# Italians Warm Up to Welles

### Significance of Change in Attitude Hinted; Talks to Il Duce

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satisfaction with his call on Ciano by breaking his vow of silence to observe that the meeting had been "very gratifying and helpful."

Ciano reported on it immediately to his father-in-law and the fascist press with one accord took a sudden interest in Welles' activities after virtually ignoring his visit.

The subject of the talks was guarded carefully but foreign observers believed they must have exceeded the limits of mere "fact-finding" on Welles part. They reasoned that Ciano would not have gone in such haste to inform Mussolini merely of the extent of the American's curiosity.

Dressed in civilian clothes, Il Duce received Welles and Phillips at the Palazzo Venezia and talked with them in French. Their talk with Ciano was in English which Il Duce's son-in-law speaks fluently.

The sudden warmth of the Italian press reaction inspired belief in some quarters that Welles might have made some specific suggestion which struck a responsive chord in Italian policy.

Some political quarters considered it possible Welles had inquired what the Italian attitude would be toward an American offer to help in straightening out Europe's economic problems as a basis for lasting peace.

**May Visit Berne**
**on Way to Berlin**

Italy and Germany ignored a similar offer by President Roosevelt last April in his letter asking Mussolini and Hitler to give 25-year non-aggression pledges.

Associates of Welles described his talk with Mussolini as "pleasant and cordial." Vatican authorities said the shortness of his stay in Rome probably would preclude an audience with the pope, at least until he returns from his trip to Berlin, Paris and London.

Welles is travelling to Germany by way of Switzerland and may stop off at Berne before continuing to Berlin where it is expected he will confer with Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Welles' activities held the center of the stage and no great activity from Taylor was expected until the undersecretary's tour has had a chance to bear fruit.

Taylor is the president's personal representative charged with coordinating White House peace efforts with those of the pope, though there are no formal diplomatic relations between Washington and the Vatican.

# Carson Explains Commission Plan

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advise it for adoption by Salem or any other city, criticized sharply the aldermanic system of city government in answer to questions following his main address.

"The method of electing aldermen from wards which are divided off within the city lacks the centralized authority of the commissioner type," he said, "so that the city is cut up into small portions each competing with the other for favor."

In the past 27 years, he declared, Portland has had but three mayors, a sure test of the stability of its administrative system.

Mayor Carson was introduced by Mayor W. W. Chadwick of Salem. Wallace Sprague was chairman for the occasion.

# Detail of Census Protested Vainly

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—House republicans shouted charges today that the 1940 census was to be an "indelicate" and "illegal" inquisition but they failed to block or restrict use of a $5,000,000 fund for the nose-counting project.

The republicans, operating as a unit, declared that questions proposed in the census of housing would invade private rights and already had stirred up resentment.

They objected particularly to questions concerning citizen's income and repeatedly mentioned proposed inquiries as to whether families shared their baths and toilets with others.

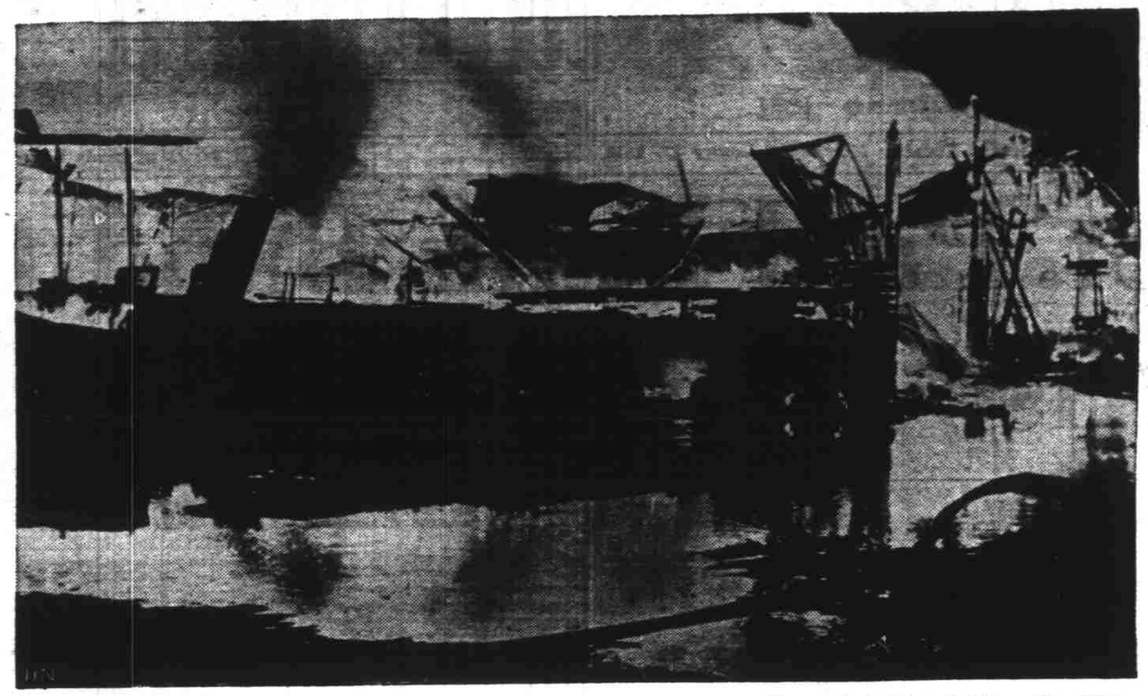
Rep. Short (R-Mo) declared that the people in his Ozark hill district would tell the census enumerators: "It's none of their damned business."

The democrats, in addition to reply with votes, said the republicans were merely making an attack on the Roosevelt administration and that the questions suggested were not much different from some that had been asked by republican regimes. The republican amendment to strike out the fund lost, 142 to 124.

# Elizabeth Chaffin Rites Wednesday

AIRLIE—Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Chaffin died Monday. She was born March 20, 1875, in Limby, Nottingham county, England. She was married in 1894 in Buena Vista, Colo., to James William Chaffin, who preceded her in death eight years ago. She had four living children, Arthur, Ralph, Elizabeth and Lee. Mrs. Chaffin had lived in Airlie for many years and had cared for her parents. Her father also survives. Funeral services will be held at the Airlie Evangelical church, Wednesday, February 28.

## As Fire at Circus Winter Quarters Killed 150 Caged Animals



—International Illustrated News Photophoto

This graphic scene shows the raging fire which raced through the hay-filled winter quarters of the Cole Bros. and Robbins circuses at Rochester, Ind., roasting alive at least 150 lions, tigers, leopards, monkeys and antelopes in their cages. At the same time, some 356 other animals, horses, elephants, camels and ponies, released by circus employes, stampeded through the city, a half-mile distant.

# Social Insurance Funds Go Begging

### Widows and Children not all Collecting due Benefits, Stated

PORTLAND, Feb. 26—(AP)—Monthly insurance payments from the federal government under the social security act are available to many Oregon widows and children, James E. Peebles, Portland security board manager, said today.

"Many families are apparently not familiar with their rights," Peebles said.

Payments can be made to survivors if the deceased father died after last December 31 and if he had been employed at jobs subject to the social security act since January 1, 1937, earning at least $50 in each of at least six calenar quarters.

**Claim Must Be Filed**

In addition, he said, mothers must have in their care a child or adopted child of the deceased worker, and it must be under 16, or 18 if attending school.

"These survivor insurance payments are a new feature of the social security act and many families are apparently not familiar with their rights," Peebles explained. "No action can be taken until a proper claim has been filed and approved by the social security board in Washington. In many instances these payments will amount to between $5,000 and $10,000 and and will represent valuable security to many family groups now deprived of their father's weekly paycheck."

# Wheat Carryover Larger, Forecast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The agriculture department estimated today the domestic wheat carryover next July 1 would be 300,000,000 bushels. It was 254,000,000 last July 1.

The department based its forecast on probable exports and shipments of between 40,000,000 and 45,000,000 bushels to United States territories and probably domestic disappearance of 670,000,000 bushels for the 12-month period.

Total domestic supplies for the year were 1,009,000,000 bushels, including production of 755,000,000 bushels.

Excluding soviet Russia and China, world wheat supplies for the year were estimated at 250,000,000 bushels more than in the preceding year. World stocks of old wheat last July 1 were 1,189,000,000 bushels, or 590,000,000 bushels more than a year earlier.

# Late Sports

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Favorites won first round games tonight in the Oregon AAU tournament to select a state representative for the national tournament at Kansas City.

The fourth and final game of the evening produced the only upset. Oregon College of Education defeated Albany college, 54 to 38.

Portland university defeated the Southern Oregon College of Education, 48 to 39; Pacific university defeated Linfield college, 38 to 22, and Eastern Oregon College of Education shaded Mount Angel college, 46 to 43.

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|---|---|
| Eastern Oregon 46 | 43 Mt. Angel |
| Smith 21 | 12 Grogan |
| Wilson 6 | 13 Alley |
| Lyman 2 | 6 Pettyjohn |
| Rostock 5 | 10 J. Nolan |
| Kirby 10 | 2 O'Halloran |

Substitutions: Eastern Oregon, Walker 2.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—University high of Eugene qualified for the state prep basketball tournament tonight by defeating Eugene high, 27 to 20. The team will represent district 7.

Gatlin led the winners with 13 points.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 26.—(CP)—Vancouver nosed out Seattle Seahawks 2-1 here tonight to move further ahead in the Pacific Coast hockey league race. The win put the Lions five points in front of the second place Portland Buckaroos.

# Five-Ring Astronomical Circus This Week in West; Mercury Approximates Classical Hell; Jupiter Goblin Land

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—(AP)—If people had telescopic eyes this week, they would see five amazingly different worlds in the five planets visible above the western horizon at sunset.

Lowest down, Mercury, only about twice the size of the moon, would be seen to fit classical descriptions of hell. Its surface, which shines so brightly, is hotter than the melting point of lead. This heat is entirely due to rays of the close-by sun.

Moreover astronomers think Mercury keeps the same side always toward the sun. Thus its dark side, which a telescopic eye would also see dimly, is colder than anything on earth. If it even had moisture Mercury's vapors have been driven to congeal on the dark side to eternal ice.

Jupiter, next above Mercury this week, giant of all planets, about 88,000 miles in diameter, is a true hobgoblin land. Nothing can be seen except solidly frozen, floating clouds of ammonia, methane and probably other hydrocarbons which earthly laboratories could thaw into motor fuels.

These clouds float in a temperature of almost 400 below zero (Fahrenheit). The frozen clouds are of tinted colors. They can be seen to move in huge masses at different speeds around the planet. The telescopic eye would see nine moons and possibly two more recently discovered.

**Venus Is Brightest**

Next upward is Venus, brightest to the naked eye this week, and almost earth's twin in size. Venus would show nothing but a dazzling white and puzzling blanket of fairly warm clouds. Their whiteness is one reason for Venus' brilliance.

They are known to contain only a lot of carbon dioxide. Guesses have been made that they are mostly swirling dust. That they are in motion is proven by the fact that in telescopes their reflection sometimes changes greatly within a few hours.

Next up is Saturn, a giant nearly as big as Jupiter, its substance so light in weight that it would float in an ocean of water if there were a sea large enough. Around it is a luminous ring shaped about like a phonograph disc with Saturn set in place of the center labels. Nowhere else in the universe is anything else known like this ring. It is actually three concentric rings, their substance so thin that the planet can be seen through them.

**Plenty of Moons**

The ring probably is countless tiny moons not more than a few miles in diameter. Saturn has in adition ten regular moons.

Last, and topmost, is Mars, the only planet whose surface telescopes can certainly see. On this surface are the mysterious "canals" whose existence was substantiated beyond doubt last July when Mars was close to the earth and far brighter than this week. Mars has two moons, both so small that a man could walk around them in a few hours. One, Phobos, rises in the west and sets in the east.

If the sun were the size of a large wagon wheel Mercury would would be a small pea, Jupiter a small melon, Venus a hazelnut, Saturn a small melon with its ring the size of an ordinary phonograph disc, and Mars a medium-sized pea.

# Colorado Coach Denies Charges

BOULDER, Colo., Feb. 26—(AP)—President Robert L. Stearns of Colorado university disclosed today that Coach Bernard F. "Bunny" Oakes denied "some of the charges" brought against him by 35 players from the squad he piloted to the Big Seven conference football title last fall.

The 41-year-old coach made the denial when he appeared before the board of regents Friday, Stearns said. Oakes, he added, "explained" some of the other accusations made in a 13-page petition signed by the players and given to the regents February 16.

It was indicated Stearns would appoint a five-member faculty committee Wednesday to go into the charges against Oakes, as well as accusations made by the tain members of the athletics department and a general study of the department.

The players' accusations against Oakes ranged from overlong practice sessions to threats against players' jobs.

Oakes leveled a charge of lack of cooperation against Harry Carlson, director of athletics and dean of men; Walter B. Franklin, graduate manager and former star end at Colorado, and mark Schreiber, assistant to the graduate manager and golf coach. All three said they welcomed the coming investigation.

# Father Kills Son To "Be Together"

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 26.—(AP)—William J. Larkin clumped heavily down the stairs of a rooming house today, held out the still body of his 21 months old son Jimmy, and startled fellow boarders by declaring:

"I've killed him."

Then, while the landlady, Mrs. Margaret McKrefey, was rushing the child to a hospital, the 26-year-old shipyard worker gave himself up to police and was booked on a charge of murder.

"I killed him because I loved him," the tall, wiry Larkin was quoted by Police Inspector George J. Feeny, "and because my wife told me I couldn't see him any more. I killed him because I knew that the state would take my life and then we could be together all the time."

The hospital reported the child was strangled.

The Larkins eloped to Elktown, Md., four years ago. Inspector Feeny said they separated several months ago.

# Wife of Senator To Seek Divorce

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Gerald P. Nye, wife of the North Dakota senator, intends to seek a divorce.

She said today that the petition would be filed this week, but would not discuss details of her plans. Nye was out of the city.

Senator and Mrs. Nye have been living apart since last fall, she at the family residence here, and he at the home of his secretary, Gerald Movius, former Fargo, ND, newspaper man.

# Frozen Teeth one Of Perils of War

LONDON, Feb. 26—(AP)—The strangest western front casualty yet on the record turned up today in the case of a British airman with dental plate trouble.

He put his false teeth in a glass of water one night, and the water froze and broke them. Regular rations were too hard, so this aviator eats at a French restaurant, the government paying the check.

This is to go on until new teeth are made for him.

# Canadian Champ Wins Ski Events

MOUNT HOOD, Feb. 26—(AP)—Tom Mobraaten, Canadian champion, amassed 228.7 points yesterday to win the class A ski jump in the Cascade Ski club's Multorpor Hill tournament. He jumped 184 and 146 feet.

Karl Baadsvik, Toronto Ski club, was second, and Olav Uland, Seattle, third.

Charles Dickinson, Leavenworth, Wash., made jumps of 131 and 133 feet for 221.1 points and first place in class B jumping. The junior jump was captured by Keith Vincent of Leavenworth. The class C event was won by Gregg Patterson, Cascade Ski club.

### Astoria Buys Meters

ASTORIA, Feb. 26—(AP)—Parking meters will be installed soon on downtown streets here. The city commission authorized the installation of between 300 and 400 Saturday.

# Two Boys Dead in Auto Camp Blaze

### Four Others Are Burned, Father not Expected to Survive Hurts

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26—(AP)—Two youngsters were fatally burned today in a gasoline-fed auto camp cabin fire that sent four other members of the family, including an expectant mother, to the hospital with serious burns.

Donald, 8, and Bobbie, 4, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Belk, formerly of Los Angeles, were killed. They were unable to escape from their beds as flames leaped from a pan of gasoline their father was using to clean clothes.

Belk was expected to die from burns suffered in rescuing his wife Annie, 30, an expectant mother, and two other children, Kenneth, one year, and James 9.

The father pulled his wife and James through a window after carrying the baby from the cabin. He previously had carried the flaming pan of gasoline outside, suffering burns as he did.

Donald and Bobbie apparently tried to escape the rapidly spreading flames by climbing into bed, firemen said.

The Belks came here from Los Angeles last August. He was unemployed.

# Chadwick to Run For Mayor Again

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he "might" be a candidate for the office. O'Hara has been somewhat of a critic of the Chadwick administration and has been outspokenly opposed to the mayor's plans for changing the mode of city government by adoption of a city manager system.

Tom Hill, Capitol street confectioner, has also been talked as a possible candidate, but said yesterday he had not decided whether he will run.

On the council front ward three appears to be the problem point. Neither of its pregent representatives, Harold M. Olinger and Chandler Brown, will again be candidates. Brown, appointed to a council vacancy but a few weeks ago, will move into another ward before his present term expires.

Mike Panek, garageman, said yesterday that he has been urged to run for a council post from ward seven, now represented by Bert Ford and C. F. French, but that he has not come to a decision.

# Langlie Expected To Retain Office

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Without a trace of the fanfare which has accompanied many of Seattle's city elections, voters will designate at the polls tomorrow two nominees for mayor, six for city council and two for corporation counsel.

Mayor Arthur Langlie is opposed by four candidates, but his renomination and reelection in the March 12 general election is conceded generally.

# Walla Walla Area Has Near-Tornado

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 26.—(AP)—A sudden gust of wind raced through College Place and Walla Walla this afternoon 35 to 60 miles an hour by official reading, toppling trees, smashing store windows and disrupting power.

A large uprooted tree wrecked the side of a house and another sent a model T to the scrap heap. No one was injured.

Yesterday parts of the district were swept by a cloudburst.

# Yaquina Request For Road Denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—The US coast guard cannot legally complete a road from the coastal highway to Yaquina head light station in Oregon, Senator McNary was informed today.

Most of the road is outside of the coast guard reservation, Rear Admiral L. C. Covell, acting commandant of the coast guard, said. McNary advised C. E. Culbertson, Agate Beach, Ore., to submit the project to the state highway commission.

# Sharpshooting Averts Escape

### Robber Turns out to Be Woodburn Radio Man; Wounds Are Minor

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had committed that robbery, according to Sheriff A. C. Burk, Captain Walter Lansing and Lieutenant Raymond Howard of the state police and District Attorney Lyle J. Page.

**Believe no Connection**
**With Gervais Job**

Jones denied he was the bandit who robbed the Bank of Gervais last October 17 and the officers said they were convinced he was telling the truth.

Page said Jones would be tried here regardless of whether or not federal bureau of investigation agents coming from Portland today also decide to press charges.

Mrs. Jones was being held for removal to Clackamas county.

Mrs. Jones, whom Jones married after coming to Woodburn from California early in 1935, was taken into custody at the home of relatives at Needy, nine miles northwest of Woodburn early last night and she also, confessed particiaption in the Canby robbery, Lieutenant Howard said.

Jones had taken her to Needy yesterday, stolen the .32 pistol from the relatives' residence and returned to hold up the St. Paul bank. He planned to leave at once for Seattle and advise his wife by mail, under an assumed name, where she should meet him, Howard added.

Page said Jones told them he needed money and decided robbing a bank was a quick way to get it. Asked last night by a reporter what became of the money, Jones replied:

"Oh, I just blew it."

The prisoner related that he had attempted to give himself up to both city and state police last Saturday in Portland for what he believed was another crime. He said he had received a $165 check from a customer, with which to buy a refrigerator, had cashed it at the Salem Montgomery Ward store, spending his $20 commission, and had then "blown" the rest. He said he had his wife tell the customer to stop payment on the check, before he went to Portland, leaving the store here the loser.

Jones has two children by a previous wife, who has had them with her in California since their divorce.

# 28 'Pioneers' to Receive Plaques

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who through his radio tube opened wide a whole realm of applied electronics."

John Van Hostrand Dorr, president of the Dorr Co., Inc., New York—"By his inventions, metallurgical and industrial chemical processes have been improved in every civilized country."

Dr. Charles Franklin Kettering of General Motors, Detroit and Dayton, Ohio—"Invented and perfected the self-starter for cars . . . Largely responsible for many improvements in engines."

Edwin Herbert Land, president of the Polaroid corporation, Boston—"By creating polaroid, he has made possible increased comfort of eyes in the glare of reflected sunlight, increased safety of motorists at night, a new process for three-dimensional motion pictures."

Dr. Irving Langmuir, General Electric, Schenectady, NY.—"Has produced such diverse things as gas-filled, coiled filament incandescent lamps, hydrogen arc welding, high vacuum thermionic tubes . . ."

Dr. Harry Steenbock, professor in biochemistry, University of Wisconsin—"Directed the energy of the ultra-violet lamp upon milks, foods and certain sterols, and found a way to provide vitamin D in great abundance."

John P. Tytus, vice president American Rolling Mill company, Middletown, Ohio—"Instrumental in the development of a revolutionary process for continuous rolling of wide strip steel."

Charles Frederick Wallace, vice president Wallace and Tiernan company, Belleville, NJ.—"Inventions for accurately measuring and controlling the flow of fluids, and particularly by making possible the application of liquid chlorine in the treatment of water supplies . . . has added greatly to the promotion of public health."

Dr. Vladimir Kosma Zworykin, reseerch engineer, RCA manufacturing company, Mamden, NJ.—"Invented the electric eye . . ."

The "Nylon group" of E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and company, Wilmington, Del.—"Produced nylon, the first synthetic protein."

In this group was the late Dr. Wallace Hume Carthers, and the following: Willard E. Catlin, Donald D. Coffman, Winfield W. Heckert, Benjamin W. Howk, George D. Graves, Wilbur A. Lazier, John B. Miles, jr., Wesley R. Peterson, Frank K. Signaigo and Edgar W. Spanagel.

# Treasurer's Aide Hears Sentence

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 26—(AP)—Elden B. Dunham, former deputy Cowlitz county treasurer, was sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in the state penitentiary today on charges of embezzlement and falsifying public records.

He was convicted in superior court January 31 of embezzling $6,708. Judge J. E. Stone passed sentence.

A motion for a new trial was denied.

### Pedestrian Killed

PORTLAND, Feb. 26—(AP)—George E. Nelson, 69, a pedestrian, was killed by an automobile yesterday, boosting Portland's traffic death toll since January 1 to 18.

# New Indoor Mark In 440 Is Set by Indiana Sprinter

BLOOMING, Ind., Feb. 26—(AP)—Roy Cochran of Indiana university set a new world's indoor record of 48.3 seconds for the 440-yard dash tonight in a track meet which Indiana won from Notre Dame, 52 to 34.

Officials said his time was six-tenths of a second better than that with which Ray Elenwood of Chicago set the previous March four years ago.

# English Blockade Sinks two Ships

### Whether Freighters, War Vessels not Known as Action Reported

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known to have been patrolling last week. Press reports said French warships had joined the patrol.

Vardoe is west of soviet Russia's Arctic port of Murmansk, where a large number of German merchantmen, including the big liner Bremen, took refuge at the start of the war. The Bremen and a few other large German ships subsequently got home from Murmansk by sailing inside Norwegian waters.

LONDON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Great Britain's millions were told bluntly today that the government's plans for crushing Germany call for a "drastic" lowering of the British standard of living to turn more world trade profits to war.

With the government disclosing German air smashes at her all-important sealanes near home had brought 128 attacks up to February 22 on "unarmed British merchant ships and fishing vessels," and with two more freighters reported sunk today, Robert S. Hudson, British secretary for overseas trade, called upon manufacturers for "heroic" exports. These, he forecast at Glasgow, would be achieved through restriction of home consumption which is "bound to be drastic."

Highlighted also in the British determination to win the war with money were government plans to keep secret the extent of its huge stake in United States stocks. This stake makes His Majesty's government one of the biggest owners of securities traded in Wall street.

Robert V. Grimston, treasurer of the household, said in commons that it "is not in the public interest" to disclose the value of securities acquired by the recent action of the government in ordering British holders of 60 selected American stocks to sell their holdings to the Bank of England. Unofficially, the total is estimated at about $100,000,000.

Pooling of the power of the British and French empires in this war was disclosed to extend to nearly complete collaboration in purchase of foodstuffs. The food ministry announced the formation of a British-French committee for joint purchase, distribution and shipment of food supplies.

Behind these disclosed developments Britain continued negotiations with Rumania to keep Germany from getting more Rumanian oil and prepared answers to commons questions on possible loopholes in the allied blockade of the reich.

Reported sunk today were the Scottish Loch Maddy, 4996 tons, torpedoed in the North Atlantic Thursday with four dead, and the 3840-ton Swedish Santos, sunk in the North sea with 30 missing. A British warship was believed to have sunk the submarine which torpedoed the Loch Maddy.

# Reported Russian Toll Significant

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Russian front line units must be badly disorganized, and in no shape to take full advantage of their victories. Red communication lines to Leningrad are jammed with a two-way traffic and increasingly subject to enemy harassment. Those routes by rail or road are inadequate at best to maintain a force of the size the Russians massed a month ago on that narrow isthmus front.

Nor can Russian leaders ignore the plain evidence on their maps of the isthmus than ever harder going lies ahead of them, if the Finns have taken advantage of all topographical possibilities in establishing their secondary defenses.

The report of Russian losses, with all its implications, sheds light, too, on the action of the conference of foreign ministers of the three Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, in urging again that the war be ended by a negotiated settlement preserving Finland's "full independence." Presumably, their proposal rests on the hope, at least, that Moscow may now be ready for mediation for practical reasons.

# Wheeler not in Oregon Primary

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26—(AP)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler's name will not appear on Oregon's preferential primary ballot in May because President Roosevelt's name is on the ballot, J. Burke Clements, president of the Wheeler-for-president clubs said tonight.

Clements, from Helena, Mont., said the Wheeler forces would attempt to line up "second-choice" votes in Oregon.

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# Finns Calm in Face of Peril

### Cradle Melody Crooned to Bomber's Droning May Be Symphony Later

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sinki, two of them after dark.

The story of Koivisto as told officially in the terse opening sentence of the high command communique.

"On the isthmus (of Karelia) our troops have given up the Koivisto islands," it said. That was all.

The Russians, in their drive on Viipuri already have rushed up a coastal railway, by the Finns' own admission, as far as Kaislahti, only 7½ miles due south from their objective.

Viipuri, normally Finland's third largest city busy with 70,000 inhabitants, today is deserted. Two weeks ago several thousand persons still lived there, and troops were quartered with them, but now only a few ghostly sentries remain.

# Kings Valley Road Conference Topic

### South River Road's Status Is one Item Discussed With County Court

Members of a committee to deal with Marion county problems of the Salem - Independence - Kings Valley highway association, which was formed at Roberts last Thursday, met with the county court yesterday to ascertain the status of the south river road, the highway in which the association is interested, insofar as it lies in Marion county.

The court informed the committee that the highway is listed as a federal secondary road, and has been partially improved as such from Roberts station to a point beyond Hall's Ferry.

Such improvements would have extended beyond the ferry, they were told, had it not been for projection of the Oregon Electric railway right of way into the highway grade in certain places, making impossible a clear claim to a 60-foot right of way throughout the length of the road. Lacking such clear title, federal funds were not available to finish improvement of the highway.

**New Route Proposed**

Representatives of the railroad indicated that an adjustment of this situation could in all probability be made without difficulty, but their suggestion was held in abeyance when State Engineer C. B. McCullough recommended abandonment of the road on the east side of the track in favor of a new roadway on the west which would eliminate all difficulties with the railroad company.

Members of the committee expect to confer with Mayor W. W. Chadwich in reference to the road within the city limits. It now leaves via Miller street, and the committee would prefer a less hazardous route.

Committee members included Dean Walker, Independence; Lee Eyerly, E. L. Gray, A. C. Haag and LeRoy Grote. E. A. Miller, absent in Portland yesterday, is also a member.

# North California Has Rain, Floods

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Northern California was drenched and dripping tonight after many hours of almost ceaseless rain, with cloudbursts and swollen streams causing floods in some areas. The forecast for more of the same tomorrow was not reassuring to dwellers in low places.

At Redding, the southeastern section of town was flooded tonight after 2.35 inches of rain fell in two hours. The water was five feet deep in some places, and firemen crews rescued nine persons by boat from flooded houses.

The Sacramento river was over its banks at some spots north of Redding.

In Fresno, low streets along Dry Creek canal were under water in residential sections, but no homes were flooded.

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