

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Cloudy tonight. Rains Saturday. Morning fog. Little change in temperature.

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HOUSE VERDICT

It will be recorded on the British-aid bill late today and sent to the senate. How much power will the president be given? Watch for details in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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BENGASI CAPTURE CROWNS BRITISH SWEEP

U. S. Air Force Inferior to Others, Navy Flier Asserts

Al Williams Raps Bill To Help Britain

Shares Lindbergh Opinion Britain Won't Win; Story Countered by Stimson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson informed the senate foreign relations committee today that the war department expected "accelerated deliveries" to the army air corps of the latest type of combat planes "within four to six months."

Chairman George (D., Ga.) placed in the committee record a letter from the secretary of war containing this assertion after Major Al Williams, former navy speed flier, had testified that he believed there was "not a single-seater, interceptor fighting plane in the United States today that is modern in any sense of the word, either in armor, fire power or performance."

Stimson's letter went into the record only after Senators Gillette (D., Iowa), Johnson (R., Calif.) and Clark (D., Mo.), had protested that the secretary was being permitted to make an additional statement without subjecting himself to cross examination.

U. S. Forces "Stripped" Williams, opposing the administration lease-lend bill before the senate foreign relations committee, asserted that this country's air forces were being "stripped" of planes needed for the secondary training of military pilots because such ships were being turned over to Great Britain.

A policy of "no more concessions" on the administration's aid-Britain bill was agreed upon by the house democratic leadership shortly before the fight over further amendments to the measure was resumed on the house floor.

Williams said the Allison engine, used largely in American combat ships, had a horsepower rating of 1075 compared with the "1200 or 1300" horsepower of the

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS FROM Dublin today (Wednesday): The Irish government announces "this morning a German aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Schull, County Cork. Five of the crew were killed and a sixth badly injured."

DON'T jump to conclusions. It may have been a German bomber taking a short cut over Ireland to attack British ships in the Atlantic.

But it doesn't make the Irish feel any easier in their minds.

NOT much news today from France, where the war's biggest poker game (right now) is being played. But don't take your eye off old Marshal Petain.

What he finally does will make history.

BEFORE the senate foreign relations committee, where the lease-lend bill is under inquiry, James S. Kemper, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, testifies that his organization will "support such further and additional aid to Britain as may be possible, CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS."

THE U. S. chamber, he says, suggests these limitations: No act of war to be committed by the United States.

American ships to be kept out of the war zones except with the

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Death Attire Halts House Debate



Shrouded in black and wearing a painted skull mask, Margaret Russell, center, arose in the public galleries of the house during debate on the aid-to-Britain bill, shouting and waving her fists at members in the chamber. She was hustled from the capitol by police, above. The woman gave her address as New York and occupation as a "pamphleteer."

Pacific Highway Needs Set Forth

Brief, Approved by Directors of Assn. Here, Will Be Sent to Washington for Action.

A most exhaustive brief setting forth the need for militarization of the Pacific highway was presented for approval today before the directors of the Pacific Highway association, meeting at the Umpqua hotel in Roseburg. The brief was prepared by a special committee and is replete with statistical information, aerial photographs and other data supporting the association's position for federal development of the highway for national defense purposes.

The brief was highly praised by the directors at their meeting and was ordered forwarded immediately to the Oregon congressional delegation and to various federal departments concerned with the highway program.

The meeting this morning was given over to the reports of the various officers and committee heads. Election of officers was scheduled for the afternoon session. In attendance were Howard Merriam, Cottage Grove, president; Frank Hull, Medford, secretary; C. H. Demary, Grants Pass; J. B. Coleman, Medford; Richard M. Elliott, Grants Pass; Pete Fredrickson, Grants Pass; H. E. Eakin, Cottage Grove; Allen P. Wheeler, Eugene; Wm. Perry, Medford; W. A. Johnson, Grants Pass; A. E. Powell, Central Point; E. B. Day, Medford; Morris Bowker, J. Ross Hutchinson, H. B. Roadman, A. C. Marsters, W. C. Harding and H. O. Pargeter, Roseburg.

Ex-Roseburg Teacher Dated on Red Cross Work

Miss Caryl Hollinsworth, who formerly taught in Roseburg senior high school, and who now is on the staff of the Pacific branch of the American Red Cross, is to pay an official visit to the county chapter Feb. 21, according to word received today. Miss Hollinsworth will spend two days in the county to help in organizing Junior Red Cross work. Arrangements are being made for talks in several schools.

Revision of Govt. Of County Muled

Douglas Tax League Discusses "Streamline" Plan, Expresses Self on Legislative Bills.

A plan for streamlining county government, through combining departments and offices and making other changes designed to reduce costs was tentatively discussed at a meeting of the directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers' league held in Roseburg Thursday. The directors will make an extensive study of county government set-ups in various western states before preparing a formal reorganization plan, it was announced.

The directors adopted several resolutions pertaining to bills now before the legislature or measures proposed for action. It was recommended that a bill be introduced allowing each county commissioner mileage of four cents per mile covering travel expense to and from his home to the county seat. Opposition was voted on the bill providing for the repeal of the reforestation tax law. Also opposed was a bill which would authorize the state department of forestry to collect all fire patrol assessments direct from land owners and file liens on all delinquent assessments after a period of 30 days. The proposal of county courts to eliminate from the pension act any mention of maximum amounts to be allotted under old-age assistance was endorsed.

In the absence of Harry Rice, president, the meeting was conducted by Vice-President L. S. Compton.

Jehovah's Witnesses Trio Faces Portland Charge

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Judge Julius Cohn postponed until Feb. 12 a hearing of three members of Jehovah's Witnesses yesterday after the sect jammed the municipal courtroom.

The three had been arrested on charges of carrying signs without licenses. Approximately 25 witnesses unable to gain entrance to the court waited on the street outside with banners similar to the ones which caused the arrests.

U. S. Bomber Crash Under Army Inquiry

Entire Crew of 8 Killed When Craft Hits Peak in Mountains of Nevada

LOVELOCK, Nev., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Army investigators today sought to determine why a new-type bomber crashed on a mountainside near here yesterday, cremating its crew of eight.

It was the fourth air disaster in the west since December involving United States war-planes. The plane, one of the army's newest four-motored bombers, carried equipment for experiments in cold weather flying and might have had installed the air corps' jealously-guarded secret bombsight.

The tragedy was a mountain which abruptly rises 1,000 feet from the desert 12 miles southwest of here.

Sabotage Idea Rejected Possibility of sabotage was discounted by Col. F. C. Nelson, commanding officer of McClellan field at Sacramento, Calif., starting point of the ill-fated flight.

A rumor that an attempt to sabotage planes at the field had been discovered about a week ago was neither confirmed nor denied by Colonel Nelson. The four-motored, 221-ton bomber left Sacramento at 8:28 a. m. yesterday en route to Denver with Capt. R. S. Freeman, commandant at Ladd field, Alaska, at the controls. The plane and crew had arrived in Sacramento last month from Alaska, and planned to proceed to Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, before returning to the territory.

The last report was heard from the plane at 9:30 o'clock.

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Wife Prefers Jail to Spending Mate's Money

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Norman Bell McElroy, bride of three months, was convicted in police court of speeding and fined \$15.

With her jaw set, the 26-year-old bride announced that she would serve out the fine in jail. "I have the money," she said, "but it really isn't mine—it's money my husband gave me for groceries. I broke the law. My husband had nothing to do with it. I don't see why he should be punished for what I did."

She began serving the three-day sentence yesterday afternoon. At 8 p. m., Acting Police Judge Charles F. Smith released her, ordered the remainder of the fine suspended.

"I think," he said, "she has probably learned her lesson."

Girl Scouts Offer Service 'Check'



On behalf of her sister scouts throughout the nation, Mary Louise Harrison, District of Columbia girl scout, presents Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt with a "promissory note" in Washington. It pledges girl scouts to "pay to the order of the people of the United States any required number of hours of service in the interest of national defense."

Bill Aimed At Reds Gets Senate Okay

Penalty Fixed for Those Advocating Government Overthrow by Force

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The senate passed 20 to 8 and sent to the house today a measure to send to prison persons who advocate overthrow of the government by force.

The bill, which Sen. Rex Eillis (R-Umatilla), the author, said was directed at communists, would provide prison sentences of up to 10 years or \$10,000 fine, or both.

While Eillis explained the bill was intended to keep communists from sabotage of rearmament industries, opponents contended it would lead to persecution of innocent persons and was an abridgment of the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free assembly.

"In these times, when he sees every nation in Europe collapse because of subversive activities, we should pass this bill. If I had my way, I'd put all the communists in concentration camps," Eillis said.

Sen. Harry M. Kenin (R-Multnomah) took the floor for the first time this session to say "there is no immediate danger from communists. This bill is part of a wave of hysteria. I hope that some halt will be called to measures of this type."

Sen. Joel T. Booth (R-Linn) said "this is a war measure, and we all know we're near war now. I would not approve of it in time of peace, but I'm for it during these times."

After the vote was announced, Kenin changed his vote and said he would move tomorrow for reconsideration of the bill. A legislator who moves for reconsideration must be on the prevailing side.

Longer Logs Voted

With only Mahoney voting against it, the senate passed and sent to the house a bill to give the highway commission authority to grant annual permits for

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Olalla Farmer Accused of Larceny of Turkeys

M. A. Schwarzkose, Olalla farmer, was at liberty today under \$200 cash bail following his arrest late yesterday on a charge of larceny of turkeys. Schwarzkose is accused of taking several turkeys from the L. E. Shinn flock, according to Sheriff Cliff Thorton. He waived preliminary examination and furnished bail pending further court action when arraigned before Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters.

Bogus Bills for Real Goods Will Flood Douglas

Douglas county residents during the next few weeks are going to be able to carry huge sums of money in their pockets, according to H. A. Stucky, chairman of the annual Spring Opening committee. Starting Feb. 11, Roseburg merchants will start passing out bogus bills in denominations of \$1,000 for each 50-cent merchandise purchase. The sums accumulated may be used on Auction day, March 22, the highlight day of the Spring Opening program when flour, wearing apparel, furniture, radios and many other valuable articles of merchandise will be sold at public auction with payment in bogus bills saved between the dates of Feb. 11 and March 21.

Announcement will be made early next week of the merchants participating in the plan, and purchases in any of the stores mentioned in the announcement will be accompanied by bogus bills good for use in the auction.

The event is being sponsored by the Roseburg chamber of commerce and the retail merchants committee. The group in charge consists of Mr. Stucky, chairman; Roger Bailey, Roy Bellows, Bob Franks, Fred Lockwood, Bill Machen, Mrs. Harvey Stark and Marshall Pengra.

State VFW Commander Defers Roseburg Visit

The special meeting of Patrick W. Kelley post, V. F. W., originally scheduled for Feb. 8, has been postponed until Feb. 15, Commander T. F. Holmes announced today. The postponement was authorized in order to permit the attendance of Department Commander I. D. Canfield, who has been called to a conference at Portland on the 8th.

The meeting now set for Feb. 15, will be attended by the department commander, department senior vice-commander, Louis Starr of Portland; Department Adjutant H. E. McGuffin, Department Chief of Staff Jack Mantor, Department Service Officer G. O. Pike, all of Portland, and District Commander Eugene Horton, Marshfield.

The highlight of the meeting will be initiatory work as exemplified by the Del Rague post degree team of Grants Pass.

Federal Agent Here to Explain Food Stamp Plan

P. J. Easton, representing the surplus commodities administration, spoke Thursday before the Roseburg Rotary club and is to remain in Roseburg for the ensuing week, during which time he plans to address granges, civic clubs and other organizations to explain in detail the operation of the surplus food stamp plan recently put into operation in Douglas county. Mr. Easton will be available to any group desiring his services as a speaker and arrangements may be made through the Roseburg chamber of commerce. He will talk to WPA crews and clients of relief agencies. He will tell of the stamp plan, school lunch program and the relation of the stamp plan to the defense program.

Burglary Committed at Farm Bureau Exchange

Police officers today are investigating a minor burglary at the Farm Bureau exchange, where several pocket knives, stamps and various small articles were stolen Thursday. Entrance was gained through a basement window.

Cigaret Blamed for Fire That Kills Semi-Invalid

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Victor L. Snyder, 51, a semi-invalid, died in his bedroom yesterday, trapped by flames which destroyed the house. Fire Chief Roy Elliott blamed the fire on a cigarette.

Italians Flee or Surrender When Their Last East Libyan Stronghold Falls to Enemy

Triumph Gives Conquerors Short-Distance Base From Which to Hammer Sicily; RAF Again Blasts Nazi "Invasion Ports" in French Coastal Area.

By the Associated Press Striking in a blinding sandstorm, Britain's desert troops have captured the Italian stronghold of Bengasi, in eastern Libya, British general headquarters announced today, and cut the fascist line of communications south of the city. The citadel, about 350 miles from the Egyptian frontier, surrendered yesterday.

British general headquarters said the Italians were "demoralized and outmaneuvered" in this latest British triumph of a westward sweep that has carried the Imperial Army of the Nile across 400 miles of desert in 61 days.

British general headquarters also reported more than 3,500 Italian prisoners have been taken since the British knifed into the Red sea colony of Eritrea, in East Africa, "and many more are coming in."

Bengasi, the capital of Bengasi province in North Africa, was Italy's last big stronghold in eastern Libya.

Italians in Utter Rout

The fate of 25,000 fascist troops garrisoned at the Mediterranean seaport, former headquarters of Marshal Graziani, was not immediately disclosed. Dispatches from Cairo, however, said Italian forces throughout the whole eastern region were capitulating or fleeing.

In London British military quarters said Marshal Graziani's position in North Africa now was so bad that Premier Mussolini might be forced to risk the Italian fleet in an attempt to move reinforcements and supplies across the Mediterranean to Libya.

These quarters also pointed out that capture of Bengasi gives the British a short-distance base "from which we can hammer German-occupied bases in Sicily."

It was the fifth major Italian stronghold taken by the British since General Wavell launched a counter-offensive last Dec. 9, following in the wake of Sidi Barrani, 75 miles inside Egypt, and the Libyan fortified towns of Bardia, Tobruk and Derna.

Recurrent rumors that Hitler might be planning to send troops to bolster Mussolini's faltering legions in North Africa prompted a statement by Gen. Maxime Weygand, commander of France's armies in French North Africa.

Weygand declared no negotiations were under way for the landing of Nazi troops at Bizerte, French Tunisia, and he denied that France intended to let Germany use the Bizerte naval base.

In East Africa, heavy fighting was reported continuing around the Eritrean town of Cheren, where a force of 10,000 Italians was said to be opposing the British advance toward the colonial capital at Asmara, 42 miles to the southeast.

No new major developments were reported from the Ethiopian or Somaliland fronts.

"Invasion Ports" Pounded On the western European front, the British reported another smashing overnight assault on five German-held "invasion ports"—Calais, Dunkerque, Bouloene, Dieppe and Fecamp—in which "many bomb bursts were observed... and large fires started."

Docks, railways, warehouses, shipping and barges which might be used as cross-channel troop transports were among the targets attacked.

London reported a lull in night attacks by the Nazi luftwaffe, but with daylight a low-flying German

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Holman Offers Measure Affecting Vote Returns

British-Aid Bill Rapped by Congressman Mott

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The lease-lend bill is "the very worst way" to give aid to Great Britain, Rep. Mott of Oregon told the house this week. He expressed belief England should be aided, but said the bill was "not only the worst for the United States, but worse for Great Britain itself."

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

By the Associated Press INDIANAPOLIS—"In the next two or three days," a fortune teller warned Mrs. Esther Byers, 29, "someone is going to grab your purse."

Outside the house a few minutes later, Mrs. Byers told police, three young men threw her to the ground and fled with her purse, \$250 and a \$10 pen-and-ink set.