

Weather
Cloudy with valley fogs today and Friday. Max. temp. Wednesday, 50; Min. 30. South wind. River 9.5 feet. Heavy fog.

While You Sleep
The Statesman gathers the world's news while you sleep, has it on your doorstep when you wake up in the morning. It's late press time scores many "beats."

Dictator of Greece Succumbs to Throat Ailment at Athens

General "Little John" Metaxas Dies Whispering Hopes for Victory; New Premier Is Appointed

ATHENS, Jan. 29—(AP)—General John Metaxas, the "Little John" who dictated to Greece in peace and directed her aggressive defense in war, died Wednesday, whispering: "It is not for myself that I mind, but I place my hope in the Greeks."

"Premier for life," he died of a throat infection in his Athens suburban home, Kiphissia, at 8:20 a.m. (8:20 p.m. PST Tuesday) while his soldiers were fighting in Albania.

Metaxas, 70, short, chesty, dolomene of visage, had been secretly ill for three weeks.

To his countrymen he was a modern, Millades, the spiritual counterpart of the hero who led the Athenians to victory against the invading Persians at the battle of Marathon.

King George II, with whose approval Metaxas obtained dictatorial powers by a coup d'etat August 4, 1936, quickly named a fall and astiduous banner, Alexandros Korymbis, to be premier.

Korymbis, 55, a close colleague of Metaxas but lacking any extensive army or political experience, also will hold Metaxas' other portfolios.

Moreover, he is pledged to carry out the letter Metaxas' own program of "victory over the enemy and afterwards, serving and promoting the welfare of the working classes which constitute the productive power of the nation."

With the Italians, aided by the Germans at least with planes, apparently ready to start a new offensive against the Greeks, Metaxas' death was viewed elsewhere in the Balkans as the heaviest blow Greece could suffer. In Belgrade, political circles termed him almost irreplaceable.

It appeared that, since the new premier lacks military knowledge, it will be largely up to Generalissimo Alexander Papanagu, the Greek military commander-in-chief, to fight off the Italians, with British counsel and aid.

King Exorts Soldiers to Continue Struggle
King George's proclamations issued almost simultaneously with the announcement of Metaxas' death, exhorted Greek soldiers to continue to the utmost (Turn to page 2, col. 4)



GEN. JOHN METAXAS

Nazi Technical Men Coming to Help Africa

German Bombers Attack Ground Forces, Ships in Mediterranean

First Night Raid in Ten Days Hits London; Hitler Speaks

LONDON, Jan. 29—(AP)—A British military authority suggested Wednesday that the expected early attempt of the Germans to invade England might be abandoned because of the necessity of giving large-scale help to the Italians and the exigencies of most military adventures in the Balkans.

If the Germans do in fact try the thrust across the channel, he added, they will time it to begin "before American aid becomes too pronounced."

(By The Associated Press)
An Italian prisoner at Tobruk, Libya, said late Wednesday night that approximately 1000 German technicians and airmen were now in Libya to aid the Italian defense against the British.

He said the majority were technicians but that the airmen already were engaged in raids on the British ground forces and Mediterranean fleet. Previous reports have indicated the airmen were doing their raiding from island bases in Italian Sicily.

Thousands of captured Italians were being loaded on British transports at Tobruk for shipment to internment camps in Egypt.

Dispatches reaching the international zone of Tangier from French Algiers reported that at

BERLIN, Jan. 30—(Thursday)—(AP)—Adolf Hitler today will address the German people at 4:30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. PST) on his eighth anniversary of "der tag" when the Nazis rose to complete power in the Reich.

Following the news reports the address will be repeated at 8:20 p.m. (10:30 a.m. PST).

At least six persons were killed in riots involving soldiers in Algiers, the capital. The cause of the reported outbreak was not learned.

German raiders attacking London after dark for the first time in ten nights loosed high explosive and incendiary bombs on the British capital during a four-hour raid last night while Big Berthas on French coast shelled the Dover area.

People Machine-Gunned Running for Raid Shelters
The Germans today spread over western and northern England, East Anglia, central Scotland and the northeast coast. People running to air raid shelters at a northeast coastal town were reported machine-gunned.

The royal air force used its machine-guns too—ground strafing retreating Italian troops in Libya near the port of Derna, next on Britain's attack list, and the (Turn to page 2, Col. 4)

Lawyer Endorsed For Capital Job

A young Tillamook attorney, Robert Y. Thornton, has been unanimously endorsed by the Tillamook county democratic central committee for appointment as successor to Rep. Jack R. Caulfield, according to word received here Wednesday. Union and business men's groups were also said to have recommended him.

Caulfield last week announced his resignation from the legislature as of today to assume the Tillamook postmastership. A democrat, Caulfield has served the third legislative district since 1935.

His successor will be appointed by the Tillamook county court today.

State Hospitals Need More Attendants, Doctors and Nurses, US Report Asserts

Temblor Hits Los Angeles Late in Day

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29—(AP)—The metropolitan Los Angeles area was jolted late Wednesday by a sharp earthquake lasting about 30 seconds, but there was no property damage or loss of life reported.

The shock began at 5:34 p.m. and was felt in Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monrovia, Glendale, Monterey park, Temple City, Santa Anita, Pasadena, North Hollywood, Arcadia and on the Los Angeles county coastline.

The earthquake was localized, however. Downtown Los Angeles experienced a severe jolt. Many residents in Alhambra, San Gabriel and Monterey park ran into the streets.

NLRB Hearing Slated Here

First Meeting of Board Held in Salem Set on Mill Dispute

Patrick H. Walker, Seattle, trial examiner for the National Labor Relations board, will hold the first NLRB hearing ever conducted in Salem today when he conducts a representation hearing in the law courtroom of the Marion county courthouse.

Principals in the case, which involves no labor dispute in the ordinary sense, between employer and employees, are the Miles Linn mill and 10 of their workers who are members of the local number 299 of the Textile Workers' union.

The hearing is to determine whether the 10 workers, a minority of those who are employed as net machine operators, constitute a representative group for collective bargaining with their employer under the terms of the labor relations act. Petition for the hearing was filed November 26, 1940, by C. W. Cray, business agent of the union local.

County Cuts Debt

ST. HELENS, Jan. 29—(AP)—The Columbia county clerk disclosed Wednesday that the county's bonded debt had been wiped out and warrant obligations cut to \$7586.

Willkie "Moved to Tears" After Visits to Air Shelters

LONDON, Jan. 29—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie visited five sprawling air raid shelters Wednesday night in the midst of a German attack and said he was "moved to tears" at the sight of the public's pluck.

"I am a pretty tough fellow," he said, "but I had to turn my head away from these people to keep from downright bawling over."

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German planes were overhead from two shelters. At one place a young woman edged her way through a swarm of people around Willkie and said "come see my baby."

Political Writer Stricken at Work

Ralph Watson, dean of legislative correspondents and political writer for the Oregon Journal for many years, was reported "resting quite well" Wednesday night from the effects of an attack of acute indigestion that caused him to collapse while on duty at the capitol earlier in the day. His physician advised him to remain in his room at the Marion hotel for a few days.

Searchers for Bomber Report "No Success"

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 29—(AP)—Army fliers reported no developments Wednesday in their search of northern California and southern Oregon areas for a McChord field bomber missing since January 16.

Seven members, under the command of Capt. John H. O'Hara, carried on the search for the third day from this field.

House Rejects Naval Convoy Ban Proposal

Committee Okehs Four Amendments to Bill for British Aid

Stimson Tells Senate US Might Salvage British Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—(AP)—A proposal to place an outright ban on the use of United States naval vessels to convoy supplies to Britain was rejected by the house foreign affairs committee Wednesday as it neared the end of its consideration of the lease-lend program for aiding countries battling the axis.

The committee did, however, approve an amendment, stating that the measure neither authorizes nor permits the use of American vessels as convoys.

This action was taken with the approval of administration members, and Chairman Bloom (D-New York) later explained that if the constitution or any existing statute authorizes the president to order the navy to escort duty, this power would not be affected by the language agreed upon.

Rep. Mundt (R-South Dakota) unsuccessfully offered the amendment (Turn to page 2, Col. 1)

Hospitals Total Indigent Losses

Twenty-four hospitals in Oregon with answers to questionnaires sent out by the Oregon state hospital association lost \$62,307 in 1940 in unpaid bills of indigent accident patients, William Gahlsdorf, manager of the Salem general hospital, told the house committee on medicine, dentistry and pharmacy at a meeting Wednesday.

The committee has before it a measure sponsored by the hospital association which would create a fund to compensate hospitals for the care of indigent accident victims by assessing a 10 cent tax on two-year motor vehicle operators' licenses.

Lobby Hobnobber

The "flu bug" caught Sen. Douglas McKay of Salem Wednesday, but he is reported confined to bed at his home. He may not be able to return to the capitol before Monday, his family indicated. He is chairman of the senate roads and highways committee.

One of the outstanding public hearings of the session will be conducted by the senate military affairs committee in the big basement auditorium room of the capitol at 8 o'clock tonight. Two bills by Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla) will be considered. One is aimed at curbing sabotage, particularly as to military establishments. The other would prevent placing on the ballot the name of any person affiliated with an organization designed to overthrow the United States government by force or violence. Most legislators accept the latter as aimed at the communist party.

US Troop Train Wrecked

SANDERSVILLE, Miss., Jan. 29—(AP)—Eight cars and the engine of an Indiana national guard train, one of 33 specials bearing troops to Camp Selby, overturned Thursday, killing the fireman and injuring 17 soldiers, three of them seriously.

Quips "Angles" and Personalities at the Capitol

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Heart Attack in Postoffice Fatal to Major Babcock

State Representative From Pendleton Succumbs Despite Efforts of Salem First Aid Crew; Wife Notified at Office in Capitol

Mayor Omar L. Babcock, 66, serving his first term as state representative from Umatilla county, died Wednesday about 4:15 p.m. of a heart attack in the lobby of the Salem postoffice. The city first aid crew was called, and he was pronounced dead by Deputy coroner Virgil T. Golden.

Babcock, superintendent of the Umatilla Indian agency for about 12 years prior to his retirement three years ago, was troubled with a heart ailment for some years.

Mrs. Babcock, who was serving as his secretary during the legislative session, received word of his death in the house chamber.

Rep. Carl Engdahl, Babcock's colleague from Umatilla county, said last night that the body would probably be taken to Pendleton today on a train. The Clough-Barrick company is making local arrangements.

Omar Babcock was born October 7, 1874, at Willson, Neb., where he attended schools and did farm work. He later taught school in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

In Government Insular Service as Islands Teacher
He entered the government insular civil service in 1904 as a teacher in the Philippine islands. He transferred to the civil service and was employed as teacher, property clerk, land clerk and principal at Standing Rock Indian reservation in North Dakota.

Following this he was successively superintendent at Colorado River, Winnemago, Warm Springs, Spokane and Umatilla reservations.

Rep. Engdahl last night expressed his regret at his colleague's death and mentioned especially Babcock's interest in anything in which Indians were involved.

About three years ago Babcock retired and made his home in Pendleton, near where the Umatilla agency is situated.

Last November he was elected to the 23rd district, as a republican, to the legislature without opposition. His standing committee assignments were vice-chairman of assessment and taxation, federal relations, fisheries, land use and livestock.

Major Babcock was a member of the Methodist church, Masonic lodge, Kiwanis club, grange and president of his local writers' club. He had been secretary of the grange PUD committee in Umatilla county and was a member of the Pacific northwest advisory committee on weed control.

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29—(AP)—Ray Partee, 22, catcher for Salt Lake City in the Pioneer baseball league last year, sent in his signed contract Wednesday to be offered in part by a 50,000 pound catch of steelhead. Adoption of this proposal, he said, would tend to discourage sport fishermen from pushing a measure to have the steelhead trout declared a game fish, as it now is in California, Idaho and Washington.

The sportsman argued that closing all streams to gillnetters from April 1 to June 1 and from December 1 to April 1 would take from them only 194,451 pounds of fish, or 3.7 per cent of a year's take.

Author of the bill, William J. Smith, Portland, president of the Oregon Wildlife federation, asserted this poundage loss would be offset in part by a 50,000 pound catch of steelhead. Adoption of this proposal, he said, would tend to discourage sport fishermen from pushing a measure to have the steelhead trout declared a game fish, as it now is in California, Idaho and Washington.

President Emil Sick and his aides have been seeking a "big name" to succeed Jack Lovell, who died suddenly of a heart attack last week.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 29—(AP)—McMinnville led Eugene throughout the "No Name" league game here Wednesday night to annex a 33-to-24 win.

Farrell returned to the rostrum in the afternoon, smiling and apparently fully recovered.

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New Building, Inmate Shifts Are Advocated

Federal Survey Requested by Board of Control for Legislature

Patients Left Unattended Too Long, Meals Good but Monotonous

(Detailed Recommendations, Page 2)

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
Oregon's mental hospitals at Salem and Pendleton were said today by the United States public health service to be inadequately staffed, to be serving monotonous meals, and to be using too many mechanical restraints on their patients.

The health service made the survey at the request of Gov. Charles A. Sprague and the board of control, who said he wanted it for the legislature.

Its "most urgent" recommendations were that there be more ward attendants, shorter hours for attendants, more physicians and nurses, less mechanical restraint, more physical activity for

patients and expansion of the dental facilities, particularly at Pendleton where there is no resident dentist.

Other recommendations were that the number of patients be increased at Pendleton so the number at Salem may be reduced, employes be given a retirement system, and that the hospitals train physicians in mental health.

"The increasing number of these citizens of Oregon who understand the needs of the mentally ill should insist on legislative appropriations that will insure proper provisions for treatment," the report said.

"To offer the lowest possible appropriations that will keep the institutions going sets an intolerable standard."

Salem Hospital Should Have New Building
The report also said that the report said, should have a new reception building of 100 to 120 beds, and two one-story buildings to care for 100 elderly patients.

It recommended a 90-bed reception hospital be constructed at Pendleton, larger exercise grounds, and repair of the sewage disposal plant to protect the health of the neighborhood.

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Transport Survivors Land
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OMAR L. BABCOCK

Joust Renewed At "Fish" Meet

Sport and Commercial Anglers "Fend" at Senate Hearing

Sport and commercial fishermen took up their biennial legislative jousting anew Wednesday night at a senate hearing called on a bill to close the coastal streams south of the Columbia river to set nets and to establish a uniform, shorter season.

Nearly 800 vigorously opinionated citizens listened, heckled and debated as the hearing proceeded before the senate game committee, headed by Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland, whose committee introduced the bill involved, and the senate fishing industries committee headed by Sen. Frank M. Francisco, Astoria.

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In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

We see where Ely Culbertson, the bridge builder, has come out with a whole flock of new rules and recipes for a grand slam doubled in spades.

They will be no more intelligible to the layman (we're the laymen and the dumb as one says) than the last ones and will be no more efficacious than a judicialious kick where it will do the most good.

One good thing about the burro kicking system of bridge is that you don't have to worry about who is vulnerable. As any old alley fighter can tell you, nearly everybody is vulnerable around the table.

We don't know why we're even bothering to write this as there are more things in Mr. Culbertson's rules than Horatio dreamed of or we're interested in.

Anyway we play straight Cumberseme.

MILITARY NOTE.
Capt. Cecil Edwards of the unmounted infantry arrived back in town the other day and immediately started dictating letters to his favorite horses.

WHAT'LL THEY THINK OF NEXT DEPT.
"To whom it May Concern: The same in the hope of bringing happiness to all true businessmen. Unlike most chains, this one does not cost money. Simply send a copy of this letter to five male friends. These heads up your wife and send her to the fellow whose name heads the list. Then, when your name comes to the top, you will in return receive 15,710 gorgeous girls. HAVE FAITH! SEND DO. NOW. BREAK THE CHAIN. One man broke the chain and got his own wife back."

—Winnemucca (Nev.) News.

Angels are slowing down around the legislature. A sure sign of this, observers point out, is that Dick Neuberger has run out of resolutions.

MARITIME NOTE.
The commander of the Wheatland ferry stood staunchly by Major General George A. White's recommendation that Oregon needs no state guard immediately.

"What do they need a state guard a national guard of even boy scouts for when we're here," the commander of the Wheatland ferry and the Willametta river and Ricknell creek said.

Bend Attorney Seen as Judge

Ralph S. Hamilton May Succeed T. E. J. Duffy; Governor Silent

Though neither Governor Charles A. Sprague nor the prospective appointee would discuss the matter, it was the consensus of opinion about the capitol on Wednesday that Ralph S. Hamilton, Bend attorney, would be appointed circuit judge of the 18th judicial district to succeed Judge T. E. J. Duffy who died last week.

Hamilton, now serving as legal advisor to the governor during the legislative session, was a Bend attorney from 1918 to 1931 and served as a Deschutes county representative for several sessions, was speaker of the house in 1929 and as such served as acting governor on several occasions.

He practiced law in Portland from 1931 until 1938 and in that period served as president of the Portland chamber of commerce and of the state chamber of commerce, one term each. In 1938 he returned to Bend.

It was expected that Governor Sprague would announce the appointment following Judge Duffy's funeral which is scheduled for today in Bend.

Raver to Confer With Governor

Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator, and a group of his associates, will arrive in Salem today to confer with Governor Charles A. Sprague.

The conference will center on proposed amendments designed to clarify the people's utility district law enacted at the 1939 legislative session.

Two More Bills Propose New Congress District for State

A second proposal to create a fourth congressional district hit the house floor Wednesday and another will be introduced today. The measure introduced Wednesday by the Lane county delegation and the proposal which southern Oregon legislators will submit today both would make a fourth district by dividing the first (western Oregon) district and leaving the third (Multnomah county) and second (eastern Oregon) districts unchanged.

The Lane county delegation bill would put Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Linn, Lincoln and Linn counties in the fourth district. The first district would retain Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties.

Only Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane county would be included in the fourth district; proposed by the southern Oregon delegates.

"The Lane county proposal is the most logical," Rep. James A.

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Rodman (R-Lane) said, "because it is the most even distribution of population. There would be 274,000 people in the new first district, and 246,000 in the new fourth district. Also, both the university and the state college would be in the same district, which is as it should be."

Rep. William M. McAllister (R-Clatsop) said, however, that the southern Oregon proposal would "give southern Oregon the representation it deserves. For too long we have been the tail end of the kite to the Willamette valley."

There would be 339,000 persons in the new first district and 184,000 in the proposed fourth district, under the southern Oregon plan.

Rep. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) has already introduced a redistricting plan which would make the city of Portland a district by itself, putting the rest of Multnomah county into the fourth district along with coastal counties sliced from the present first district.