

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Occasional light rain tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

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GREECE

Can she resist, with British aid, the impending Nazi attack? And will Turkey offer armed resistance to the Germans? Watch for the answer to these questions in the wire service of the NEWS-REVIEW.

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NAZIS, ALLIES NEAR BATTLE OVER GREECE

In The Day's News

House Okays Bill Aimed at Curb on Traffic Mishaps

Motorist Will Lose Permit Until He Proves Financial Responsibility

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr. SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today, by a 51 to 8 vote, a bill to provide that owners and drivers of automobiles involved in automobile accidents should have their drivers' licenses and license plates suspended until they prove their financial responsibility.

The bill would affect all persons involved in accidents, regardless of whether they are to blame. It was introduced by the house insurance committee.

The effect of the bill, opponents charged, would be to force every car owner to carry liability insurance.

Argument For Bill. Representative E. C. Frisbie (R., Baker), chairman of the committee, said the bill would reduce the number of accidents and reduce insurance rates.

He said that in New Hampshire, which has a similar law, the number of traffic fatalities has been reduced by 50 per cent in three years, insurance rates have dropped 30 per cent, and that 80 per cent of the car owners now are protected by liability insurance.

Frisbie said that in Oregon, owners have one chance in six each year of being involved in an accident. 74,000 of Oregon's 477,000 licensed drivers have been involved last year.

"Today, if the reckless driver is caught, we fine him and let him go on his reckless way," Frisbie said. "If this bill is passed, it would drive some of them off the highways and give the public protection against the rest."

"Hardship" Foreseen. Representative George R. Duncan (R., Marion) said the bill would drive many cars off the road and work a hardship against indigent car owners who could not afford insurance. He suggested an outright compulsory insurance law.

Representative Phil Brady (R., Multnomah) said 150,000 Portland laboring men who drive to work each day would be handicapped by having to pay \$1.10 a month for insurance.

The senate roads and highways committee approved today a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit diversion of highway funds for any purposes other than for highways.

The senate passed and sent to the house a memorial to ask congress to extend the power of the international salmon commission to fishing beyond the three-mile limit.

Two Senators Hit British Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Carrying on the fight against the British aid bill, Senator Brooks (R.-Ill.) declared today that it represented "a leap toward dictatorship" which would "involve us in active, personal, fighting participation in war."

Sprague Signs Bill to Create State Guard

SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The bill to permit Governor Sprague to create a state guard became law today with his signature, although the governor said he would not do so unless there is an emergency that could not be handled by state police or federal troops.

The act, amended by the senate at labor's request, will expire Jan. 21, 1943, unless the next legislature reenacts it.

The law, however, would expire automatically when the Oregon national guard returns from federal service.

If the governor should organize a state guard, it would be financed by a provision that appropriations for the state military department may be transferred to the state guard.

Other Bills Passed. The senate passed and sent to the governor today a bill to permit counties to cooperate with other counties in advertising campaigns and surveys of resources in such groups as the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland and the Redwood Empire. Under present law, counties are authorized to spend only \$3,500 a year for advertising.

The senate also passed and sent to the governor six measures containing clauses that records of state and county public welfare commissions shall be secret. It also sent another measure to the governor to permit legislators to examine such records.

A bill to permit county central committees of political parties to declare precinct committee posts vacant when the elected committee don't appear at the first meeting of the central committee, was passed by the senate and sent to the governor.

Today was the fortieth of the legislative session and the last day for legislators, but the end was not in sight.

The apparently settled reapportionment problem encountered new difficulties last night as a movement appeared to keep Benton county in the first congressional district instead of shifting it to the proposed fourth district as a house vote did yesterday.

Senate President Dean H. Walker, who represents Polk and Benton counties, said he wanted Benton to stay in the first district.

Washington-Wanted Man Arrested in Roseburg

Frederick L. Hinner, wanted by Washington state police on a charge of armed assault and rape, was taken into custody by Oregon state police here last night. Hinner was traveling by automobile and had picked up two hitch-hikers who were released after questioning, State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported. Hinner waived extradition and officers from Tacoma arrived here this morning to return him to that city.

Publicity On Defense Quiz Hit By F. D. R.

Disclosure of Testimony Of Army Chief Evokes Criticism by President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he considered the disclosure of what was intended to be secret testimony before a senate committee yesterday by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, as hurtful to national defense.

The president told a press conference that it raised a question of ethics, morals, and patriotism on the part of committee members and editors, publishers and broadcasters who printed reports of Marshall's testimony.

The chief executive said it was a question for the American people to consider. At the conclusion of lengthy questioning on the subject he said it was purely a voluntary matter, that he was not thinking about censorship, but that he was merely putting it up to the people as a nice question to think about.

(Information about General Marshall's testimony yesterday was given to the Associated Press by members of the senate military committee before whom he testified.)

Marshall was reported by some members of the committee as having said that the Pacific fleet was being bolstered with an unspecified number of army and navy planes and as having described the Pacific situation as serious.

Asked to clarify the accounts on Marshall's testimony, the president, with a warning to reporters not to say that he was angry or that a raised eyebrow indicated resentment, said he was interested in the problem of ethics and he thought that the American people should be interested for the same reason.

In times of world upheaval, he added, there were certain things regarding the defense of the United States that it was advisable to keep secret.

Long Practice Cited. He emphasized it was only occasionally that it became necessary for defense officials, in the interest of national safety, to appear in a confidential capacity before congressional committees.

He said there was not much new in such appearances, as the practice had been going on since 1776, but that the problem of keeping this testimony from the public still lived.

The president said that there were various stories on what Marshall was supposed to have said, but that they all differed on a memorandum he had on his desk from the chief of staff.

Woman Who Fired Building Paroled

Pleading guilty in circuit court today to a charge of burning property with the intent to injure the insurer, Mrs. Gladys Whitney of Canyonville was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary, but was granted a parole. Mrs. Whitney burned a building which contained a cigar store she was operating in Canyonville a year ago, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court. She was indicted last year, but the case was continued due to her illness. Two other indictments against the woman were dismissed.

Glenn Newell, of Canyonville, pleaded innocent in circuit court today to a grand jury indictment and a district attorney's information each charging contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

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MOSCOW, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The communist party removed former Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff and four others from the party's central committee today for "failing their duties" and warned the heads of seven commissariats that similar action would be taken against them unless their work "improves."

Greece Appeals Again to U. S. For Warplanes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Greek government, it was learned today, has made a second urgent appeal to the United States for help—particularly for warplanes—"before it is too late."

The result has been to start defense officials on a fresh canvass of available supplies in search of aircraft that can be spared to reinforce the Greeks in their struggle with the Italians.

Greece's renewed plea for the assistance promised by President Roosevelt some time ago reached here during the last several days. It arrived just before the signing this week of the Turo-Bulgarian non-aggression pact which may alter the Balkan status quo and exert a decisive effect on the military and political future of Greece.

The problem of finding planes for Greece is admittedly beset with difficulties, for aircraft factories already are loaded with orders for the army, navy, Britain and China. The question, however, was understood to be under study by the navy department and the national defense commission's priorities board.

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(Litvinoff, a supporter of the league of nations and collective security, was supplanted on May 3, 1939, by Premier Molotov, who subsequently negotiated the Russian non-aggression pact with Germany.)

German Army's Surge To Danube Continues; Britain Speeds Planes for Combat

Russia, Assured Another Slice of Rumania, Assents To Nazi Passage Through Bulgaria; American-Made Bombers Being Rushed to Balkans and Orient

By the Associated Press. Columns of German motorized troops many miles long were reported rolling south through Rumania toward the Danube river frontier with Bulgaria today as Britain sped aerial reinforcements to Greece against an expected Nazi invasion of the Aegean kingdom. Bulgaria would provide a logical gateway for a flanking attack on Greece, probably striking at the port of Salonika.

Unusual activity was reported from all Rumanian airports controlled by the German air force, with fighting and bombing planes lined up on the runways.

Strike End Looms At Allis-Chalmers

Agreement Also Announced In Vanadium Tump; New Labor Dispute Hits Auto Industry.

(By the Associated Press) Hones brightened today for speedy settlement of the month-long strike at the Milwaukee plant of Allis-Chalmers manufacturing company, which holds \$45,000,000 in national defense orders.

Company negotiators announced last night their acceptance of a strike-settlement formula offered by the office of production management in Washington, D. C. The agreement remained to be acted upon by the CIO-United automobile workers, representing 6,800 striking workmen.

Arbitration of disciplinary matters in the agreement prepared by the production management office.

Another bright spot in the defense labor picture was a reported tentative agreement to end a strike of 400 employees of the Vanadium Company of America plant at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The strikers, members of the CIO-United Mine Workers union, were to vote on ratifying the agreement today. Wage increases and a closed shop were at issue.

Big Michigan automobile factories felt repercussions of the strike of 2,500 employees of the Motor Wheel Corporation at Lansing, Mich., called February 13 by AFL-United Automobile Workers who sought a closed shop.

Officials of Packard Motor company at Detroit announced that automotive division of their plant would not open today, because of a shortage of wheels caused by the Lansing walkout. The shutdown 7,500 men idle.

Two automobile plants at Lansing—Oldsmobile and Fisher body—shut down last night. Fisher officials said a "slow-down" forced the closing for last night only, but that the plant, employing 2,200, would reopen today. Oldsmobile reported lack of material forced their shutdown, affecting 2,500 men.

Defense Contract Letting Investigation Demanded

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The senate military committee today recommended a sweeping investigation of contract letting in the multi-billion dollar national defense program.

The committee sent on to the senate a resolution calling for appointment of seven senators "to make a full and complete study and investigation of the operation of the program for the procurement and construction of supplies, materials, munitions, vehicles, aircraft, vessels, plants, camps and other articles and facilities in connection with the national defense."

All Set, "Fighting Fit," Say Aussies At Singapore



"Fighting fit and ready for whatever jobs may be in store." Thousands of Australian troops like these landed at Singapore to straighten British defense stations on the Malayan peninsula. A Japanese spokesman in Tokyo branded the landing as a "belligerent action" by Britain.

Former King Alfonso of Spain Near Death's Door

ROME, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Doctors described the condition of former King Alfonso XIII of Spain as grave today. They said he spent a restless night during which he suffered another heart attack.

TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

By the Associated Press DALLAS, Tex.—Detectives George Williamson and L. M. McKinney just followed their noses and there was the forger. A storekeeper recalled cashing a \$9.36 WPA check for a negro who bought a large supply of lotus blossom incense. The officers sniffed around the neighborhood until they found the incense—and a negro who had forged the payee's signature.