

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Rain tonight and Thursday.
Warmer tonight.
See Page 3 for statistics.

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ALL OR LIMITED?

How much power will President Roosevelt have when the British-Aid bill reaches him from congress. The debate is on, both in the house and in the senate committee. THE NEWS-REVIEW will keep you informed.

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QUILT FACTORY FIRE BLOTS OUT TEN LIVES

BRITISH WARPLANES RAID GERMAN INDUSTRIAL AREA, 'INVASION' PORTS

Great Fires Set in French Coast Region

Nazis Lose Planes Trying Counter Blows; British Continue African Drive

By the Associated Press
Waves of RAF bombers pounded the industrial city of Duesseldorf, western Germany, and slashed at six Nazi-held "invasion ports" along the channel coast, the London air ministry said today, in overnight raids marking the heaviest British aerial offensive in two weeks.

Then, in broad daylight, a strong force of RAF bombers protected by fighting planes roared back across the channel to renew the assault.

Observers on the Kent coast saw the planes soaring high over the Strait of Dover headed for Calais, while other fighters patrolled the coast on the lookout for Nazi counter-attack raiders.

A short time later, black smoke was seen near the harbor of Calais.

Three German bombers were reported shot down in the sea after a 20-minute fight with ships of a convoy off the Kent coast, and a fourth Nazi raider crashed near Schull, County Cork, of neutral Ireland.

The Dublin government announced five members of the crew were killed and a sixth was badly injured.

Many fires were reported set in the night forays.

Splashing their bombs on main ports along more than 450 miles of Nazi-held coastline, the RAF struck at Dunkerque, Dieppe, Ostend, Cherbourg, Brest and Bordeaux, the air ministry announced.

Nazis Belittle Damage
The British said "many"

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN congress today (Monday) opponents of the lease-lend bill are seeking to limit the cost of aid to Britain to two billion dollars.

TEST this reasoning:
If you had committed yourself to the objective of saving a man from drowning, how would you go about giving him LIMITED aid?

Could you say to yourself before you started out from the shore: "I will pull his nose above water, but will go NO FARTHER?"

You might, but probably wouldn't.

WE have committed ourselves to help Britain.

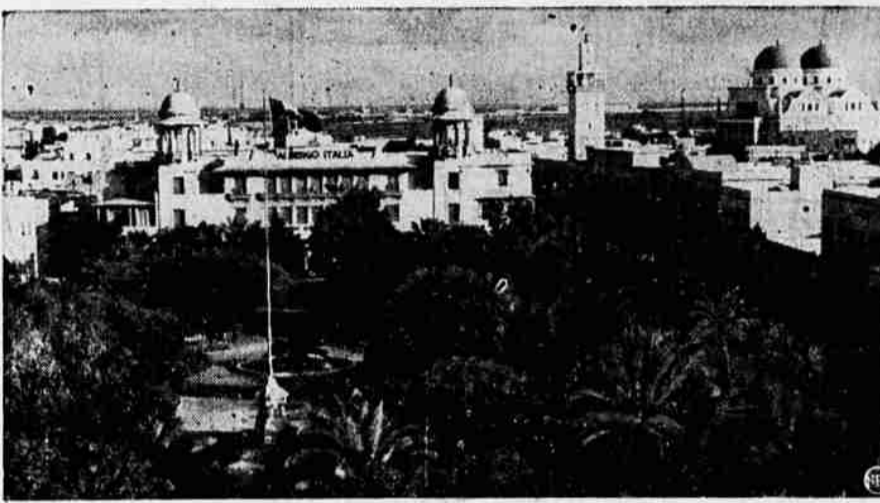
We might say now that we will help two billion dollars worth and no more, but it is probable that we won't.

WE can say:
"The powers we are giving to the president under this lease-lend bill are EMERGENCY powers, intended to increase our SAFETY now. These powers, if continued after the emergency of war has passed, will ENDANGER OUR LIBERTIES later on.

"So we are conferring them subject to the flat provision that they shall be WITHDRAWN when the emergency has passed."

That we should say.
INTERESTING note today:
Greek and British submarines operating in the Adriatic sea as

Italian Seaport Goal of British Sweep Across Africa



With Nazi aid to hard-pressed Italian troops in Libya increasing daily, General Wavell's Army of the Nile is racing against time towards the important Libyan seaport of Benghazi, 250 miles west of captured Tobruk. Seizure of the city would clinch Britain's conquest of eastern Libya. View of Benghazi above shows the heart of city, with the Albergo Italia, principal hotel, at end of park. Modern docks, equipped with rail facilities, stores and huge cranes make Benghazi of paramount strategic importance.

Ruins of Bomber Yield Seven Bodies

MORTON, Wash., Feb. 5.—(AP)—An army mountain party remained at the upper end of a bleak, steep "Little Rockies" trail today to seek further evidence in the explosion-scattered wreckage of the bomber which carried seven men to death January 16.

By manpower and pack horse train, the remains of the victims were brought late yesterday down the tortuous trail to Tacoma, near the McChord field base, from which the bomber left on a flight to a California bombing range and to which it apparently was attempting to return when it crashed against the only rocky cliff for miles around, about six miles by air northwest of this lumbering village.

The plane struck approximately 50 feet from the top, and army officers said it would have been in the clear 100 yards to either side.

Col. Walter Peck, McChord field operations officer, said the plane apparently crashed into the cliff at a 45-degree angle. He said it indicated that the pilot must have seen the 4,300-foot peak at the last moment, and had jerked the plane upward desperately in a vain attempt to evade it.

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Governors' Conference On Water Draws Sprague

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague will leave for Denver tonight to attend a conference of the governors of the 11 western states on reclamation.

The governors also will consider the effects of a recent United States supreme court decision giving the federal government the right to control water and power rights in virtually all streams.

British Fleet Linked To Aid Bill Hearing

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U. S.-Made Needs Listed by Britain

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Thos. R. Reed to Head Hawaii Weather Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Thomas R. Reed, senior meteorologist of the U. S. weather bureau here, was ordered today to take charge of weather bureau activities in the Hawaiian islands.

Aside from two and a half years in the air corps, Reed has served with the weather bureau since he entered the service in San Diego in 1907. He has worked in bureaus at Reno, Roseburg, Ore.; Walla Walla, Wash.; and Portland, Ore.

Huge Wave Grabs Woman As She Poses for Picture

Disposal Of Bills Begun In Legislature

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A bill to eliminate billboards from highways was killed by the house today when it upheld 51 to 7 a recommendation by the house highways committee that the bill be defeated.

The senate approved unanimously, and without debate, a memorial to congress asking that the social security act be extended to include farmers, business men and public employees. It then was sent to the house.

The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to authorize the state tax commission to collect payments which the Bonneville authority may make in place of property taxes. A bill now in congress would provide that Bonneville pay five per cent of its revenues to Washington and Oregon. The state tax commission would turn this money over to the counties.

Another measure passed by the senate and sent to the house would turn this money over to the counties.

Another measure passed by the senate and sent to the house would increase educational requirements of chiropractors from two to four years.

Bill Flood Increased
New house bills introduced today would: Create a state department of mental health to administer insane hospitals, exempt persons with bachelor of laws degrees from taking bar examinations, divert \$800,000 a year of gasoline taxes to cities, make it illegal to drink liquor in public places on highways, provide for a governor's mansion without giving an appropriation, prohibit book making establishments where bets are placed, provide that 75 per cent of all school revenues shall be paid to teachers, provide for appointment of a manager by People's utility districts, and give more highway funds to counties.

The house medicine committee recommended passage of a senate-approved bill to tax two-year driver's licenses an additional 50 cents to establish a fund for re-

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Locomotive-Auto Crash Kills Portland Druggist

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Collision of a switch engine and an automobile early today took the life of the driver, Armon L. Cook, 60, Portland druggist. Cook was Portland's 5th traffic victim of 1941.

A. R. Hixon, Vancouver, engineer, said the driver apparently did not see the locomotive and drove directly in front of it.

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SAW

By Paul Jenkins

THE THOMAS HOTEL in Oakland, as Cleve Miller and a crew of carpenters repaired the porch, long suffering through the effect of storms and years of stress.

This brick structure, pictured above, was built in 1899, replacing one erected by Robert and Sarah Thomas and which was burned in that year, endangering the major part of the business district of Oakland at the time.

Originally the Thomases, old time residents of the town, had owned a hotel adjoining the Southern Pacific tracks opposite the site of the present building.

"Oh yes," Mary (Thomas) Shell, present owner of the hotel told me as I put a pertinent question, "I've lived my life here."

THE DALLAS, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Guy R. Duvall, former Wasco county sheriff's deputy, pleaded guilty yesterday to an indictment charging larceny of public funds. Circuit Judge Wilson said he would pass sentence February 13.

State Dept. Questioned On Commitments Reported Made by British Govt.

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Victims Fail To Escape In Time Offered

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Fire sweeping through an expected swiftness through a room filled with cotton bales burned to death ten employees of the New Haven Quilt and Pad company today.

Three youths were injured, none critically, jumping from a window.

The fire, on the third floor of the three-story brick building, was confined to a single department producing fluffed cotton for filling comfortables which the company was making under contract from the army.

The foreman, Isadore Donner, said 23 or 25 persons were working in the department and 77 in the entire building. No one realized, he said, until an hour after the fire that anyone had remained in the room.

Could Have Saved Selves
It would have been possible for all to get out immediately after the blaze started, he said. He believed some of the victims had returned to the room for their coats and that others, not realizing how fast the fire would spread through the cotton bales, tried to put it out or retreated to a rear wall while employees from other departments fought the blaze with hand extinguishers.

Firemen said the victims probably became unconscious from smoke before the fire reached them. An extinguisher was found near one of the bodies.

Donner said the fire started around a garnet, a machine for fluffing cotton, probably from a friction spark or static electricity.

Ten of the dead, ages ranging from 18 to 48, were tentatively identified as: William Della-Selva, Philip Becker, David Chernovitz, Paul Fiorantino, S. Rosenbaum, Dominic Cibraano, Fiore Monello, Elza Miller, Nathan Swinwin and Salvatore Milano.

Auto Kills Mrs. Jeffries, Wife of Ex-Champion

BURBANK, Calif., Feb. 5.—(AP)—James J. Jeffries, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, was reported near collapse today, following the death of his wife in an automobile accident last night.

Mrs. Frieda Jeffries, 60, died soon after she was struck by a car as she crossed a street. The driver was not held.

Jeffries was attending a lodge dinner when notified of the tragedy. They had been married 37 years.

Postmaster of Mohler, Former Legislator, Dies

TILLAMOOK, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Al Boon, 61, Mohler postmaster and former state legislator from Tillamook county, died yesterday after an emergency appendectomy.

He served two years as chairman of the county democratic central committee and was a member of the legislature in 1937. The widow, three sons and a daughter survive.

Man Draws Six Months For Beating Mother, 71

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Albert Durante, 42, began serving today a six-month prison term for beating his 71-year-old mother with a pair of rubber boots.

She wept when sentence was pronounced in Coney Island court, and handed her son \$1 to "buy cigarettes."

Aviator's Nose Broken in Plane Crack-Up Here

A broken nose was the only injury suffered when a light plane occupied by Leonard Wiehrdt, Albany, and Walt Edmonds, Roseburg, crashed this morning on the Roseburg airport. The plane pancaked from a height of about 15 feet while coming in for landing, smashing the landing gear and propeller.

Wiehrdt, who was piloting the plane, suffered a broken nose when his head struck the instrument panel.

The light ship, a Culver Cadet sport plane, was flown here yesterday from Albany, en route to Grants Pass. Wiehrdt was visiting here briefly with friends.

Willkie Blasts At Nazi Government

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie left a message in England for the German people declaring "we German-Americans reject and hate the aggression and lust for power of the present German government."

Willkie had already started back to the United States from London when the British ministry of information released his statement.

"I am of purely German descent," his message began. "My family name is not Willkie, but Willkie. My grandparents left Germany 90 years ago because they were protestants against autocracy and demanded the right to live as free men. I, too, claim that right."

"I am proud of my German blood. But I hate aggression and tyranny."

"Tell the German people that my convictions are shared to the full by the overwhelming majority of my fellow countrymen of German descent. They, too, believe in freedom and in human rights."

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From Bristol's airport, Willkie headed back for the United States and an appearance before the senate foreign relations committee with the pledge to do "everything I can in America to help Britain in her fight for freedom."

"Your people have shown magnificent courage," the unofficial American visitor declared as he left to board a plane for Lisbon. "Keep your chins up."

Willkie said his conversation in Dublin with De Valera would be covered in his testimony before the senate foreign relations committee on the aid-to-Britain bill.

Prison Regains Baseball Star for Eight Years

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Baseball prospects of the McNeil Island federal penitentiary brightened appreciably today. Its star pitcher, Joe James, will be back in time for spring training.

After James quit the club last year, it tasted defeat for the first time in several seasons.

But Federal Judge O'Connor fixed all that yesterday when James pleaded guilty to the robbery of a branch postoffice here, and assured the McNeil Island team of his services for the next eight seasons, seven years for the robbery and one for violation of parole.

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TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

By the Associated Press
HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—J. W. Gibson unlocked a car, turned on the ignition and drove home to Charleston, 50 miles away. Then he looked in the back and saw packages that didn't belong to him. Investigating further, he found the car didn't belong to him either.

At his home in Huntington, meanwhile, A. J. Moores was having the same experience. Both reported to police, who found the cars were of the same make and model, that the keys were interchangeable and that the "twins" had been parked near each other at the courthouse.