

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Showers tonight and Friday.
Moderate temperature, morning fog.
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LINDBERGH AGAIN RAPS BRITISH-AID BILL

ITALIANS FLEE FROM A STRONGHOLD OF BENGASI AS BRITISH FORCE NEARS

Death Blow Impends For Italian Rule

British Advance Closing
In On Key Points; Greeks
Again Smash Italians

By the Associated Press
Panic-stricken Italian colonists were reported fleeing before the British in Premier Mussolini's dwindling North African empire today as aerial scouts told of seeing fascist motorized columns withdrawing from Bengasi and blackshirt troops falling back post-haste on the east Libyan stronghold.

On the East African front, the Italian high command reported "fierce fighting in the Cheren region" only 40 miles from Asmara, the capital of Eritrea.

A British communiqué said British troops were closing in on Cheren, key rail town.

With the fall of Asmara, Italy's East African colony would be virtually doomed, leaving only the Red Sea town of Massaua as an escape port. The capital is the road center of Eritrea and with its lofty elevation (4,000 feet) is the last major defense point in the colony.

Dispatches from the Libyan desert battlefield said that General Wavell's troops were pressing westward along the Mediterranean coast at a pace which would bring them to the gates of Bengasi within 48 hours.

Bengasi, 325 miles from the Egyptian border, had been heralded as the site for a probable

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
LACKING knowledge, one guesses.
Guessing today (Tuesday) one sees France led up on a high place by the tempter and shown the world.

THE tempter is Hitler. The temptation is a deceptively easy way out of her present troubles by means of "collaboration" with Germany.

FRANCE has these choices:
1. To "collaborate" with Germany.

2. To throw in with the British, retire to Africa and FIGHT.
She would like, of course, to sit tight, but won't be allowed to. Hitler can't afford to gamble everything on an attack on England with a doubtful France in his rear.

THROWING in with Britain offers to France now only what Churchill offered to the English when they went on alone after France crumpled and fell—blood, toil, tears and sweat.
As to the future, it MIGHT offer freedom.

This writer doesn't know present-day France well enough to offer a guess as to what her choice will be.

THE house of commons makes available today the equivalent in pounds of about eleven billion dollars for carrying on the war in 1941.

(The British government has a blank check and parliament merely votes money to pay the bills that have been incurred.)
If more bills are incurred, more money will be voted.

YOU have read that Britain is about out of dollars with which to pay for American purchases, so that we must lease

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Finding Lost Bomber "One Grand" Piece of Luck



A reward of \$1000 will be claimed by Henry Steubhalter, left, and George T. Harper, of Morton, Wash., following their locating a missing U. S. army bomber which crashed with a death toll of seven Jan. 16 on Huckleberry mountain. Center, Mrs. Steubhalter and daughter, Elaine. The bomber went down not far from their home. (NEA Telephoto.)

Umpqua River Among Targets of Batch Of "Nuisance Bills" Aimed to Counter Anglers' Plans to Conserve Steelheads

A series of "nuisance bills," claimed by conservationists to be in the nature of a counter to bills introduced by anglers to curtail the commercial take of steelheads, appeared in the state legislature yesterday, introduced by request by the committee on fisheries. The bills are of much the same nature covering the Coquille, Umpqua, Siletz, Alsea, Nehalem and other coastal streams where sports fishermen are endeavoring to shorten net seasons and thereby save an estimated 90 per cent of the winter steelhead run.

The bill with reference to the Umpqua river reportedly was requested by commercial fishermen at Reedsport and Gardiner.

Angling Ban Sought.
It would prohibit angling for salmon in all tributaries of the Umpqua river and would halt all salmon fishing above the mouth of Little river on the North Umpqua and the highway bridge at Myrtle Creek on the South Umpqua river. At present salmon may be taken on hook and line in any portion of the river or its tributaries.

At the same time the proposed bill (H. B. 407) would extend the commercial fishing season to cover practically all seasons when ocean-run fish are in the stream and would permit commercial fishing throughout all steelhead runs. The measure would permit nets with mesh of not less than 6 inches from January 1 to February 15, which is the principal period for the winter steelhead run. From March 10 to April 15, the period for the main chinook run, fishing would be permitted with mesh of not less than 8 inches. Mesh of 6 inches would be used from May 1 to July 1, which would take many summer steelhead while cleaning up the shad run. The season would be closed from July 1 to August 10 and then open until September 15, during which time silver-side salmon and late summer steelhead are running, a mesh of 8 inches being permitted during that period, and from September 15 to November 15 mesh of 6 inches would be used, covering the peak of the silverside salmon run.

Sports fishermen of the Upper Umpqua commenting upon the

proposal look upon it as another of the so-called "nuisance bills," so frequently presented in the legislature by commercial fishing interests in recent years.

Real Motive Apparent.
In all of the late sessions of the state legislature, it is pointed out, the commercial interests have attempted to counter sportsmen's measures by the introduction of bills which would greatly expand commercial fishing privileges.

The sports fishermen for many years have endeavored to have steelheads classified as game fish and have tried to adjust the commercial fishing season to permit steelheads to escape. Commercial fishermen, however, have adopted a practice of immediately introducing measures which would grant the netters greater privileges than they now enjoy and thereby place themselves in a position to talk "compromise," and have been quite successful in preserving their domain by this method.

The present bill affecting the Umpqua, and those covering other streams, are looked upon by local sportsmen, according to comments made today, as being counter to the Wildlife Federation bill, endorsed by upper river sportsmen's clubs and recently given a public hearing at a joint senate committee hearing, proposing to cut commercial seasons to save the winter steelhead run from the nets.

Baby Strangles to Death Between Bars of Crib

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Dancing till dawn is Jackie Steers' chore as a Brooklyn night club entertainer.

Demonstrating his skill as a drummer in cabarets is the only way her husband, Kenneth, can hope to get a job.

While out, they would leave their giant police dog, Daisy Mae, to watch over 15-month-old Kenneth, Jr.

Yesterday, when they returned to their \$10-a-week basement apartment, they found Daisy Mae whining softly near the crib where the baby had caught its neck in the bars and strangled to death.

ARMY BOMBER WITH 8 MEN SAID IN CRASH

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Army officials here said today they had a report that a four-motor army bomber had crashed 10 miles from Lovelock, Nev. It was believed to be the experimental ship carrying Captain R. F. Freeman and a crew of seven from McAllen field, Sacramento, to Denver.

Reports received at the Oakland airfield control tower said a railroad section hand saw a big army plane crash into the side of Ragged mountain, in the Lovelock area, and burn. He ran to a telegraph station and notified the Pershing county sheriff, who dispatched ambulances and a rescue squad.

Willkie Evokes Nazis' Contempt

WILLKIE evokes no 3 p 1.—BERLIN, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Authorized German sources asserted today that utterances such as that by Wendell L. Willkie released yesterday in London should be received only with contempt.

(Willkie, in a statement broadcast by the BBC after his departure from London yesterday, said: "Tell the German people that we German-Americans reject and hate the aggression and lust for power of the present German government.")

The German government, the authorized sources said, did not pay much attention to Willkie's words, since he is a private citizen.

"Of one thing we are sure," they said, "Willkie would not have made this reference to his German extraction before election."

(Actually Willkie made a full statement concerning his German ancestry in his acceptance speech at Elwood, Ind., last July.)

Previously Berlin authorities expressed doubt that any number of Germans heard the Willkie broadcast in view of prevailing laws making listening to foreign stations subject to heavy penalties, including death in aggravated cases.

Four Bills Ask Jobless Pay Law Changes

Payroll Tax Slash One of
Purposes; Labor Opposes,
Demanding Larger Fund

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Four employer-sponsored bills to amend the unemployment compensation law were introduced in the house today, the bills being designed to strengthen the law and to provide for lower payroll taxes on employers.

The bills were opposed to a score of labor bills to liberalize the law.

One bill would remove the penalty rates on employers, or rates of 3 to 4 per cent of their payrolls, if the unemployment compensation fund is more than one and one half times the amount paid in benefits during the preceding year.

For instance, if \$6,000,000 in benefits were paid in one year, there would be no penalty rates the following year if the fund was \$9,000,000 or more.

All employers now pay 2.7 per cent, but effective July 1, the rates would be from 1 to 4 per cent, with the higher rates charged against employers who do not stabilize their employment.

The employer amendment would eliminate the higher rates if the fund were one and a half times the benefits for the preceding year. Labor seeks to have the rates maintained at 2.7 per cent.

Bigger Fund Wanted
Employers contend the provision would assure a fund adequate for any emergency, such as a severe depression. But labor wants a fund as large as \$18,000,000. The fund now is about \$11,000,000.

The other employer bills would strengthen the law, one of them providing that where a business is sold, the purchaser shall assume all obligations as far as the unemployment compensation law is concerned.

All the employer bills today were introduced by Reps. Earl T. Newberry (R-Jackson) and Robert C. Gile (R-Douglas).

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A bill by Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla) to provide penalties of

Chamber Seeking Membership Gain

A large increase in the Roseburg chamber of commerce membership is the aim of the membership committee, headed by Wm. E. Emery (R-Jackson), and Robert C. Gile (R-Douglas).

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The membership committee includes, besides the chairman, C. E. Emery, Jerry Goddard, W. F. Harris, Leon McClintock, Paul Geddes. The committee and chamber of commerce directors will meet at a luncheon Friday noon at the Umpqua hotel to discuss the Umpqua campaign, and all interested persons are invited to join in the luncheon and discussion.

The coming year's activities are very important to Roseburg's future, Mr. Adair declares, and the cooperation of every resident and particularly of all business and professional interests is needed to produce the desired results.

Dairy Barn Fire Claims Fourteen Cows, 2 Calves

MEDFORD, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Fire which burned William Martin's barn in the Eagle Point district early yesterday killed 14 dairy cows, two calves and burned 25 tons of hay.

Martin was burned about the hands in attempting to release some of the cows from their stanchions in the barn. Neighbors who formed a bucket brigade saved another barn nearby.

J. G. Winant, Ex-Republican Governor, Appointed U. S. Ambassador to Britain; Nine Others Also Get Diplomatic Posts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—John G. Winant, former republican governor of New Hampshire, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be ambassador to Great Britain, succeeding Joseph P. Kennedy.

Winant, a 51-year-old wealthy New Englander, was appointed the first chairman of the social security board under President Roosevelt in 1935. He resigned during the 1936 campaign to defend the social security program against attack by Alfred M. Landon, the then G. O. P. presidential candidate.

Winant's nomination to the London post was sent to the senate today along with several other diplomatic appointments.

These included:
Anthony J. Drexel Biddle of Pennsylvania, now ambassador to Poland, to serve also without additional compensation as ambassador to the exiled government in London of Belgium and as minister to the governments of Norway and The Netherlands.

William Dawson of Minnesota, now ambassador to Panama, to become the first ambassador to Uruguay, heretofore a ministerial post.

Edwin C. Wilson of Florida, now minister to Uruguay, to become ambassador to Panama.

Clarence E. Gauss of Connecticut, now minister to Australia, to become ambassador to China.

Nelson T. Johnson of Oklahoma, now ambassador to China, to become minister to Australia.

Bert Fish, of Florida, now minister to Egypt, to become minister

Damage Done By Wind Here Slight

Ashland Area, However, Badly
Lashed; Heavy Loss Dealt
To Northern California.

No major damage was reported from the windstorm which struck Roseburg yesterday evening and continued throughout the night. Reports were received of a few trees being blown down, tree branches broken off, signs loosened and loose articles blown about but nothing of a serious nature was reported within the city or immediate vicinity. An automobile belonging to E. A. Woodard, director of the harmonica school in the Perkins building, was damaged when a tree fell across the hood of the machine, smashing a headlamp and breaking glass in a front door and punching a hole in the roof.

ASHLAND, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A mile-a-minute gale swooped in from California last night, flattening small buildings, telephone poles, trees and billboards. The storm raged for two hours, ripping the roof off the armory, blocking the Klamath Falls-Ashland highway and disrupting electrical service.

No one was reported injured, but at least two persons had narrow escapes. The tree which blocked the Ashland-Klamath Falls road knocked down a high-voltage line and fell on a truck, barely missing the driver. A woman in town was knocked down but escaped injury as she touched a fence across which power lines had fallen.

In one downtown street, a dozen telephone poles went over. Numerous trees toppled. Shacks collapsed and garages were

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U. S. Embassy Target of Demonstration in Rome

ROME, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A crowd of students bearing Italian and German flags marched toward the United States embassy this afternoon shouting "down with democracy." They were turned off down a side street and did not pass the embassy itself.

There was no strong reinforcement of guards around the embassy, as was placed in front of the United States consulate in Turin during similar demonstrations there last week.



John G. Winant

to Portugal.

Herbert C. Pell of Rhode Island, now minister to Portugal, to become minister to Hungary, succeeding John Montgomery, resigned.

Alexander Kirk of Illinois, now embassy counselor at Rome, to become minister to Egypt.

J. Pierrepont Moffat of New Hampshire, now minister to Canada, to serve additionally without extra compensation, as minister to the exiled government of Luxembourg, now established in Canada.

Under questioning by Senator Connally (D., Tex.), the 39-year-old Atlantic flier declared that the nation already was committed to giving Britain some aid. "We should keep our promises," he declared, then added:

"I think it is very important that England not be beaten in war, but I don't think that is in American control."

Ford Co. Ignores Demands of Union

Implied Threat of Strike From
CIO Faced; Strikes in Other
Localities Increase to 4.

By the Associated Press