

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Cloudy tonight and Friday,
Little change in temperature.
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WAR

It's about to take on widespread intensity as Hitler negotiates for entry through the Balkans and Mussolini woos Spain for support, while Japan gives evidence of a Far East thrust. Watch NEWS-REVIEW wire service for important developments.

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BRITISH-AID BILL SENT TO SENATE FLOOR

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THESE words are written in San Francisco, and only a good roof and firm walls keep the paper dry.
Outside the window it is raining. It wouldn't be accurate to say that rain is falling, for it is going up, down and sideways all at once.
You know how it is if you've been here at the right time.

It began about Vallejo last night, and from there on in it rained cats and dogs and little nigger babies.

Higher up the valley it wasn't actually raining at the moment, but there was ample evidence that it had been. Down the canyon from Dunsuir water was simply gushing from the slopes above the highway, and every mile or so there were remains of a slide.

Moderate slides don't hold up traffic very long through there. After years of practice, the maintenance crews have developed skilled tactics in dealing with them.

From Redding to Vacaville, water was running over the pavement in a dozen places, with long lines of cars splashing through.

BIG war news in the papers, after days of comparative lull.

That little hint about Bulgaria the other day came straight from the feed box. Britain severs diplomatic relations with Rumania, and in his speech to the commons Churchill mentions German infiltrations into Bulgaria and adds that they probably

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Axis Plans Mediterranean Thrust

Hitler Calls Yugoslavians For Parley

Mussolini, Spanish Chief Reach Accord; Convoy of British Ships Blasted

By the Associated Press
The premier and foreign minister of Yugoslavia were reported today to have reached Germany for a conference tonight with Adolf Hitler—completing, presumably, the pattern of axis power politics which spells peril for Britain at both ends of the Mediterranean.

As the Balkan diplomats were reported at Munich, Generalissimo Franco of Spain was taking leave of the French chief of state, Marshal Petain, after two days of talks in which he also had an Italian audience with Benito Mussolini.

The Yugoslav officials hurried to the reich under circumstances suggesting that Hitler may be planning pressure on their Balkan country for the passage of German troops southward.

Huge Nazi Army Ready
In some quarters it has been considered possible that Hitler—perhaps uneasy over Russia's traditional "big Slavic brother" protection of Bulgaria—would seek transit of nazi troops through Yugoslavia into Greece as an alternate route instead of through Bulgaria.

Germany is reported to have 600,000 soldiers massed in Rumania for a swift thrust into southeast Europe—either at Greece or Turkey.

Russia declared a month ago that if German troops were entering Bulgaria, it was done without either her consent or knowledge.

In Rome, it was officially announced that Mussolini and Franco reached "complete agreement" on the roles of Italy and Spain in

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Scores of homes in an exclusive residential district of Alameda, Calif., were flooded when high winds from the Pacific drove waves over breakwaters, flooding streets and buildings and causing thousands of dollars damage. Here one Alameda resident awaits "rescue" by boat.

Phony Money Flood Is Launched Here

Residents of Roseburg and vicinity were today carrying huge sums of currency. Of course, the so-called money is of a phony variety, but nevertheless it may prove to be mighty valuable. Anyway holders can easily deal with sums running up into the hundreds of thousands and even millions and it's a great feeling even if it is only in fun.

Roseburg merchants are passing out to customers a phony currency as a part of the annual Spring Opening program March 21 and 22.

Saturday, March 22, is to be known as Auction day. Hundreds of valuable merchandise items, including radio sets, furniture, lamps, flour, etc., will be put up at auction and the phony money now being distributed by merchants will be accepted as payment.

The phony currency is given in denominations of \$1,000 with each 50-cent purchase in a store co-operating in the program. The event is sponsored by the Roseburg chamber of commerce and the retail merchants committee.

Blood Test Convicts Man On Drunk Driving Charge

Convicted in justice court here today on a charge of drunken driving, Paul H. Layne, Medford, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. He recently was arrested by state police and pleaded not guilty. A blood test was taken, however, and was sent to the state police laboratory and was reported to show a high degree of intoxication, Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters reported. A hearing was held before the judge this morning, resulting in conviction.

Using Void License Sends Driver to Jail 10 Days

Austin McDonald was arrested by state police at Reedsport today and is being brought to Roseburg by the state police relay to serve 10 days in the county jail after pleading guilty in the Reedsport court to a charge of driving with void California license plates. Sheriff Cliff Thornton was informed by telephone.

Alaskan Marshal's Aide Lost Overboard at Sea

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Lee Ray, about 20, son of a Seward, Alaska, attorney, was lost overboard from the steamship Alaska as it was near Seattle early today.

Line officials said Ray was acting as a guard, assisting Deputy U. S. Marshal Irwin Metcalf, Seward, who was taking several persons to a hospital for the insane at Morningside, Ore.

Wilkie Urges GOP to Back Aid to Britain

Democracy's Fate Held At Stake; Stand Opposed By Other Party Heads

By the Associated Press
Wendell L. Wilkie in a Lincoln day address called on Republicans to seize "a golden opportunity" and take the lead in furnishing American equipment to "the fighting men of Britain."

But the 1940 presidential nominee declared that death awaits the party if it finds "nothing nobler to do than compromise" now "in one of the critical moments of history."

While Wilkie spoke in New York before the National Republican club last night, other Lincoln day banquets were being held in every state and the District of Columbia.

Not all the speechmakers agreed with Wilkie's conclusions. Most of them conceded the advisability of American aid abroad, but some took sharp exception to terms of the pending lease-lend bill, which Wilkie has endorsed with modifications.

"Betrayal," Nye Cries
Senator Nye (R., N. D.) told a Philadelphia audience that Wilkie's support of the legislation represented a "betrayal" and declared that "if Mr. Wilkie has not destroyed the two-party system in this country, he has at least contributed to its destruction."

Senator Taft (R., Ohio), another opponent of the lease-lend measure, asserted that Wilkie "does not and cannot speak for the republican party." Taft asserted there was no "precedent or principle for the view that a defeated candidate for president is the titular head of the party."

"I favor aid to Britain," the Ohio senator said, "but I oppose the lease-lend bill because in my opinion in its present form it

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Plea Covers Fish Control On Columbia

Washington Solon Asks Oregon Legislature to Aid in Industry Rescue

SALEM, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Governor Sprague signed 13 bills today, including a measure to authorize county courts to create forests and parks which could not be disposed of without vote of the people.

Other measures signed today would authorize the governor to create a military general staff composed of retired national guard and army officers, prohibit optometrists from advertising fixed prices, and abolish the Portland office of the state superintendent of banks.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Breaking all precedents, Sen. Thomas Voyce (D., Whatcom), chairman of a Washington legislative fisheries delegation, demanded today that the Oregon legislature give its fish commission power to regulate fishing in the Columbia river so it can cooperate with Washington in conserving the river's salmon.

Speaking from the senate rostrum to members of both houses, Voyce said "we're asking Oregon to shoot square with Washington. We want 50 per cent of the fish. We're asking you to do you're share of conservation and propagation of fish. We want you to be good neighbors."

Voyce, proposing that Washington, Oregon and Idaho organize a tri-state authority to have full powers over conservation and propagation, said "Washington urges and demands that the Oregon legislature pass a law to give the Oregon fish commission power to regulate fishing."

The proposed tri-state authority

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Old War Shell Wounds Lawyer At Reedsport

REEDSPORT, Feb. 13.—A world war one-pounder shell, manufactured more than two decades ago for the specific purpose of tearing the flesh of men, achieved its intended destiny yesterday—not on a battlefield of France but in the office of a Douglas county lawyer.

Wallace Benson, Reedsport attorney and city official, lies in a hospital in the Port of Umpqua city severely wounded as the result of the explosion of a shell, supposedly a "dud," that he had long treasured as a souvenir of the great conflict.

For 20 years this war memento, considered no more harmful than a piece of old brass, had been an ornament on Benson's desk. Yesterday afternoon, as he reached for his hat, he knocked over his tall paperweight. It fell to the floor, exploded, tore a large gash in the abdomen of the unfortunate world war veteran and mangled one of his hands.

Though the wounds are painful, stated Deputy Sheriff Harry McCabe, who reported the accident, Benson is expected to recover.

Rutland Railroad Tieup Threatened

Wage Reduction Resisted by 15 Brotherhoods; Strikes in Other Localities Increased to 4.

By the Associated Press
A way to avert a strike on the Rutland railroad in Vermont was sought by the national mediation board in Washington today following an urgent appeal by William H. Willis, Vermont governor.

The line is a link between Montreal and Boston, and Willis termed the prospective strike "important nationally and internationally at this time."

Fifteen railroad brotherhoods, representing 1,300 employees, voted to strike at 6 p. m. tomorrow "to resist a wage reduction of from 10 to 30 per cent," railway labor officials said.

The line is in receivership, and some Vermonters expressed fear that if a strike began the road might cease operations permanently.

Negotiations in the strike of CIO employees of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, were renewed today in Washington after union and company delegations held separate discussions last night. The strike, now in its 23rd day, is holding up production on \$45,000,000 in defense orders.

Other labor developments included: Akron, Ohio—A federal conciliator attempted to mediate a labor dispute at the Seiberling Rubber Co., which has defense orders for tires and anti-air equipment. Union workers authorized a strike—not as yet approved by the CIO-United Rubber Workers union international board—after the company rejected demands for wage increases.

Youngstown, Ohio—A wage dispute brought on a walkout yesterday of 150 employees of the Youngstown Metal Products Co., which makes parts for manufacturers working on defense orders.

Hancock, Mich.—A strike affecting 551 employees of the Quincy Mining Co. shut down production at a copper works yesterday. Wage increases and the question of a union shop were at issue.

Dr. R. A. Payne of State Health Board Passes

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A member of the state board of health, Dr. Roy Alpha Payne, 55, died here yesterday after a long illness.

The Portland physician was a member of the University of Oregon medical school staff, and last year was president of the Multnomah County Medical society. He formerly was president of the Pacific Coast Roentgen Ray society.

He practiced here more than 20 years, after coming west from Minn., survivors include his widow and four children.

Committee Okays House Action, 15-8

2nd Senate Group Gives Approval to Debt Limit Boost to 65 Billion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A call on Britain to state her "peace aims" in establishing a post-war order of world peace was voiced in the senate today shortly after the foreign relations committee voted a 15 to 8 approval of the administration's aid-to-Britain bill.

Senator Austin of Vermont, the assistant republican leader, explained that in making this suggestion he was not proposing its incorporation in the lease-lend bill, but merely that Britain's peace views should be considered when the negotiations began for the transfer of war materials.

"She should be willing to commit to us," he continued, "that thereafter in the orient when we take a stand we will not be left there holding the bag—that she will not abandon us as in the case of Manchukuo."

Austin went on to say that there ought, also, to be some understanding for cooperative defense of the 8,000-mile Atlantic shoreline in the western hemisphere—a defense strong enough to expel any intruder.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The senate foreign relations committee approved today, 15 to 8, the administration's aid-to-Britain bill.

The legislation was approved in substantially the form voted by the house. It now goes to the senate floor for debate, which will start Monday and which leaders hope to restrict to two weeks.

The committee acted finally after rejecting a proposal by Senators Johnson (R.-Calif.) and Ellender (D.-La.) to restrict the president's authority to send American armed forces out of the western hemisphere.

The committee rejected also an amendment proposed by Senator McNary (R.-Ore.), which would have stated specifically that any ships transferred to foreign countries must be returned.

No amendment was put forward in the committee on Wendell L. Wilkie's suggestion that aid under the legislation be limited to Britain, China and Greece.

Debt Hoist Also Okayed
In related action, the senate finance committee gave quick approval today to legislation increasing the national debt limit to \$65,000,000,000 to meet costs of defense and proposed British aid.

At a brief executive session the committee reported out legislation already approved by the house. This would boost the present debt limit of \$45,000,000,000 plus \$4,000,000,000 earmarked for national defense; subject all future federal security issues to federal income tax; and give the treasury broad powers to issue securities in small denominations.

Senator Brown (D.-Mich.), who presided at hearings on the measure and will act as floor leader for it, said the legislation would be taken up in the senate Friday.

What Aid Bill Provides
The British aid bill would per-

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Trillium, First Spring Symbol, Presented Here

Predictions and forecasts of an early spring have been rife throughout the Umpqua valley for many weeks. Old-timers and amateur weather prophets have pointed to numerous signs indicating that spring is "just around the corner" and that the season will arrive far ahead of schedule.

Until today these were just predictions but now the proof is in hand. Joe Debernardi of Ilfeld today brought in the first trillium of the season.

It is well known that when lamb's tongues and trilliums bloom in the Umpqua valley spring is in hand. The first trillium has made its debut. Who can find the first lamb's tongue?

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



THE OPERATING TABLE in the surgery at Mercy hospital, with Nurse Galla sitting at its head preparatory to administering anaesthetic to an imaginary patient. The table is an A54 Scanlon-Balfour; of late type, mobile, adjustable to almost any desired position and has more gadgets on it than the control room of a submarine.

My mind, I think, would be much more at rest in the sub than if I were lying on that table. Above the table and supported on the movable standard shown above it in the accompanying picture, is a huge "Surg-O-Ray" operating lamp, which also is adjustable to many positions. It throws a tremendously clear, penetrating light, and is battery connected; so that, in case of failure of the standard electric facility, a turn of a switch insures continued operating light.

In the cases dimly seen in the background are kept surgical implements—rows and rows, hundreds of them, brightly gleaming on their sterile shelves. Immediately across the hall from the surgery there is a small room containing the sterilizing equipment, for use in cleansing and sterilizing the instruments, and the sterilization of the bundles of dressings. All the water used is distilled.

Most people have a certain dread of an operating table—particularly if they find themselves in need of going on it. I suppose I know why, of course; but really, if a patient finds an operation necessary, his stay on the table is the least of his worries—he knows so little about it at the time!

As far as that goes, the experience should even appeal to his ego; because for once in his life, if never before or again, he's the cynosure of each eye in the room.