, leaving only the road to Valona open to the Italians, who were said to be retreating in the direction of that seaport.

A royal air force communique declared "an important military camp and buildings southwest of Tepeleni were successfully attacked" by British bombers yesterday, starting a big fire in one large building. Italian troops were machine-gunned as they emerged from tents, the communique said.

French Army Head in Africa Rejects Plea

500,000 Troops, Urged to Keep Out of Fight, Still Petain's "Ace in Hole"

ALGIERS, French North Africa, Feb. 1.—(AP via Radio.)—General Maxime Weygand appealed today to some half million French African soldiers under his command to stay out of the war, to accept the armistice with Germany as final, and to support the "national revolution" of Marshal Philippe Petain.

"I appeal to you," he said, "not to leave the path of order and discipline, which would only mean the destruction of France and peril for all who take part in this undertaking."

Weygand spoke by radio in answer to General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the "Free French" forces which are fighting on as Britain's allies, who from London last night called up on the French North African forces to "help complete the conquest of Libya" by attacking the Italians from the west.

(Weygand's broadcast was made over a station controlled by the Vichy government.)

Petaim's Trump Card

Weygand and his troops are in a powerful position, geographically and politically. They represent a potential threat to Italian Libya's back door, and they form Chief of State Petain's main lever in bargaining with the Germans and preventing harsh terms.

Germany apparently still is incensed over Petain's dismissal of Pierre Laval, who was his vice-premier. Laval has been reported in favor of active "collaboration" with Germany—that is, French military action against Britain on the side of the axis and the grant of French African bases to the axis for the war in the Mediterranean.

Both Petain and Weygand are said to oppose this.

General De Gaulle, playing on the success of British arms in eastern Libya and appealing to the Vichy-bound troops in North Africa said:

"Don't you see it is up to you? Are you going to stay inactive with arms at your side, humiliated, broken-spirited, when the fate of France and her empire is being decided within range of your guns?"

TRIPOLI, LIBYAN CAPITAL, BOMBED BY BRITISH PLANES

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Several tons of bombs were reported today to have been dropped on Tripoli, capital of Italian Libya, last night by the British royal air force.

The RAF claimed hits on three ships in the Tripoli harbor, one of which, it was said, was set afire. A seaplane was reported

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Accused Negro Acquitted But Remains Behind Bars

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Joseph Spell, 31-year-old negro butler accused of criminal assault on his pretty, socialite employer, Mrs. Eleanor Strubing of Greenwich, won an acquittal from a mixed jury that deliberated nearly 13 hours. Despite the verdict, Spell remained behind bars. Prosecutor Lorin W. Willis, as soon as he heard the verdict, moved that Spell's bail of \$15,000 be continued until the state determined "what course of action is to be pursued." The defense did not oppose the motion.

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

By the Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — What is fame? asks Frances Foote of the public library's business branch. A woman came in and told Miss Foote she knew the name of the book she wanted but couldn't remember the author.

The book was "Meln Kampf."



THE GRIFFITH LUMBER MILL in Oakland, Oregon, as its saws cut busily into an increasing supply of logs dumped daily into its pond.

Operated by T. C. Griffith, experienced Coos Bay lumberman, this mill has been sawing for the past month. Its capacity is about fifteen thousand feet daily, its production rough fir lumber.

Most of its timber is secured from contract haulers who log it from stands adjoining the Calapooia river, east of town, and sections of Driver valley. Eleven men are employed at

the present time in the mill, and each man is an exceedingly busy individual. I don't know much about a lumber mill, but I do know that the man who works in one has plenty of cause at night to be glad of the rest he gets—he needs it.

Early lambs over the county either are hoping for continued pleasant weather, or should be. They look a lot better than they would if we "caught" a spell of ice and snow or cold rains.

For that matter, so do you and I.

By Paul Jenkins