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Fair tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature.

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STEELHEAD BILL PASSED BY HOUSE, 39-18

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY (Thursday):
German troops are rolling down through Bulgaria to the Greek border. German planes, with the same destination, are darkening the Bulgarian skies. Greece is reported to be massing 90,000 troops in the mountain passes north of Salonika. Turkey pushes her defense preparations and her government-controlled newspapers are saying: "Unless Russia has decided to commit suicide, she will not let Germany come near her life-giving arteries. The Dardanelles are as important to Russia as to Turkey."

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY EDEN and Sir John Dill, chief of the British imperial staff, leave Athens, announcing that they and the Greek leaders "have reached complete agreement on all aspects of the crisis."

That is obviously intended to convey the impression that Britain will back Greece impressively with armed force if Greece elects to fight the Germans. There are rumors of British troops landed at Salonika.

THERE are rumors that Russia with a virtual ultimatum demanding naval bases on Rumania's Black sea coast. Rumania has a million troops facing the Russians along the border.

AS to the German troops and planes that are hurrying down to the border and the Greek troops that are hurrying up to the border, they are part of a game of bluff that may at

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HITLER DIPLOMATIC BID SPURNED BY GREECE

Nation Will Fight to End, Fuehrer Told

Germany Stays Invasion Pending Effort to Keep Turkey Out of Conflict

ATHENS, March 8.—(AP)—An open letter to Adolf Hitler, published today in the newspaper Kathimerini, declared Greece's determination to fight to the death (here six words were censored).

It asserted that if the object of the Germans was to save the Italians in Albania, Greece was ready to settle matters "without humiliation" to Italy provided Italians would "leave Albania alone."

The letter expressed disbelief that the German nation of 85,000,000 "would strike from the flank" a small country "now struggling for freedom against an empire of 45,000,000."

"The army of free Greeks will stand, if called upon, in Thrace as it stood in Epirus," the newspaper declared, referring to that section of Greece originally invaded by the Italians.

Foreign sources in Athens said without confirmation that General Cavallero had been superseded as Italian commander by General Carlo Geloso in another shakeup of the Italian command.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 8.—(AP)—With 150,000 Nazi soldiers on the Greek border poised for action, Germany appeared today to be making an intense effort to end the Greek-Italian war by diplomacy before resorting to force.

Some quarters intimated that German diplomats had gone so far as to offer Greece a guarantee that she would retain all the territory she held at the outbreak of hostilities last October 28.

(Previous diplomatic efforts to end the fighting in Albania have

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Aid Bill Vote Slated Today

Enters College At Age of 12



Entering the University of Washington at 12, Alexander Hull, Jr., above, has another distinction—he never attended grade school. Hull's mother was a school teacher and he was "educated at home." He read before he was two years old.

Oregon Wildlife Assn. Work Told

Roseburg Audience Addressed By President Smith; Game, Scenic Movies Exhibited

Brief outlines of the objectives of the Oregon Wildlife federation and its current activities, including effective promotion of the steelhead conservation bill in the state legislature, were given by the federation's president, W. J. Smith, of Corvallis, in a vigorous talk to a good-sized audience at the armory in Roseburg last night.

Mr. Smith also bestowed praise on the accomplishments of the state game commission but voiced criticism of some of the major expenses in relation to its work. His comment included reference to the considerable sum allotted for predatory animal control in view of the fact that deer in some Oregon areas were so overplentiful that it was deemed necessary to slay does. Actual propagation of fish and game, Mr. Smith charged, was preceded by heavy expenditures which he regarded as capable of readjustment.

Battle Not Final

Mr. Smith expressed optimism for success of the joint efforts of the federation and the state game commission to halt the depletion of fish runs by legislation abolishing set nets in coastal streams, but he warned the sportsmen that any victory on their part should not slacken their activities or vigilance in behalf of conservation because commercial interests were sure to revive the battle for netting privileges.

"We are mindful of the jobs affected by a ban on nets," Mr. Smith said, "and we believe in the

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Dynamiter of Los Angeles Times Bldg. Dies in Prison

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., March 8.—(AP)—James B. McNamara, convicted of the 1910 dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in which 21 persons were killed, died in prison here today.

McNamara was 59. He recently underwent two operations for intestinal cancer. Warden Duffy said he apparently had no desire to live. He had no known relatives.

Bolstering Of Axis Program Is Foreseen

Berlin Awaits Arrival Of Japanese Spokesman; War Fronts See Blows

By the Associated Press
A hint of tightening cooperation between Japan and her European axis partners came today in an official German announcement that Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka would reach Berlin shortly for "personal deliberations on all questions arising from collaboration as set forth in the three-powers pact."

One suggestion for Matsuoka's visit to Berlin and also Rome was that the axis might be contemplating formulation of a common program of action against Britain and the United States, both in Europe and the far east.

The possibility also was suggested that Japan is loth to participate actively in the war against Britain and wishes to explain her position to Adolf Hitler.

War Blows Dealt
Three Nazi bombers were reported shot down today in dogfights off the English coast as the Luftwaffe resumed its attacks on Britain after a night of comparative quiet.

The German high command said a Nazi submarine and speedboats had sunk two British destroyers and 11 armed merchantmen totalling 61,400 tons in attacks on convoys.

In air raids on Britain, the

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Mauled Students Identify Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—Two veteran police officers, pointed out in a lineup of 68 policemen, were suspended temporarily from the force today, accused of beating two Stanford University freshmen picked up as "skid row" vagrants last Saturday night.

Deputy Police Chief Michael J. Riordan announced formal complaints charging unprovoked assault would be filed today against the officers, Patrolmen Joseph Francis Greene and John J. Desmond.

They were picked from the lineup of uniformed police yesterday by the two 18-year-old students, Don Allan of Redwood City, Calif., and Carter Barber, of Winnetka, Ill. Both officers denied the accusations.

Allan still wore a large bandage across his broken nose and another on his right leg as he walked slowly through the first of the four lines of officers, then stopped before the 11th man in the second row.

The students, wearing old clothes, had come to one of the toughest districts in town to make a "sociological study" of life on skid row, they said. They were jailed at the southern station and, they claimed, were beaten one by one with fists and clubs, and then were transferred to the city prison.

Both youths said they had made no disturbance.

Comic Strips Fail to Reach News-Review

Due to failure to receive the regular shipment of feature plates for use in today's issue, the comics do not appear today. The News-Review has assurance that the features will arrive for resumption of regular schedule on Monday.

University Man Held as Bandit



Paul Buttenwieser, 42, research associate in the psychology department at Stanford University, brilliant scholar at the University of Cincinnati, held in San Francisco as a hotel bandit. "I don't know why I did it," was all he could say.

Union Votes Work Week of 7 Days

Defense Emergency Heeded at Steel Plant; Three Threats Of Strikes are Forestalled

By the Associated Press
Employees of the Midvale Steel company's plant at Philadelphia, 4000 in number, have voted to work a seven-day, 56-hour week "in the interest of the national defense emergency," union leaders reported today.

Edward Kunz, secretary of federal labor union (AFL) described the vote as the first of its kind conducted by any union in any manufacturing plant in the nation.

As a result of the vote taken yesterday, he said, employees will work 56 hours a week, instead of 48, on the completion of a \$32,000,000 order for anti-aircraft guns and other defense equipment for the U. S. army and navy. The company is a subsidiary of the Baldwin Locomotive works.

Strike Threats Ebb
Progress was also reported today toward heading off threatened shutdowns in two large New Jersey industries, and an agreement between a power company and its union employees virtually had dissipated the menace of an electrical blackout in southern Michigan.

The two New Jersey firms, both with large defense contracts, were the Aluminum Company of America plant at Edgewater, and the Thomas A. Edison, Inc., industries, with three plants in the state and one in Pennsylvania.

The threatened strike against the Consumers Power company, which serves 2,000,000 southern Michigan residents, appeared definitely headed off as AFL electrical workers began balloting on ratification of an agreement calling for a wage increase and a preferential shop.

At South Plainfield, N. J., Frank A. Dianna, local president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL), announced that the local had voted to strike at midnight at the Cornell Dubilier Electric corporation plant for wage increases.

The plan is engaged on national defense contracts and employs about 2,000 workers.

Approval By Senate 2 to 1 Predicted

House Concurrence Also Expected; Amendments Go Down to Defeat

(AP)—Administration forces, pressing for senate passage of the British aid bill by nightfall, refused today to prohibit the transfer of modern naval vessels and aircraft, except planes under construction which could be replaced in six months.

Senator Walsh argued that if the British aid bill were approved in its present form congress would be telling the president he could "loan or sell or give away" the American navy "as you see fit."

Responding, Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate foreign relations committee declared that "this amendment entirely scuttles the bill." He added:

"Essentially, Britain needs naval help. If she does not get it when she needs it the bill is no good at all."

Democratic Leader Barkley declared earlier that senate opponents of the aid legislation were "cooperating to obtain a final vote today."

He predicted that the momentous legislation would be on Pres-

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Barricades Track To Get Free Ride

REDDING, Calif., March 8.—(AP)—Whenever itinerant Elmer Fry, 36, of Omaha, Neb., wanted a lift in his travels, he just barricaded a train track and climbed on while the way was being cleared, according to his confession reported by Deputy District Attorney John A. Spann.

Spann said the plan didn't work as expected Thursday night at Smith creek. Twice Fry put ties on the tracks, and twice Southern Pacific freight trains plowed through without stopping, narrowly escaping derailment.

Fry was arrested yesterday by Fred Taylor, a special agent for the railroad, in the woods not far from the scene of the barricade. The district attorney's deputy said Fry told him he thought he belonged in prison and ought to draw at least a 15-year term, so that he wouldn't be tempted to stop any more trains.

"He said he was always afraid he might wreck one some day," Spann added.

The attorney said a charge of obstructing a railroad track or attempting to wreck a train would be filed.

Salem Officials Inspect Roseburg Disposal Plant

Roseburg's sewage disposal plant was inspected Thursday by a group of Salem officials. Included in the party were Lloyd T. Rigdon, councilman and chairman of the sewage disposal plant committee at Salem, and City Engineer Davis. The officials were accompanied to Roseburg by L. R. Stockman of Baker, the consulting engineer who designed the Roseburg plant. The visitors were entertained at lunch by Mayor A. J. Young of Roseburg, who also accompanied them on the inspection trip.

Salem is considering construction of a disposal plant and estimates the cost at about \$600,000. The visiting officials were impressed with the Roseburg plant, which is claimed to be one of the most efficiently designed in the country.

Infantry Chief Began as Private



New chief of infantry of the U. S. army is Maj.-Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, above, who enlisted as a private in 1900.

Restoration Of Douglas Pay Voted

Salaries of Douglas county elective officials will be restored to levels in effect prior to cuts made in depression years as a result of action in the Oregon house of representatives yesterday in passing Senate Bill No. 285, previously approved by the senate. The bill now goes to the governor, who is expected to permit it to become a law without his signature, in conformity with his disposal of previous pay-increase measures. The salary restorations become effective 90 days after the legislature's adjournment.

Under the bill, introduced by Senator C. W. Clark and Representatives Carl Hill and Robert Gile, the annual salaries of the Douglas county judge, clerk, sheriff and assessor will each be increased from \$2,000 to \$2,400, while those of the treasurer and superintendent of schools will be raised from \$1,500 to \$1,800. The salary of the commissioners will be increased from \$4 to \$6 a day.

Naming of New Oregon Liquor Chief Deferred

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—The office of administrator of the Oregon liquor control commission, made vacant Tuesday by the death of Joseph J. Hague, will not be filled immediately, the commission announced yesterday.

L. F. Allen will continue as acting administrator until Hague's successor is named.

Titular Basketball Win Advances Roseburg High's Spring Vacation, To Permit State Series Attendance

The Roseburg school board today advanced the annual spring vacation for Roseburg students to begin next Wednesday as a result of the achievement of the high school basketball team in winning the district championship. The spring vacation originally was scheduled to begin March 20, but was advanced in order that students might attend the state basketball conference at Salem, where the Roseburg Indians will compete for the third time in 24 years.

Roseburg's only basketball championship was won in 1917, when the team was coached by Dr. C. G. Finlay, Roseburg dentist, whose son, Jim Finlay, is the star of this year's Roseburg squad. Paul Warren, now track coach at Grant high school in Portland, took a Roseburg team to the state play-off in 1936, but the team was eliminated from championship competition in the first round. Roseburg's team this year is believed to be the tallest "prep" school team in the nation, the five regulars ranging in height from six feet to six feet and seven inches. It is coached by Jim Watts, former

Coast Rivers Will be Free Of Set Nets

Effort to Reconsider Vote Slated but Bill's Backer Says "No Compromise"

SALEM, March 8.—(AP)—With their lines holding firm, sportsmen succeeded today in obtaining house passage of the steelhead bill, removing set nets from coastal streams.

The vote on the bill, which now goes to the governor, was 39 to 18.

However, Rep. Donald E. Hiesler (R., Wasco), chairman of the house fisheries committee, changed his vote from no to aye, indicating he would seek next week to have the vote reconsidered.

The vote was taken after the commercial fishermen lost 31 to 28 their attempt to refer the bill to a joint fisheries-game committee so a compromise could be worked out. But the sportsmen, knowing they had the votes to pass their bill, were not in a compromising mood.

The house refused 34 to 24 to go into committee of the whole in order to consider amendments proposed by commercial fishermen.

The house voted yesterday against such a compromise move, while the day before, it rejected its fisheries committee's amendments to permit set nets during certain periods.

"No Compromise"

Rep. William M. McCallister (R., Jackson), however, said today "there is no chance of compromise. We've either got to accept this bill now, or reject it."

Representatives of commercial fishermen said the bill in its present form would throw many commercial fishermen out of work, and they denied that the motion to refer the bill to

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Fire Sweeps Business Zone of Montana Town

SWEETGRASS, Mont., March 8.—(AP)—Fire early today swept through the business district of this tiny Canadian border hamlet, causing uncounted damage. It was the fourth widespread fire in the history of the town.

The blaze started in a cafe and before it could be brought under control by citizens who formed a bucket brigade had razed these business places: The Thompson hotel, Myers Department store, Gamble Hardware store, Liberty theater, the Club cafe and a beauty and barber shop.

Guests at the hotel had ample warning and had left the structure before the flames reached it.

University of Oregon basketball star.

Meet Klamath Falls
Roseburg's first opponent in the state eliminations will be Klamath Falls, which won the district No. 3 championship last night by defeating Bend 42 to 21. Corvallis qualified last night for the district No. 7 title by beating Albany 40 to 23. Columbia Prep of Portland won from Sandy 44 to 13 for the district 13 trophy.

The entry from district 11 is still unsettled as Woodburn and Silverton won their games last night and are now tied and will have to enter a play-off. Silverton defeated Dallas 38 to 30 and Woodburn turned back Mount Angel 34 to 31. Other entrants are Baker, The Dalles, North Bend, Eugene, Salem, McMinnville, Beaverton, Astoria, Parkrose and Vale.

The Roseburg team will leave for Salem Tuesday to register for the tournament play. The Indians are expected to play Klamath Falls in the first round of the tournament at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



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AN OLD DWELLING, pictured above, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Truitt in Old Town, Oakland. It is safe to assume, I am sure, that it is one of the oldest in Douglas county. No one (whom I talked with) seemed to know for certain who built it; but thought probably it was Dr. Dorsey S. Baker, who came to that locality in 1851; or if he didn't, then perhaps E. S. Young did. Do you know?

The farm upon which this house (now being re-constructed) stands, comprises 388 acres. Some of the fine bottom land, adjoining the Calapooia river, is under irrigation now, and Wendell told me that by summer he will have forty acres under water. He is laying 1200 feet of concrete pipe for the mainline; laterals will be of 4 inch galvanized iron, perforated on top for the spray, which will lay 1 inch of water on the ground per hour.

Wendell, rural route mail carrier from the Oakland postoffice,

doesn't have a great deal of time to farm; however, he runs about 150 head of sheep and, most years, a flock of 500 or 600 Narragansett turkeys. He has owned the farm for the past four years.

Cleve Miller and Kenneth Manning are busily engaged in rebuilding the house for the Truitts at the present time. Bearing some evidence of its age was a Harper's magazine, dated 1861, unearthed back of a partition in the attic; and an old letter postmarked four years later.

Old Town, the original site of Oakland and a mile or so north of the present town, was stabbed in the back and died in 1872, when the railroad built through, missing it. Something of the same nature has happened to the new town (and to Roseburg) at a much more recent date, when the railroad removed just about everything, but the tracks. These railroads!