

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Rain tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

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ON TO GREECE

That now seems definitely to be the nazis' purpose, according to significant news today from Rumania and Bulgaria. Will they meet formidable resistance? Any day may bring the answer. Watch for it in NEWS-REVIEW news.

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BRITISH AID BILL DENOUNCED BY WHEELER

French Ignore Japanese Ultimatum To Give Up Indo-China Territory; Germans Prepare to Occupy Bulgaria

Tokyo Now Faces Test Of Asian Power

Threat of "Force" Puts Involved Region, Nearly Areas in War Shape

TOKYO, March 1.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Japan's ultimatum to the French that they agree to yield to Thailand large areas of the Indo-China provinces of Cambodia and Laos or suffer "forceful action" by Japanese armed forces expired at midnight Friday without a reply.

Authoritative sources said the Japanese foreign office was planning an extraordinary conference of key officials later this morning, to which Indo-China peace conference delegates would be invited for an explanation of why the French have not replied.

The nature of future Japanese action will depend upon an analysis of the French explanation, it was stated.

The Japanese foreign office attaches had waited up until midnight, although it had been apparent by mid-evening that the French were not going to meet the ultimatum deadline. This was a sign of the seriousness with which Japan watched the outcome of this fight over her east Asian leadership since the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance allotted her a sphere of influence in "Greater East Asia."

By the Associated Press
Dispatches from Vichy, and Saigon, Indo-China, indicated the French would refuse to accept

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
CALIFORNIA, as indicated before in these chronicles, is simply crackling with military activity—preparatory activity, of course. Beginning at Vallejo and running clear through to San Diego, evidences of this activity are to be seen on every hand.

AT Vallejo it is the navy yard, and some idea of the number of men being put on there can be gained from the new houses that are being built. They are going up in batches, a dozen to a block. The low hills between the town and the highway are already pretty well covered, and the construction front has jumped the highway and is moving steadily on to the east.

SALINAS is the next hot spot—and Salinas is merely at the inner edge of the Monterey peninsula which is dotted all over with new military establishments. Mention has already been made here of what is going on in the general neighborhood of San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria. What can be seen from the highway there is only a small part of what is going on.

Los Angeles is naturally a center of preparation with its great airplane factories. Flying fields are scattered all around here, with Riverside the best-known as a training point.

San Diego is humming. There navy, air force and army are all straining for speed in preparation. An estimate by the San Diego Sun places the new population added from January 1 to October 1 of 1940 at 15,677. No figure for the period from October 1 to the present has been made, but it is considered probable

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Uncle Sam Draws 4 Aces—Brothers



Poker has nothing on Uncle Sam—right in a row are four potential aces at Hamilton field, army air base at San Rafael, Calif., where four Johnson brothers from New Mexico are members of the 10th pursuit squadron. Fredric, the oldest, sits in the cockpit of his plane; Alexander points to where he wants to go; James shows controls and Joseph, left, opines, "Phooey, you'll never make it."

Opera Cast Holds Final Rehearsals

Swimming Pool Fund Will be Aided by Presentation of "Trial by Jury" March 3

Members of the cast of the comic opera, "Trial by Jury," which is to be presented Monday evening, March 3, at the Indian theater, are holding final dress rehearsals this week-end. The benefit performance is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's best-known writings and concerns a breach of promise suit.

Miss Helene Robinson is directing the opera, which is being sponsored by the Kiwanis club and the local school faculty members for the benefit of the Roseburg swimming pool fund. The ticket sale is reported to be progressing in a successful manner, in charge of Tom Parkinson. Tickets may be secured from Kiwanis club members, faculty members,

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O. & C. Conference Here Plans Data

A conference between representatives of Oregon and California land grant counties was held here today for the purpose of planning cooperative compilation and presentation of data in support of the claims of counties for federal payments in lieu of taxes on income-producing lands.

The Oregon association of land grant counties was represented by County Judge Morris Bowker of Roseburg, chairman; Judge Earl B. Day, Medford, executive secretary; and Guy Gordon, Roseburg, legal adviser. The California delegation included E. P. Denny, supervisor of Siskiyou county and president of the California Association of Federal Land counties; A. T. Jessen, supervisor of Shasta county; and Judge John L. Childs, Crescent City, publisher of the Western Tax Collector, representing Del Norte county.

Sofia's Link With Rest Of Country Cut

Nazi Troops Start March Through Rumania; British Warn Bulgarian Govt.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 28.—(AP)—All international and internal telephone communication from Sofia was cut off all day—until a single line was opened early today.

No reason was given for the cut-off. It still was impossible to communicate with the provinces to learn what was happening along the Danube—German troops have been massed across it in Rumania—but the entire city, including government officials and diplomats, were extremely apprehensive.

(There were rumors in Vienna that Bulgaria will join the Berlin-Rome axis tomorrow.)

No authentic reports could be received from the frontiers. The British legation was packed for a quick attempt to get out of the country ahead of any invasion of Nazi troops.

Nazi Troops On March
There are some 600,000 German soldiers in Rumania, to the north and many on the Danube frontier with Bulgaria. (Diplomatic dispatches reaching Belgrade today told of a mass movement of German troops in battle uniform through Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, which is less than 50 miles from the border.)

(There was no indication of what direction these troops were taking.)

The police cordoned Sofia on the advice of the military, it was learned.

All diplomatic missions, including the United States legation, were cut off from any kind of communication.

Unofficial reports said King Boris was closeted in his palace.

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Inspection Of Records Given Sprague Veto

General Eying of County Welfare Boards' Data Not Approved by Governor

SALEM, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Governor Sprague vetoed today a bill which would have permitted members of the legislature to inspect state and county welfare commission records.

"I have no objection to legislative investigation," the governor wrote in his veto message, "either by a committee of the legislature, or by any of the papers of the public welfare commissions where the purpose of the investigation is to make studies in connection with legislative duties. It would not, however, seem advisable to throw the gate open as widely as the amendment in house bill No. 422 would do."

The veto message was accompanied by a copy of a letter from Robert W. Beasley, public assistance representative of the social security board, to Elmer R. Goudy, state public welfare administrator, urging veto of the bill, which he said was against the policy of the federal social security board.

Rogue River Bill Okayed
The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to make the Rogue river coordinating board consist of a Curry county fisherman, a Josephine county miner and a member at large, all to be appointed by the governor.

Purpose of the board, created at the last session of the legislature, is to solve mining mud problems in order to make fishing conditions in Curry county "com-

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Douglas County Teachers To Rally in Roseburg

The mid-year rally of the Douglas county chapter of the Oregon State Teachers association has been announced for Saturday, March 8, at the junior high school in Roseburg. The program will start at 9:45 a. m. and continue until 2:30 p. m., with group luncheons scheduled during the noon hour. Several interesting speakers are expected to be present. Chief speaker will be Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration, University of Oregon.

Death Ends Exile of Alfonso XIII, Who Quit Perilous Spanish Throne After 29 Years, Dodged Assassination 8 Times

ROME, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Alfonso XIII, 54-year-old former monarch of Spain, died today in the hotel room which had been his home in exile for a decade. Death followed a series of heart attacks.

At his side when he died were his queen, Victoria, from whom he had been estranged for many years; his son and designated heir to the Spanish throne, Don Juan, another son, Don Jaime; a daughter, Beatrice; three doctors; and a Spanish Jesuit priest.

Another daughter, Maria Cristina, was summoned from Turin but was unable to reach Rome. She is expecting a child.

Literally born to the crown on March 17, 1886—Alfonso was the posthumous son of Alfonso XII—he was under the regency of his mother, Queen Maria Cristina until his sixteenth birthday. Then he ascended a throne restored only since his sire had taken it at the same age after years of bloody wars between Bourbons and Carlists, followed by a brief and quarrelsome republican regime.

He reigned from May 17, 1902, to April 14, 1931, when he signed a manifesto in which he said that elections, held a few days previously, "made it clear that I no longer have the love of my people."

Often Murder Target.
Facing death from bullets was a common thing for Alfonso. On the very day that he ascended the throne secret police thwarted a plot to kill him by arresting the leaders and getting confessions from them. Seven times afterwards he was the target of assassins whose bullets or bombs went wild.

The most spectacular of these experiences occurred May 31, 1906, the day of his wedding to the English princess, Victoria Eugenia Ena of Battenburg. It happened while the newlyweds, following the marriage ceremony, were driving from the church to the royal palace.

A powerful bomb, hidden in a bouquet, was tossed from a third story window. It struck a wire and was deflected, but fell so close to the bridal couple that one of the white horses was killed and the coach itself damaged. The terrific explosion killed 24 spectators and wounded 80 others. A splinter hit one of the decorations on Alfonso's breast.

Crash of Another Plane Kills Seven

BALBOA, C. Z., Feb. 28.—(AP)—The army today announced the names and addresses of seven men missing aboard a United States army bomber which fell yesterday into Panama bay. These follow:

Lieut. Jack Shock, New Ulm, Minn.
Lieut. Reuben Mayne, Loma, Colo.
Lieut. Mack Stephenson, Lancaster, Pa.
Sergeant Arthur Zence, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sergeant Elmo Solberg, Richland Valley, Mont.
Corporal Frank Wacławski, Utica, N. Y.
Private Norman Cohen, Rochester, N. Y.

The men belonged to a bombardment group recently transferred from Mitchell field, N. Y. The accident was the fifth involving air corps planes here this month.

ATLANTA, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Three independent groups arranged today to investigate the crash near here Wednesday of Eastern Air lines' latest new \$120,000 air sleeper, which killed seven persons and injured nine, including Eddie Rickenbacker, famed world war pilot and president of the company.

Rickenbacker, who was last pulled from the wreckage when searchers found it at dawn yesterday, was reported "some better" early today by hospital attendants. He suffered a re-break of an old hip injury received in his auto racing days. His physician gave him "better than an even chance" to recover.



EX-KING ALFONSO XIII



Prince Don Juan

tions on Alfonso's breast.

That evening the king and his new queen drove, unattended and in an open car, through the streets of Madrid. The crowds cheered that display of courage until they were hoarse. The scenes were repeated the next day and the next, when Alfonso rode alone, defying enemies of the throne to do their worst.

Victory Claimed By Steel Strikers

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 28.—(AP)—CIO workers at Bethlehem steel's plant in suburban Lackawanna ended their two-day strike today after unanimously approving a government-drafted formula for settlement.

Their action came after they were told by a union leader at a mass meeting the agreement is "100 per cent in our favor."

The cheering employees immediately left their seats, paraded and danced in a crowded hall. Earlier, Van A. Bittner, steel workers' organizing committee director, said the company and union officials had agreed to ratify a three-point program submitted by President Roosevelt's office of production management to end the strike.

The program, signed by William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman, director and associate director of the OPM, asked both union and company to agree:

(1) All employees of the plant be fully reinstated as soon as resumption of operations will permit (2) a conference be held to seek adjustment of differences (3) the OPM "explore" with the labor board the possibility of holding an election to determine a bargaining agent.

The strike started Wednesday and was marked by sporadic outbreaks of violence.

Bittner, in charge of organizing employees in Bethlehem's mills, working on \$1,500,000,000 in defense contracts, said the employees would return to work immediately.

The union had asked for a collective bargaining election, an immediate conference to settle grievances and reinstatement of workers who had been "indefinitely suspended" by the company. An earlier demand was for a 25 per cent wage boost.

Montanan's Blast Covers Broad Range

Targets Include Willkie, Roosevelt, Financiers, "Satellites," Writers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Montana's Burton K. Wheeler, implacable foe of the British aid bill since the day of its introduction, denounced it unsparingly today as legislation which would "strip us of our defenses, invite the chief executive to declare war, and create a dictatorship."

It was a hammer-and-tongs attack, with barbed flings at the president, at Wendell L. Willkie, "international bankers," "court satellites," and "nameless ghost-writers" whom he aligned behind the bill.

Senator Wheeler, a democrat, omitted any reference to President Roosevelt's assertion of last night that the administration "confidently" anticipated early enactment of the lease-lend program as an "all important factor" in hemisphere defense.

Mr. Roosevelt, in a radio broadcast to the motion picture awards dinner at Hollywood, declared that the United States' defense "involves the defense of all the democracies of all the Americas—and therefore, it involves the future of democracy wherever it is imperiled by force or terror."

Wheeler, in the four-hour address he prepared for the senate floor, sharply disputed claims that the bill would help further the interests of national defense, and proclaimed anew that he would battle it to the last regardless.

Charges Aid Held Back.
Senator Taft (R., Ohio) yesterday asserted in the senate that President Roosevelt was "deliberately holding back aid to England in order to put pressure on this congress" to pass the administration's British aid bill.

His assertion brought a retort from Senator Chandler (D., Ky.) that "the senator from Ohio says he wants to help England but he wants to help 'em just enough so they're certain to get beat."

"He (Taft) wants to be in a position at some time in the future," Chandler declared, "that both sides will think he was for them. He wants to aid 'em \$2,000,000."

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Drunken Driver Hits Car Of Sheriff; Fined, Jailed

Drunken drivers are saving much work for law enforcement officers in Douglas county. A Klamath Falls resident recently drove his car up the courthouse steps in Roseburg. Last night, J. M. Spancake, 60, local truck driver, sideswiped a car occupied by Sheriff Cliff Thornton, who reports he drove off the highway and stopped his automobile to avoid the oncoming, swerving machine piloted by Spancake. Spancake pleaded guilty in justice court today to drunken driving and was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Saturday Store Closing at 6 p. m. Abandoned Here

With the expiration here this week of the agreement among Roseburg retail stores for Saturday night closing, all places of business will return Saturday night, March 1, to the longer week and remain open until usual hours, ranging from 8 to 9 p. m. The agreement under which the stores have been operating, calling for 6 p. m. closing Saturday, was effective only for the month of February. L. W. Josse, chairman of the retail merchants committee reported, and no attempt has been made to form an agreement for continuing the closing beyond the end of this month.

Various stores have different hours for Saturday night closing, some closing at 8 and 8:30 p. m., and others remaining open until 9 p. m., and these hours will be in effect starting next Saturday, Mr. Josse reports.