

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight. Wednesday light rain. Little change in temperature.

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SENATE OPPOSENTS RAP BRITISH AID BILL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The weather man stubbed his toe yesterday. After a day of watery sunshine, he had another rain storm scheduled for arrival, but it loitered somewhere along the way and didn't get here until this morning.

It's here. And wet. But at least windless. One must be thankful for small favors.

THE newboys (in San Francisco) have a new wrinkle. Finding that the paper they displayed to customers for sample purposes was apt to become as water-logged as a sponge in a few minutes, they provided themselves with cellophane envelopes the size of a folded paper. In this transparent overcoat, the sample copy remains bright and newsy-looking.

There are tricks in all trades.

THE San Francisco News, incidentally, have gone British, providing placards carrying the heavy headlines for the corner sellers. These are displayed on racks in the London manner.

It saves the newboys' throats and the customers' ears.

LADDIE, the dog that pined away when his master was drafted for his year of training and was finally shipped out to Camp Ord in an army plane, has passed into the great unknown.

Speaking candidly, the public heaved a quiet sigh of relief. Laddie was beginning to get on nerves.

In a commendable last effort, they gave the ailing pooch a blood transfusion, the donor being a mournful St. Bernard, and the cameramen went to town on the story. The picture of the St. Bernard coming to the hospital the next day to visit the beneficiary of his blood donation was a masterpiece.

Even waterpieces, however, pull on one in the course of time — and this story was pretty well strung out.

A CUT-BACK here to the clinic on what's wrong with San Francisco mentioned here yesterday.

This opinion was voiced by a

Legislative Set for 7 Major Fights

Larger Trucks, Broader Jobless Compensation Issues to Be Settled

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Oregon legislature cleared its decks for action today on its most controversial issues—bills to permit bigger trucks to operate on state highways and to amend the unemployment compensation law.

The house judiciary committee, ending a nine-hour session today, indicated it would draft new bills on unemployment compensation, but that it would make few changes in the existing law. It has about 10 hours more of work today, and hopes to send the bills to the house floor tomorrow.

The committee will leave the experience rating provision, under which employers who stabilize their payrolls would be permitted to make smaller contributions beginning July 1, in the present law, disapproving labor's bills to remove the provision.

However, the committee probably will increase benefits slightly, and will reduce the period during which the jobless must wait for their benefits.

The committee apparently is seeking a compromise between labor, which wants the law liberalized, and employers, who want it tightened.

Truck Bill First Up
The truck bill, supported by Governor Sprague, the highway commission and truckers, but opposed by railroads and some motor associations, will precipitate the first big legislative battle when it is considered by the senate tomorrow morning. The senate roads and highways committee.

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Brevities From Grind on Bills At Legislature

SALEM, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Governor Sprague signed bills today to authorize the state highway commission to grant permits for construction of cattle guards on state highways, and to pay members of the state board of agriculture \$10 a day each while they are in session.

For Project Cooperation
A bill to authorize cities and counties to cooperate in joint projects was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

Rep. A. Rennie (R., Benton), an author of the bill, said it would enable Corvallis and Albany, which have been considering establishment of a joint airport, to proceed with the plans.

May Eye Welfare Records
The house passed with two dissenting votes today a bill to give legislators authority to inspect records of state and county public welfare commissions.

For Smarter Barbers
Rep. J. F. Hosch (D., Deschutes) was all for a bill which would require barbers to be high school instead of eighth grade graduates.

"It might improve the lingo we have to listen to," Hosch said.

Then the house approved the bill and sent it over to the senate.

Apparent Amnesia Victim Taken to Veterans Hospital
Joe Turk, CCC enrollee from Williams creek camp near Grants Pass, was admitted late Monday to the veterans hospital here.

Saturday Night Closing of Roseburg's Stores Meets Favor of Shoppers Upon Explanation of Legal Restrictions

The Saturday night closing for local stores is working out very satisfactorily, according to L. W. Josse, chairman of the chamber of commerce retail merchants committee. The stores previously remaining open until 8:30 and 9 p. m. each Sunday night are now closing at 6 p. m.

"We have had few complaints," Mr. Josse said, "and persons who first objected later agreed that the closing was justified after they fully understood the problem faced by the merchants. 'People generally have failed to realize the new situation that has recently come into existence through operation of the wage and hour laws and other restrictions placed on business,' Mr. Josse said. 'Until recently Saturday night brought heavier trade than any other period of the week. Restrictions on hours and wages, however, were put in operation and among the first businesses to shorten their hours were the banks and public offices which began closing at noon on Saturdays. This immediately was reflected in Saturday night business, which has diminished steadily in volume since the banks and offices began earlier closing. During the past few months few Roseburg stores have made enough sales after 6 p. m. on Saturday to pay for lights and clerk hire.

Work Periods Shortened.
"Still further restrictions on hours recently effective made it necessary for business houses to shorten the work periods for their employees. The volume of business does not justify employment of additional help, making it imperative that working time be cut off the total period the stores remained open. As the Saturday night period had become unprofitable."

Nazi Bomb Pierces Shelter in London
Many Persons Killed or Hurt, But 4 Raiding Planes Are Downed in New Defense Plan.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Many persons were killed and many others injured when a heavy bomb crashed through the roof of a London shelter during a raid on the capital last night, but the government declared today that the Germans were paying a steadily rising price for their forays.

Four raiders were shot down overnight. It was announced officially, and an air ministry news service bulletin emphasized the ability of British pilots to spot and fall Nazi bombers even on dark cloudy nights.

The air raid shelter roof was pierced just before the end of a 3 1/2 hour raid and stretcher bearers, doctors and nurses worked for six hours bringing out survivors trapped underground when debris from the blast choked the entrance.

The shelter normally holds several hundred persons and workers bringing out the victims said the loss of life would be even heavier than at first believed. No figures were issued, however.

New System Effective.
Three factors were described as enabling the British to knock increasing numbers of raiders from the skies, despite the fact that a winter slowdown in Nazi raids has provided fewer targets. They are:

1. A range finder with the speed of an electric eye directing anti-aircraft guns;

2. Increasing experience of gun crews and picked night fighters operating in the dark;

3. A new night defense scheme. The air ministry bulletin did not disclose details of the methods being used to find and stalk night raiders, however.

At least two of last night's bag were felled by ground fire, but the air ministry credited six raiders to night fighter planes since December 22, "although raids were on a light scale." Last November, when they came in hundreds night after night, the total for the whole month was only 14.

Fleet air arm planes were reported by the admiralty today to have sunk a German vessel acting as an Italian supply ship and damaged three other Italian vessels, one of them an auxiliary warship, in Mediterranean operations.

"We're Nearly in War," Jesse Jones Declares
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Jesse Jones, the secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator, told the house banking committee today that the United States is "nearly in the war."

"We're in the war; at least we're nearly in the war," he said. "We're preparing for it; when you do that, you've got to throw money away."

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Nazi air raiders started explosions in an industrial section southeast of Hull, England, yesterday and fired an oil depot on Moray firth, North of Scotland, the German high command said today.

Turco-Bulgar Pact Fails to Stir British

Turkey Remains Loyal to Britain, Nazis Not Given Safe Path, London Says

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Turkish-Bulgarian non-aggression agreement "can have little practical meaning for Turkey," authoritative British sources said today, because there are "grave doubts" of Bulgaria's ability to pursue an independent course.

Doubts were expressed in official British circles over the ability of Bulgaria to preserve her neutrality under an influx of German troops, or to exercise freedom of choice over her own foreign policy.

Turkey, these sources said, is "completely loyal" to Great Britain and kept the British government informed throughout the negotiations with Bulgaria.

These negotiations were said to have started before the infiltration of German forces which some British sources have indicated already are in Bulgaria.

The agreement, it was said, implies that Bulgaria "does not intend military adventures of any kind"—including any military move against Greece. British sources denied reports that such an agreement would remove any difficulty for the Germans should they cross Bulgaria in an effort to force Greece to make peace with Italy.

Moreover, it was assumed here that Turkey was not going to do anything under the agreement which would limit her freedom of action in connection with her mutual aid treaty obligations to Britain.

GREECE MAY HAVE TO MAKE PACE ON IL DUCE'S TERMS
SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Germany, armed with what observers interpreted as a virtual promise by Turkey to stay within her own frontiers in the event Nazi troops march through Bulgaria, was reported in informed diplomatic quarters today to have taken steps to convince

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Basement Cave-In Kills Two Boys, Third Rescued

GRAND COULEE, Wash., Feb. 18.—(AP)—The cave-in of a basement under construction claimed the lives yesterday of Lytle Kelster, 5, and his brother, Elton Kelster, 3, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kelster. A third boy buried in the cave-in was revived at a hospital. The three boys were playing in a basement being dug beneath the Hanson home.

British Conquest of Libya Due Chiefly To Destruction of Nearly 500 Italian Airplanes by New System of Attack

By EDWARD KENNEDY
WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN LIBYA, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Destruction of nearly 500 Italian airplanes on the ground stands out as one of the chief reasons for the success of Great Britain's Egyptian-Libyan campaign.

In the 600-mile advance from Matruh, Egypt, to the Tripolitanian frontier, the RAF adopted tactics which proved so important to the success of the Germans in their conquests of the lowlands and France last year.

It smashed Italian communications, pounded strongholds like artillery, strafed retreating columns, spotted troop concentrations and patrolled the air over the British ground forces.

But just as important, if not more so, in the opinion of military observers, were operations against Italian airfields, where lie as evidence of the force of the British attacks a sizeable air armada reduced to junk before it could take to the air.

The exponent of this "destroy 'em on the ground" method of aerial warfare is Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw of Vancouver, British Columbia, who commands the RAF in the desert.

New Weapon Used
No respecter of tradition, Collishaw added his ideas to general headquarters commands, with the result that an Italian air superiority estimated at perhaps two to one at the start of the campaign was reversed.

Obstructing Of Sidewalks, Streets to Go

Council Votes New Law Aimed Mainly at Piles Of Building Material

An ordinance which will strengthen the power of the city in controlling the piling of building materials or obstructions on streets and sidewalks was adopted by the Roseburg city council at its regular meeting last night. The ordinance was the only important matter of business to come before the regular mid-monthly session.

Considerable complaint has been received by the council regarding the blocking of streets and sidewalks, particularly around lumber mills, and it is endeavoring to correct this condition. City Attorney B. L. Eddy, reporting that the applicable ordinances previously in effect were not sufficiently specific to cover existing conditions, prepared a substitute measure which the council adopted last night.

The new city law provides that no obstruction of any kind, other than those of a temporary nature may be placed on streets or sidewalks and that at no time shall more than one-third of a thoroughfare be blocked. Provision is also made that any such obstruction must be lighted with warning flares at night.

It also is provided that before building materials, scaffolding or other obstructions are placed on sidewalks, a special permit, for which no fee is charged, must be obtained from the city recorder.

The ordinance provides fines up to \$100 as penalty and also authorizes jail sentences. Aside from the ordinance, the council considered only minor routine matters.

Camas Valley Quint Wins Central District Title

Camas Valley broke a tie score in the last minute of play last night to win the central division B league basketball championship, relegating its opponent, Lookingglass, to second place. Camas Valley won 22 to 20 in a clean, well-played game on the neutral floor of the Roseburg senior high school, after the two teams had finished the league schedule on even terms. Scoring was even throughout the entire game and the winning basket in the last 60 seconds was the only score made by either team in the last period, so close was the defensive work of each team. Both teams will play in the county tournament starting here Thursday.

Uncle Sam May Toss Him Out



Dr. Herman F. Erben, above, medical officer of the scuttled German raider Graf Spee's supply ship, faces probable deportation as the result of the cancellation of his U. S. citizenship in a federal court in San Francisco yesterday. Specific charge against Erben, 43, adventurer and globe-trotter, was giving false testimony in 1930 that he had lived in this country continuously for the five years preceding the naturalization hearing. Erben, authority on tropical diseases, came to the United States in 1924 on an invitation from the Rockefeller foundation.

Higher Pay Asked For Officials Of Douglas County

SALEM, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A bill by Sen. C. W. Clark of Douglas to increase salaries of Douglas county officers was introduced in the senate today.

The annual salaries of the county judge, clerk, sheriff and assessor would each be increased from \$2,000 to \$2,400, while those of the treasurer and superintendent of schools would be raised from \$1,500 to \$1,800. The salary of the commissioners would be increased from \$4 to \$6 a day.

Local Youth Reported as Runaway From Home

Local officers today were endeavoring to locate Merton Hubbard, 14-year-old son of Oscar Hubbard, Roseburg automobile mechanic, who apparently ran away from home yesterday morning. The youth, a junior high school student, left his home yesterday morning supposedly bound for school. He failed to report for classes, however, and when he did not return home last night search was instituted. Officers reported they had learned today that he sold his bicycle to a second-hand dealer yesterday morning. He was reported to have told some of his friends that he was going to Eugene and informed others he was going to Portland.

Dog Owners Get No Time Extension on Licenses

No extension of time is to be granted dog owners who fail to procure licenses by the due date, according to Tom Fletcher, enforcement officer for the county dog control board. Mr. Fletcher reports that he has been instructed by the board to make arrests immediately after March 1 of all dog owners who have failed to procure licenses by that date. Heretofore, the board has allowed a short period after March 1 before making arrests, but strict enforcement is to be observed this year, it is stated.

Smith River Flood Control Plan Reported Adversely

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The war department reported adversely to congress today on requests of local interests for additional flood control work on Smith river and tributaries in Oregon.

GREECE

Will she be forced by the Turco-Bulgarian pact to sue for peace and on Mussolini's terms, or will British aid enable her to carry on despite the threat of German invasion? This is the latest major question posed by the war. Watch NEWS-REVIEW wire news.

U. S. Taken to Brink of War, Clark Argues

Britain Requires No Help Now, Johnson Declares

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Senator Clark (D., Mo.) charged in debate on the British aid bill today that the measure would carry this country to "the very brink of war," and Senator Johnson (R., Calif.) asserted formally that it would make President Roosevelt "a dictator or worse."

Opening the second day of senate debate, Clark declared that the measure would "strip" American defense, grant "autocratic powers" to the president and reverse traditional American foreign policy.

In a lengthy minority report, Johnson, ranking republican member of the foreign relations committee reviewed the bill's provisions which would permit the president to transfer war materials to warring "democracies" and declared that Britain needed no aid beyond what she already was getting from the United States.

"No one can read this bill," Johnson wrote, "and doubt that its ultimate effect, if not its declared purpose, will be to take us into war."

Own Defense Periled

Clark saw the bill as a gambit "upon the one card of a complete British victory."

"It stakes our national safety on the victory of one belligerent in a foreign war and brings us to the very brink of war while at the same time permitting the serious weakening of our own means of defending ourselves and our brethren in this hemisphere."

Clark said he spoke "with authority" in assuring the senate that opponents had no "desire to unduly prolong the debate," and referred to the "brief few days" the discussion would occupy the chamber.

Santander Checks Sweep of Flames

MADRID, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Soldiers and civilian firemen dynamited a ring around the blazing center of Santander today, apparently checking wind-swept flames which in two days have routed 30,000 inhabitants from their homes. The winds were subsiding.

Authorities in the northern Spanish port said most of the city appeared to be out of danger, although the old commercial district was wrecked.

The flames, spread by hurricane winds that started Sunday, left nearly a square mile in center of the city in ruins and leveled buildings on 13 principal streets.

Santander's storm and fire deaths were placed at 12, bringing the total to 167 in Spain and neighboring Portugal.

In Portugal, rivers continued to rise without any sign of a break in the weather. A dike gave way on the Tagus, flooding the Lisbon-Oporto railway.

Reports from Faro, Portugal, said virtually the entire Algarve fishing fleet was sunk or badly damaged.

The 4,000-ton Greek freighter Mimosa, which flashed an SOS at the height of the storm, was believed lost. Bundles of cork believed to be part of her cargo floated ashore today.

The story: "George McMurphy, publicity director for the Portland traffic safety commission, paid a \$2 fine for a traffic violation—over time parking."

By the Associated Press

