Londoners See Bedtime Blitz

Thousands Fill Streets to Watch RAF Battle Invading Bombers

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try, fliers of the coastal command were said to have scored direct hits on the air base at Mandal, on Norway's Skaggerak coastline, and Forus, airdrome for the west Norwegian port of Stavanger.

One plane also scored two direct hits on a motorship in Stavanger Roads, the communique continued, and another bombed an important railway bridge.

All aircraft returned safely, the ministry said.

British planes dropped several bombs at an undesignated spot in the north German coastal region Wednesday night, the German news agency DNB announced Wednesday night.

The agency said the bombs caused only small fires in apartment houses and that only a small number of RAF planes entered the region.

It said that at the same time German formations headed for vital points in central England.

A correspondent with the British forces in Libya, reported Wednesday Gen. Francisco Argentino, the dejected blackshirt officer captured on the Mediterranean strand by a British motorboat crew three days ago, had ended a sulky hunger strike today, swept a tearful eye over the barren stretches of sand and cried out:

"You Can Have It," Declares Captured Italo General

"For all I care about this desert, you can have it! I myself am a poet."

British officers, who pressed food and drink upon him agreed that the desert itself was certainly not worth fighting for.

His reserve broken, Argentino talked on almost amicable terms, though with a lump in his throat.

He was the commander at Sidi Barrani, Egypt, first Italian stronghold to fall in the British onslaught.

On the Ethiopian - Sudanese frontier the rhythmic tom-tom of 44 royal war drums has broken the desolate silence of this desert area with a summons to Ethiopian patriots to rise in arms against their Italian masters.

From peak to peak the thumping carried the message from former Emperor Haile Selassie last night, and today hundreds of trained Ethiopians slipped across the border back to their homeland to help their comrades reported assembling an army in Gojjam, near Lake Tana in northwestern Ethiopia.

The signal tells the natives the one-time Negus, "the King of Kings," is near, and that the moment for armed revolt approaches.

Greek soldiers in a surprise attack launched during a snowstorm have blasted the Italians out of important high positions in the central sector of the Albanian front and held them against several counter-attacks, a government spokesman declared in Athens Wednesday night.

The speedy arrival of Greek reinforcements helped the attackers retain their grip on the positions, he said.

Mortars, machine guns, munitions and other material were captured in this action. In another part of the front the Greeks captured three guns in good condition.

Earlier the government reported the Greeks had driven their foes back in a thrust toward Berati.

An Associated Press correspondent at the front reported "rickety old cars and farmers with trains of stubborn mules" formed a supply line to move food and ammunition to Greek soldiers.

Italo Mail Plane Down in Atlantic

RIO DE JANIERO, Jan. 15—(AP)—The Italian transatlantic mail plane Ibayr sent an SOS this afternoon after coming down on the Atlantic ocean with ten persons aboard about 300 miles off Fernando Noronha, Brazil.

The tri-motored plane was forced to land when a motor ceased functioning several hours after it left Natal, Brazil, for Cape Verde, Africa, and Europe.

The call for help was reported by officials of the Italian transatlantic line in Recipe.

The Savoia Marchetti 75 carried four crewmen, four other airline employes returning from another plane, and two passengers.

(Italian planes have been used regularly since the war began to ferry German and Italian officers between Europe and South America.)

Outcome of Silverton New Charter Test May Cause Chaos in Offices; Conjecture Rife Awaiting Outcome

SILVERTON — Controversy on Silverton streets was heated throughout Wednesday, following a story appearing in the morning papers conjecturing on what would happen should Silverton's new charter, coming into effect January 1, be ruled illegal in circuit court at Salem Friday.

The newspaper conjecture, stating that Lowell Brown, nominated as mayor in May under the old charter is wrong, the majority of both sides contend. Brown was merely nominated and never elected, it is said, and that the city charter holds one must be elected at the general election in November.

Brown, it is pointed out, chose to run as one of four councilmen to be elected under the new charter, rather than carry his nomination as mayor further. It is stated, moreover, that Brown stands to lose his seat in the city council, should the old charter be reinstated, as three councilmen, R. G. Allen, Ernest Starr, and J. W. Jordan, all received higher votes than he, and there were only three vacancies.

Write-Ins May Win

Efforts were made at Silverton by many Wednesday to find out who had "write-in" votes at the November election. These, should there be any who might qualify, might also become mayor or recorder of the city. The abstract of votes, filed in the city recorder's office, should show this, it was said, but investigation proved that the abstract showed only that there were two votes written in for recorder and none for mayor.

The votes were marked "scattering" and no names were given on the abstract. Voters recalled that votes had been cast for at least three people for recorder and some for mayor. The abstract was signed by U. Boyer and by G. E. White, G. E. Cheney and W. Boyer. The complete records, it was said, could likely be found in the county courthouse and would likely have to be resorted to should the new charter be proved illegal.

May Regain Post

In such event, George Hubbs would likely again be recorder, it is held, as it is recalled, he received the largest amount of write-in votes in November.

However, some hold that should the old charter be resorted to again, then Zetta Schlador as mayor and George Hubbs as recorder would hold office until successors were reelected.

But again, it is pointed out, the old charter specifically states that these officers are elected for two years. Only in case of appointive officers does the charter hold "their offices for the term of two years or until the appointment and qualification of their successors," one faction declares.

It was also brought up Wednesday, that should the old charter be thrown into effect again Friday, this would bring the water commission back into service. Dr. A. W. Simmons still has two years of his term to serve. Roy Morley has four, and the term of A. R. Eastman expired January 1. It would then become the duty of the mayor to appoint one new commissioner who has to be approved by the city council.

Rex Albright, city attorney, was absent from town throughout Wednesday and could not be reached on the matter.

Salem Man Gets Post in Senate

Carle Abrams, Salem insurance man and army reserve colonel, has drawn the clerkship of the senate ways and means committee. Ruth Walker will be his stenographer.

Other appointments completing the senate's working staff, now include:

Fred Helman, assistant doorkeeper.

Committee posts:

Assessment and taxation: Sylvia Knox, chief clerk.

Bills and mailing: Mary L. Boeschen, chief clerk, Stella J. Henry, clerk and Pearl Staples, clerk.

Engrossed and enrolled bills: Fred G. Sefton, chief clerk, Gladys C. Beardsley, assistant, Leota Emahiser, copyreader, Dorothy Ensley, proof reader, and Elizabeth Aupperle, Winifred Elder, Lileth Kinnison, Gayle Kreason, and Grace Miller, clerks.

Industries: Vivian M. Elliott, chief clerk.

Judiciary: W. A. Wiest, chief clerk.

Mining and insurance: Nadie Strayer, chief clerk.

Revision of laws: Francis Leinenweber, chief clerk and Anne Marie Barss, stenographer.

Roads and highways: David Wied, chief clerk.

Senior of Salem Wins Presidency At Willamette U.

William Laughlin of Salem was yesterday elected president of the Willamette university senior class for the spring semester. Close votes in the junior balloting requires a second election for all offices.

Other new senior class officers are Maxine Crabtree of Salem, vice-president; Mildred Williams of Sidney, Mont., secretary; John Stalnaker, Portland, treasurer.

Oscar Swenson of Spokane and Jack Walker of McMinnville are left in the race for junior class president. For vice-president Barbara Hollingsworth runs against Betty Keller, both of Portland; for secretary, Grace Covert of Salem against Dorothy Moore of Portland, and for treasurer, Jack Hedgcock of Seattle against Claude Barrick of Tillamook.

Willamette Players To Present Sketch

"The Living Dead," a one-act play, will be presented by Theta Alpha Phi of Willamette university tonight at 8 o'clock in Waller hall. The play is an anti-war drama depicting both the people who make war and those who suffer its ravages.

The play is directed by Art Olson and was among the winners in the recent one-act play contest presented at the university.

Late Sports

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Jan. 15—(AP)—More than 100 ski riders from nine western states among them Film Star Claudette Colbert—practiced on the mountain slopes at this Sawtooth mountain resort today in preparation for their interstate winter sports tournament Saturday and Sunday.

California is the pre-meet favorite despite the presence of a Washington team that includes many of the University of Washington stars who won the recent intercollegiate meet here.

For Washington, skiers include Bill Redlin, downhill and slalom intercollegiate winner; Carl Neu, cross-country intercollegiate winner; Jack Schneider, Art Strom and Felix Bertagna.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Jan. 15—(AP)—Unless word is received by midnight tonight from Pueblo and Denver parties interested in seeing the two Colorado cities join the class C Pioneer baseball league, further consideration will not be given their request, Jack Halliwell, league president, indicated tonight.

The two cities were given a deadline, which expires at midnight, to fulfill requirements on playing facilities. No word has yet been received from them, Halliwell said.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—(AP)—Joe Chamaco of Mexico City, upset in his first start in the world three cushion billiard tournament, came back tonight to notch his first victory—a 50 to 42 conquest over the veteran Tiff Denton of Kansas City. The match went 61 innings.

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 15—(AP)—Eddie Blunt, New York negro fighter and 2½ to 1 short ender in the betting, got an unexpected 10-round heavyweight fight decision here tonight over Buddy Baer, one of the contenders for the crown of Joe Louis.

After a slow beginning of three rounds, Blunt landed a left hook to Baer's right eye in the fourth to take the lead. In the next three, the boys stood toe to toe and slugged.

The eighth was Baer's round. He scored a hard right that left Blunt in a bad way at the bell, but the New Yorker came back strong in the last two rounds to get the decision.

Two New Boys Arrive

Salem stork statistics were boosted by two boys yesterday, one at each hospital. At the Deaconess it was to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gage, 320 Division street, Salem, and at the Salem General the birth, a Caesarian, was to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, 1126 Sixth street, West Salem.

Justice Is "Improved"

"Slightly improved" was the report on Justice Henry J. Bean's condition by Deaconess hospital attendants early this morning. The 87-year-old justice of the Oregon supreme court passed his 20th day at the hospital quietly, it was said.

Hull Tangles With Congress

Cabinet Officers Inform House Foreign Affairs Committee on Status

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ber drawled, "that the author of that article will be making statements like that after the invasion of England, after the invasion of South America without figuring any effective method of dealing with the situation. Numerous people who were reading such statements are now on the chain gangs under the domination of Germany.

Speed Imperative, Hull Declares in Statement

Unlike Morgenthau, Hull presented a prepared statement. "Dangers" and "circumstances" had risen, he said, which "render imperative all possible speed in our preparation for meeting these dangers." He went on to a restatement of foreign policy and a review of international developments, from the Japanese invasion of Manchuria to those of recent weeks.

"We are in the presence of forces which are not restrained by considerations of law or principles of morality," he said, "which have fixed no limits for their program of conquest; which have spread over large areas on land and are desperately struggling now to seize control of the oceans as an essential means of achieving and maintaining their conquest of the other continents.

"Control of the high seas by law-abiding nations is the key to the security of the western hemisphere in the present-day world situation. Should that control be gained for the partners of the tri party pact (Germany, Italy and Japan), the danger to our country, great as it is today, would be multiplied many fold.

"It is frequently said that there can be no danger of an invasion of the new world. It is said: As Germany has not been able to cross the British channel, how can she cross the Atlantic?

"German forces could cross the channel in an hour's time were it not for the fact that Britain, now thoroughly prepared and well-armed, is fighting every hour of the day to prevent that crossing, and is fortified in every way to repel a landing. The 20 miles of water between continental Europe and Britain are under British, not German, control.

Were Britain defeated and were she to lose command of the seas, Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, especially the south Atlantic—unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now. Were the Atlantic to fall into German control, the Atlantic would offer little or no assurance of security."

Couple Commited For Sanity Test

LEBANON, Jan. 15—C. Baile Bode and his wife were both committed to the state hospital at Salem Wednesday following a request for a sanity test asked by District Attorney Harlow Weinrick and Roy Hewitt, Salem, who was defense attorney when Bode was tried and convicted of assault and battery, as a result of the shooting of a neighbor, Ernest Weissner, some months ago.

Dr. Conrad Loehner of Salem was the psychiatrist who conducted the examination.

Attorneys Weinrick and Hewitt agreed upon the action when Bode was taken before Judge L. H. McMahan for sentence.

Salem Soldiers Receive Promotions At Camp Clatsop; Chaplain Returns

CAMP CLATSOP, Jan. 15.—A large number of promotions have been made in the troops of citizen-soldiers here who were inducted from the Oregon national guard units stationed at Salem. Promotions were made in Headquarters battery of the second battalion, and in Battery G, formerly known as Searchlight battery.

Advancements to the grade of staff sergeant: Raymond Wilcox, formerly a sergeant, and Private First Class Jack Haek, both of Headquarters Battery, 2d battalion. To sergeant, Private Frank Benford, Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, and Corporal Quentin Ruecker, Battery G. To corporal of Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, Private First Class Elton L. Ball, Private First Class Joseph Thomas, Private First Class Albert Wickert, and Private First Class Ollie Williams. To corporal of Battery G, Privates First Class Everett Smith and John Bennett, and Private Gordon Buckout.

Troops welcomed the announcement that Chaplain John Reedy had been reordered into active service, following a period of several months when he was absent because of physical difficulties. Chaplain Reedy is popular with the soldiers at this post because of his Sunday services and his interest in sport and recreation.

Troops of the 249th CA have been authorized to wear the insignia of the Fourth Army, of which they are members. The insignia is a colorful shamrock, worn on the left sleeve of blouses and overcoats. Orders also were received that enlisted men should wear red piping on their overseas or service caps, and that the officers, who formerly wore the red piping, would wear gold and black braid.

Two official cars were last week issued to the regiment. Both are painted wartime dull finish and are of light passenger type. One has been assigned to the commanding officer, Colonel Clifton M. Irwin, and will be driven by Private Merril Gallagher. The other was assigned to the regimental adjutant, Captain Charles Unruh, and will be chauffered by Private Hiram Amick.

Training is becoming more rigid. Troops have made several night marches in the last few days and expect to work up to a schedule of three a week. Monday night the line of march was over the rough sand hills to Sunset Beach and back. The call "To Arms" was blown at 6:45 p.m. and the regiment was enroute for about two hours.

CHAPLAIN J. J. REEDY

Lions Will Hear State Treasurer

Leslie M. Scott, new Oregon state treasurer, will address the Salem Lions club at the Marion hotel at noon. His subject will be "Super-government Trends."

The club also will be host to legislators who are Lions club members. They are Senators J. C. Booth, of Lebanon, R. H. Kauffman, of Toledo, Charles H. Zurcher, of Enterprise, Ronald E. Jones, of Salem, and Representatives George R. Duncan, of Stayton, Angus Gibson, of Junction City, C. T. Hockett, of Enterprise, J. F. Hosch, of Bend, and James A. Rodman, of Eugene.

Cold to Continue

PORTLANND, Jan. 15—(AP)—Continued cold weather in eastern Oregon was predicted today as temperatures skidded downward. Some snows in the east and more rain in western Oregon were included in the forecast. Some east-west highways were still covered with snow and ice, the State Motor association said.

Marion Grangers Hear Resolution

Meeting of Representative Sheepmen Advocated to Seek "Dog" Payments

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the dog license fund for the current year shows that there was left $1650.90 to revert to the general fund, and that the compensation paid to the owner of sheep killed is at present approximately one-half of the true value of the sheep lost. The resolution was signed by J. O. Farr, W. H. Stevens, Myrtle Martin and R. J. Rice.

The entire 15 granges in Marion county were present at the meeting held all day at Silverton, and presided over by Roy J. Rice of Roberts.

Three new members were taken in, Guy Sanders and Fred Dahl of Silverton, and Dan Van Brocklin of North Howell. The county visitation program was worked out to include Salem to Silverton, Butteville to Woodburn, Woodburn to Fairfield, Surprise to Red Hills, North Howell to Silverton Hills, Macleay to Union Hill, Stayton to Macleay, Red Hills to Stayton, Fairfield to Roberts, Union Hill to Surprise, Silverton Hills to Salem, Ankeny to Chemawa, Silverton to Ankeny, Chemawa to North Howell and Roberts to Butteville.

Mrs. J. C. Krenz, lecturer, provided a program with the Future Farmers of Silverton in charge. H. W. Adams, superintendent of Silverton schools was the speaker. Leonard Hudson, Smith-Hughes director, gave a quiz game performance. Music was furnished by Amos Funrue; George Haberly and Dale Herigstad gave a rope making demonstration; John Lichty gave the FFA creed; Stanley Torvend talked on cooperative dairying of the boys, and Hudson outlined some of the FFA projects.

Mrs. Blanche Pickering, state chaplain, and Elmer McClure, state deputy, were special guests.

J. O. Farr of Ankeny and Willard Stevens of North Howell reported legislature, and Mrs. F. E. Wolfe of Chemawa reported on home economics. Mrs. L. O. Hadley reported on juvenile work in the county and Harry Martin told of YGA work at Macleay.

The Pomona will meet at Silverton Hills in April.

Major Senate Battle Seen

Four Measures to Amend Compensation Act Are Backed by Labor

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house legislation and rules committee late Wednesday by Representative Manley J. Wilson (D-Clatsop) and J. D. Perry (D-Columbia).

Senator Ashby C. Dickson (D-Multnomah) prepared a resolution yesterday calling for adjournment of the legislature sine die on Friday, February 21.

The date would be the 40th day of the session, after which legislators' pay stops. The 1939 session lasted 66 days.

A companion measure called for report of the joint ways and means committee on the 30th day. Other signers were Senators Wallace and Kenin and Representatives Erwin, Smith, Hockett, Hedlund and Neuberger.

The latter bills are the ones in which Monroe Sweetland, Commonwealth federation executive secretary, and the legislators with whom he associates are interested.

Whether or not a disagreement over provisions of the amendment is in the offing in labor's ranks, to the advantage of the conservative, defend-the-present-law forces, remains to be seen.

It appeared until Wednesday that all of the ball-carrying on the unemployment compensation would be labor's. But the backers of the experience rating principle found themselves faced with the probable necessity of introducing and fighting for a bill to keep the steady-payroll credit feature in the law when the report came out of Washington, DC, that the federal social security board had objected to a provision in the act, which their own experts copy-edited in the first place.

As a result a bill is in the making, and may reach the senate today, to meet the federal board's requirement that the rating governing payroll contributions be based on a three-year period instead of on one year as provided in the present act.

Senators who have set their sights on legislators seeking to do away with experience rating have been advised that the social security board may be led to reverse its decision when it is pointed out that, while Oregon's experience rating is based on only a one-year period, an employer may not become entitled to any "good experience" credits until after he has been under the act for three years.

Aside from the experience rating angle to the battle over the unemployment compensation setup, the struggle will bring forth opposing claims that the benefits fund as now set up can and cannot support more generous payments to the jobless and will or will not be jeopardized by bringing all seasonal jobs into the picture.

An odd feature of the contest is that it leads right into the center of a field so technical and so ramified that even the experts find themselves perplexed in their attempts to arrive at the correct answers.

Society Slates Sale

TURNER — The Methodist Society of Christian Service is sponsoring the first of a series of cooked food sales this Saturday in the Townsend building. The committee is comprised of Mrs. Elsie Whittaker, chairman, Mrs. Stella Miller and Mrs. M. E. Townsend.

Mahoney Backs Sprague Stand

Multnomah Senator Flays New Proposed Measure Before Legislature

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partment of state police a bill to correct terminology in the state police tenure law passed last session to provide for removal of officers and privates in certain instances.

Carson also introduced a bill authorizing executors and other fiduciaries to invest in shares and savings certificates in savings and loan associations guaranteed under the federal home loan bank system.

Senator Douglas McKay (R-Marion) introduced measures to repeal the non-resident registration law and to guarantee reemployment of state employes in military service.

American Fliers Set New Records In Planes Ferry

LONDON, Jan. 15—(AP)—United States made bombers have achieved a breakfast-to-teatime schedule and set a new transatlantic record in delivery flights to England, it was disclosed today.

The pre-war record for transatlantic flights between Newfoundland and the British Isles was set by the Cambral, Imperial Airways flying boat, in September, 1937, when she flew from Botwood to Foynes, Ireland, in 10 hours and 33 minutes.

"That mark has been broken time and again," said an authoritative aviation source in partial disclosure of speed achieved in the ferrying which the British hope will bring hundreds of planes by mid-summer.

This source would not, however, divulge the new record nor say who holds it.

The planes thus being delivered are said to be Lockheed Hudsons, Boeing 17's, Lockheed Vega Venturas and Consolidated flying boats.

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portant issues faced him, he always wants to be just.

The senate has added a Joe Devers to its payroll, J. M., jr., who will be chief clerk of the committee on revision of laws. J. M., sr., is the highway commission's chief attorney of long standing; he can tell you some stirring incidents recalled from the days of his youth as a district attorney in Lane county. "The DA" had to have plenty of nerve in the old days, physical courage as well as moral.

Birthdays—Representative Lyle Thomas, former principal of West Salem school, was the first representative whose birthday won him attention on the floor of the house this session. As the morning session opened Speaker Farrell extended good wishes of the house and directed the sergeant-at-arms to present Thomas with a rose boutonniere. Thomas was 32 years old Wednesday. A rose will also be due Representative E. Harvey Miller, Heppner wheat grower, when he returns to the house next Monday. He will be 48 on Sunday.

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