

**Weather**  
Unsettled with rain today and Wednesday, cooler; Max. Temp. Monday 60; Min. 32, river 0.5 feet, north-northeast wind, clear.

## 80,000 Austrian Nazis Ready for Action

### Republican Planning Is Begun

#### Careful Study Started Here, Public Power

Sponsors' Committee to Obtain all Data Upon Costs and Budgets

#### Bonneville Transmission Measure Tentatively Approved, House

By RALPH C. CURTIS  
Indication that the public power advocates of Marion county intend to be sure of their ground before starting any steps toward creation of a public utility district here, is observed in recent activity of the original sponsors of this program.

Two meetings of the group have been held, with attendance representing virtually all sections of the county, but contrary to some expectations, no definite action has been taken as yet.

Instead, at the last meeting a contact committee was selected and instructed to confer with the state utilities commissioner and to investigate matters of valuation, rates and budgets of the private companies now serving the district.

Members of this committee are Harley Libby of Jefferson, Ronald Jones of Brooks, Douglas McKay of Salem, Sam Brown of Gervais and Frank Hettwer of Mt. Angel.

#### Further Meetings of Group Planned

Meanwhile the group which met here recently is being held subject to call, members announced Monday, for deliberations pertinent to the formation of a Marion County Hydroelectric district.

Other than the announcement of the contact committee's selection, no reports on the sentiment expressed at these meetings of the original sponsors have been given out, but the various factors which they must consider in determining upon a course of action for the immediate future are.

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### 1809 Upon Relief Jobs, This County

#### Close to Peak of March, 1936, Still More Are Being Certified

Marion county has 1809 men and women engaged on local and statewide work relief projects, G. R. Boatwright, district WPA engineer, announced yesterday. The roll of workers on locally-administered projects has reached 1731 and is still growing.

Study of past WPA office reports showed that the present work relief level, based on the 1731 number of local project employment of 1896, reported for March, 1936. As of February 29, 1936, there were 1784 persons at work on WPA projects in the county.

The WPA payroll for Polk county projects yesterday carried 157 names aside from 15 residents of that county employed on statewide projects.

Engineer Boatwright predicted no sharp increase in work relief rolls but said his office was "still putting on a few workers as they are certified to us."

The WPA will be hard-pressed to find jobs to go around when the Salem water department's big 12th street main laying project is finished, Boatwright said. The department has been receiving the labor of 300 men but will have main jobs sufficient to employ only from 80 to 100 when work along the 12th street line is cleaned up, Boatwright said.

### Men at Work Campaign

Mr. Car-Owner, are you cooperating in the MEN AT WORK CAMPAIGN? Its object is to spread employment so out-of-work automobile mechanics may have jobs during the slack season of the year.

Maybe your car needs a complete overhaul before the summer touring season starts. Maybe it needs only a check-up and adjusting of brakes.

Why not have this work taken care of in March instead of April or May? It will cost you no more; will help garage workers to tide over till the real busy season starts.

Salem automotive shops are cooperating. Will you do your part?

### Pershing May Recover Physicians Now Hope; Hospital Tension Ends

#### Holds Ground Gained Since Sunday; Still Weak and Tired but Conscious, Has Long Talk With His Son; Uremic Poisoning Is Subsiding

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Bulletin from the hospital room of Gen. John J. Pershing at 9:40 p. m. (Mountain time) said the weak, tired old soldier was holding the ground gained in a rally which started more than 24 hours earlier.

"I am greatly satisfied with the progress made today," said Dr. Roland Davison, the general's private physician. "He is so much improved no further bulletins will be issued until tomorrow morning."

Dr. Davison said General Pershing was still "very weak and because of the necessary treatment incident to his return to consciousness, he is very tired."

An entirely different atmosphere pervaded the Pershing quarters as the physicians again held out hope that he might recover. The tenseness of the past four days, during which the wartime commander was expected to die momentarily, had given way to relaxation.

Nurses smiled and chatted as they worked. Doctor Davison left the bedside to attend another patient for the first time since Thursday. Two policemen, assigned to the sanatorium during the crisis to perform whatever special service might be required, lounged with reporters and photographers.

Members of the family and close friends sat in a group and talked quietly.

General Pershing called for his son, Warren, and the two had a rather lengthy visit—the first since last Thursday morning when the son arrived from Palm Beach, Fla.

Uremic poisoning, brought on by failure of the kidneys to function, was subsiding, and the gray-haired soldier was able to drink fluids for the first time since he first lapsed into a coma Thursday. By early afternoon today the doctors announced they were "distinctly encouraged."

### Johnson Is Given One Year, Prison

#### Larceny of Car Admitted; Third Offense; Goetz Sentence Delayed

A one-year penitentiary sentence without parole was imposed on Merle Johnson when he appeared before Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday and pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny by bailie of an automobile belonging to Robert Mayhew. Johnson was sent to the prison in 1931 from a sentence under a two-year sentence and again later from Deschutes county for a four-year penalty. He was released last September.

Johnson told the court he borrowed the Mayhew car, took it to Tillamook county and forgot to return it. Officers said the machine, now lacking tires and a battery, was still in Tillamook.

County Judge J. C. Siegmund was called in to assist the court as interpreter when Eugene Goetz, of Woodburn, was arraigned on a charge of writing bad checks. Goetz, his English mixed with a German accent, wept as he told the court he had got into debt since coming to Oregon from Kansas.

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### 21 Go on Trial in Big Treason Case

MOSCOW, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The official soviet press said today that the firing squad awaited the 21 men who will go before a military tribunal Wednesday in what promises to be one of the most sensational of Russia's trials of fallen leaders.

The newspapers Pravda, Ivestia and Red Star, organs of the communist party, the government and the army respectively, all denounced the prisoners as "beasts" and "spies" and said nothing could save them.

Ivestia indicated that past trials such as that of the famous journalist, Karl Radek, had disclosed only a part of the conspiracy, but that a detailed expose would be made in the forthcoming trial.

### Oregon Might Benefit From Mexico Example Says Brown

If the government of Mexico is sincere in its apparent program to lift the standards of its underprivileged masses, it is setting some examples in conduct that ought to be followed in Oregon and the United States in general, Sam Brown, Gervais farmer and candidate for the republican nomination for governor, told a Townsend club No. 2 audience at the Leslie Methodist church last night. Mexico impressed him as "the most democratic nation in the world," he said.

Former Senator Brown prefaced his description of his recent tour of Mexico by declaring that Dr. Francis E. Townsend, pension club founder, "was not even given the consideration that the Morgans, the Mellons and the duPonts and the other thieves received from congress."

Unemployment caused by development of labor-saving machinery for farm and factory has

risen to such an extent that "we are going from bad to worse," Brown told his listeners.

"There's nothing to my mind that will bring us out of this deep mire until they adopt the retirement pension plan, whether they call it the Townsend plan or something else," Brown contended. "We are never going to get out until we take care of those past the meridian of life."

In Mexico the "big interests" are throwing obstacles in the way of the government's uplift of the peasants and Indians, Brown said. Among the uplift measures, he cited a Mexican government plan of maintaining its own loan companies and pawn shops, from which the people may borrow money at low interest rates and on a basis of long-time repayment.

Stating that an senator he had tried unsuccessfully to have bills

### "Honest Audit Of New Deal" One of Points

#### Program Committee Gets Down to Work; Gets no Party Funds

#### Policy Report, Economic Philosophy Statement Are Other Tasks

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A three-point general program including an "honest objective audit" of the new deal was adopted tonight by the newly created program committee of the republican party.

This action was announced by Dr. Glenn Frank, the committee's chairman, at a press conference following an executive session of the first meeting of the committee since its creation at St. Louis a few months ago.

Other points in the program, recommended to the committee by Doctor Frank, former president of the University of Wisconsin, were:

A "comprehensive report of policy" on agriculture, labor, business, taxation, unemployment and other questions.

A reinterpretation of the "political and economic philosophy with which the republican party

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### Building Permits Show Large Gain

#### But It's all Accounted for in State Library Job, Figures Show.

Eleven building permits issued yesterday, totaling \$737,326 in valuation, swelled February's total of 67 permits, valuation of which was \$769,429—\$697,604 over February, 1937.

The permit granted yesterday to the State of Oregon, calling for construction of the new four-story state library building at 255 North Summer, to cost \$712,000, was the one that brought last month's issue far beyond that of an ordinary February.

Ten permits for new dwellings were issued last month, valuing \$27,000, while 11, valuing \$28,537, were issued in February, 1937.

New buildings—other structures besides dwellings included—for last month were 21, costing \$741,228. For February a year ago, 15, valuing \$29,087.

Permits issued yesterday, other than the library permit, were P. H. Fisher, to alter a one-story dwelling at 1935 Broadway, \$100; Leo Smith, to re-roof a one-story dwelling at 1450 North 5th, \$50; Foster & Klieser, to erect a sign board at 1564 North Cottage, \$50; Foster & Klieser, to erect a one-story sign board at 210 South 12th, \$25; Dr. C. C. Gilbert, to alter a one-story private garage at 468 North 18th, \$45; P. J. Maierick and J. A. Kirsch, to alter a one-story

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### Japanese Report Linfen Captured

SHANGHAI, March 1.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Japanese reported today they had captured Linfen, provisional capital of Shansi province, and were driving southward toward the Yellow river in a great flanking movement at the western end of the 500-mile Lunghai front.

This drive, the only one of many thrusts at the vital Lunghai railway to make any progress, was aimed at the Great Bend in the Yellow river where Shanxi, Shensi and Honan provinces join.

The drive threatened to push the Chinese out of southwestern Shansi, thus completing the Japanese conquest of all territory above the Yellow river and opening the way for an attack on Tunkuan, important station on the Lunghai line and gateway to Shensi.

The advancing Linfen columns were preceded by heavy air bombardments and large tank contingents, which reported severe Chinese losses. The Japanese said they killed or captured 5,000 Chinese at Hwoshien alone on the drive to Linfen.

The reported fall of Linfen indicated the Japanese had advanced 40 miles since the capture of Linshih two days ago.

### Federal Setup Bill Assailed As bad Policy

#### Southern Senator First to Attack; Economy Result Doubted

#### Power Given President Over Civil Service, Walsh Objection

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Critics began peppering the government reorganization bill today even before Senator Byrnes (D-SC) could finish his speech inaugurating debate on the administration measure.

After Byrnes had pleaded with the senate to give President Roosevelt power to revamp the executive branch in the interests of efficiency, Senator Bailey (D-NC) asked whether the measure was designed to save money.

Byrnes replied in the affirmative "no promise, no assurance," that economies would be effected. Critical queries also came from Senator Byrd (D-Va.) who has emphasized the need for economy, and from Senator Walsh (D-Mass.)

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) and many other senators who fought the Roosevelt court reorganization bill so successfully are expected to speak against provisions of the present legislation.

The bill would substitute a single commissioner for the present three-member civil service commission, would abolish the general accounting office and substitute a new auditor general, would create a department of welfare and would permit the president to appoint six administrative assistants.

Walsh objected that the bill would give the president power to take employees out of their civil service classifications and to exercise general authority heretofore held by congress. He offered an amendment to exempt the civil service commission from the president's authority to merge and reorganize bureaus.

Byrd questions Byrnes' proposal to substitute an auditor general for the present comptroller general, the Virginian, and other opponents of the provision, have contended it would weaken congressional control over government spending.

The auditor general, Byrnes said, would be an agency of congress, would audit all government expenditures and would be responsible to congress.

From the national grange, meanwhile, came a recommendation that the bill be amended definitely to prevent the transfer of the forest service, the soil conservation service and the biological survey from the agricultural department.

### Senator Vacancy Up Before Court

The Marion county court will meet at 10 o'clock this morning to consider, but not necessarily to make, the appointment of a state senator to succeed the late Charles K. Spaulding.

Because the appointment would have no opportunity to serve unless a special legislative session should be called and because the law does not explicitly require the court to make an immediate appointment, it is possible the court may decide to delay the task at least until after the November election.

The name of Mrs. Lorna Spaulding, widow of the late senator has been mentioned, and one court member pointed out yesterday it would be "a nice gesture" to honor her with the appointment.

### Jury Is Selected For ex-ONS Trio

MEDFORD, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Selection of a jury opened the trial today of Eli Carles, Jr., and Marshall Hearn, both of Salsbury, N. C., and Stanley Borden of Olympia, Wash., charged with assault with intent to rob without being armed with a dangerous weapon.

The three former Oregon Normal school football players are accused of taking \$31 from E. D. Rice, traveling jewelry salesman, last October 30.

Rice, chief state witness, was not in court today.

District Attorney Frank J. Newman said he expected the trial to last through Tuesday.

### Crisis Over Japanese War Policy And Internal Affairs is Hinted

Growing conflict between the Japanese cabinet and diet (parliament) was indicated in recent dispatches from Tokyo. A sweeping war mobilization bill was the center of attack, being branded as an attempt to destroy constitutional liberties. Photo shows Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye, below, addressing the house of peers.—LIN photo.

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In the three provinces of Styria, 90 miles southwest of Vienna, to prevent the assemblage of more than three persons. Armed soldiers cruised on motorcycles.

The Graz garrison, reinforced by federal troops from Vienna, was in a continuous state of preparedness for action.

In the three provinces of Styria, Carinthia and upper Austria which form a belt across the center of the country, 80,000 nazis were reported to be in uniform at their homes awaiting the call to action.

No overt disorderly acts by nazis were reported outside Linz, provincial capital of upper Austria which lies along the German state of Bavaria.

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### Eugene List, Noted Pianist, Pleases Audience in Salem

By MAXINE BUREN  
The audience liked Eugene List, young pianist who played at Leslie auditorium under the sponsorship of the Community Concert series last night, and spoke their pleasure in a great deal of approving applause. After two and even three encores that concluded the program, listeners remained in their seats to await still another.

Mr. List's program began with three sonatas by Scarlatti, followed by two Bach chorale preludes, "Now Comes the Savior of the Gentiles" and the more vivacious "Rejoice Ye Christians."

The "Apostrophe" by Beethoven, sonata in F minor Opus 57, he played with a commanding technique and strength, that proved his gifts as a musician.

Probably the most understandable group to the larger part of the audience were the Chopin numbers which included the melodious "Ballade" in F major, "Nocturne" in E minor, "Fantasie-Improvisation" with its equally haunting melody, and "Polonaise,"

strong and brilliant. Then followed a group by Ravel, "Rigaudon," "Folies" and "Toccata." "Six Bagatelles" were described on the program as "whimsical," and truly they were, with fingers flying List played the group of short numbers much to the delight of the audience.

The final programmed number was the brilliant oriental fantasy "Islamey," said to be one of the five most difficult pieces for the piano. He more than fulfilled all pre-concert promises in his playing of this number.

Three encores it took to satisfy his admiring audience; Prelude in G sharp minor by Rachmaninoff, three preludes by the modern Russian composer Shostakovich, and "Fairy Tale" in E minor, by Medtner.

Eugene List is rather tall, very blonde and with an effective boyishness combined with satisfying dignity and poise. His appearance and stage personality are decidedly pleasing.

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### Aircraft Defense Declared Lagging

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Congress received a warning today from Glenn L. Martin, pioneer airplane manufacturer, that the United States was not keeping up with the development of aircraft as well as the national defense required.

Testifying at hearings on the administration's proposal for a \$1,050,000,000 expansion of the fleet and a \$100,000,000 increase in naval planes, he declared:

"We must have supremacy in the air to maintain a line of battle ships. You must have supremacy both in size and number to be safe."

Asked what would happen if the fleet were in the Pacific and a "possible target" approached off the southeast coast, Martin replied:

"The airplane might be the only weapon that would turn the trick."

He endorsed a suggestion of Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee, that congress add from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 to the naval expansion program for experimental aircraft work.

### BALLADE OF TODAY

By R. C.  
Public officials and men in high stations are often no bigger than average, you know; but in trying to justify great reputations, they say big-sounding things that they're not sure are so.