

McChord Field Bomber Is Reported Found

Weather
Unsettled with occasional rain today and Wednesday. Max. temp. Monday, 53, Min. 31. Southeast wind. River 8.5 feet. Cloudy.

Batista Nips Cuban "Revolution"

Italian's Grip Slips in Libya As RAF Raids

Under the steady hammering of British forces, Italy's grip on its new African empire continued to slip last night, while her axis partner, Germany, sought by diplomatic pressure to fasten its hand on all of France, unoccupied as well as occupied.

British airmen, pacing the advance into Libya, were reported to have bombed heavily Castel Benito and Zanzur, south and west, respectively, of Tripoli, in the westernmost thrust of the British campaign to date.

Castel Benito, where seven Italian planes were said to have been destroyed on an airfield, is 15 miles south of Tripoli. Zanzur, where an airfield also was attacked, is a railroad and motor highway center on the coast west of Tripoli.

These raids left little doubt that the British intend to try to wrest all of Libya from the Italians.

The British also announced officially the capture of Barentu, Italian stronghold in Eritrea, on Sunday a few hours after the fall of Tripoli.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

If the nature study class will put on its glasses and pick up its notebooks we will today make one of our toots into the homes of our feathered friends.

Well, here we are. Quick trip, wasn't it, kiddies? Here we are in the time of the birds and if you, Herman, will get off that egg we will proceed to lay-uh-lecture.

Our first subject (operator) has the slide place (operator) is of the arctic term. The arctic term is, in a sense, a strictly stay-at-home bird. He stays at home part of the time in his northern home around the north pole and stays at home part of the time in his southern or country home around the south pole. The rest of the time, which is no mean matter for calculation, he spends in transit.

"What's 11,000 miles between poles?" is the question on this counting.

We have never had even a nodding acquaintance with an arctic term, which undoubtedly qualifies us to speak with authority on their lives and times and other habits. We thought we saw one once, but found out quickly and to our sorrow that it was just a seagull.

Unlike the common or domestic duck the tern lays its eggs on ice or snow. They have no objection to cold storage eggs. If you don't believe this, ask Audubon or John Kieran or somebody that knows like your school librarian.

This, kiddies, is the English starling. It is difficult to tell from the picture whether this is a male or female starling. Don't let it worry you. Its never worries the starling and he (or she) doesn't know half the time either. The starling, as other ornithologists than ourself have discovered, is a sex switcher. He starts out hating his chest and being the dominant male and she ends up laying an egg.

So do we.

Dr. L. D. Tibbets insists he saw a likely looking rainbow in the north on the morning of Feb. 3.

Pot o' gold in the fog bank maybe? MARI-TIME NOTE The Wheatland ferry put into port raked and scoured after a week's cruise. The commander announced the craft victorious in a prolonged engagement with enemy shore batteries that turned out to be Chinese New Year's in a hop ranch.

Court Appointed, New Recorder for County

Herman Lanke, Secretary of State Deputy to Qualify Today Succeeding Albert J. Egan, Deceased; Appointment Unanimous

Herman Lanke, 34, secretary of the Marion county republican central committee and at present an auditor in the office of the secretary of state, was appointed Monday by the Marion county court to succeed Albert J. Egan, county recorder who died last Saturday morning in Portland.

The appointment was announced following an afternoon meeting of the court and was reported to have been unanimous. Lanke indicated last night that he would qualify for the office this morning by taking oath and filing the required bond. He made no statement as to possible members of his official staff.

A deputy in the secretary of state's department since 1928, Lanke has served in the election and in the motor vehicle divisions of that office. At present he is an auditor in the gasoline tax refund department.

He has been a resident of Salem for many years, and is a graduate of Salem high school. He also attended the college of liberal arts of Willamette university, and was enrolled for two terms in the Willamette law school. He is married and is the father of two children.

Active in county republican work, Lanke has served on a number of party committees and is at present precinct committee man in addition to being secretary of the county central committee. His appointment was recommended Monday to the county court by Dr. B. F. Pound, county chairman.

Lanke's was one of several names submitted to the county court for its approval. He was described by County Judge Hewlett Monday as "a young man who is well trained and well qualified to discharge the office of county recorder." He will serve out the term of Albert Egan, which expires in January, 1945.

Bill Asks Tax on Electrical Users

An electric consumers tax in lieu of the current property tax on electric utilities, both private and public, is provided in a bill now being drafted by Sen. Ronald Jones (R-Marion) and other up-state house members.

The tax would be based on the amount of electricity used and the revenue would go into the county school fund.

The bill would eliminate the property tax now imposed on these utilities. Sen. Jones said his bill would raise more funds than the current property tax and would be more equitable to all concerned.

Investigation by Sen. Jones indicated, he said, that more than 13 per cent of electric utility receipts now go for property taxes.

Realtors of Salem Eat Oregon's Products, Hear Future Extolled

Champion products of Oregon were eaten or applauded, whichever was suitable, in such impressive numbers and variety as to make of the Salem Realty board's annual banquet Monday night at the Marion hotel one of the most enjoyable events in a decade.

Oregon's future was extolled in terms equaling those earlier bestowed upon the various champions, in the two closing addresses by Chester A. Moores of Portland and Rep. James A. Rodman of Eugene who in addition to being a legislator is president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards.

Salem's future particularly was painted in bright colors by Mr. Moores, who cited the steady increase in 1938 in home construction here, the present shortage of houses though 252 were built in 1940 for an all-time record, and the further growth which he said was assured by the state's growing property, the defense program in which the Salem program will share because of its agricultural products and the expansion which will follow the war when the orient will await rebuilding and become this nation's best customer.

Now is the time to build, Mr. Moores emphasized, because while building costs have risen slightly—almost entirely in the item of labor—they are still below 1920 levels and they will never be lower than they are now. Home ownership, he added, is the best hedge against inflation.

Chief Assumes Full Military Power in Isle

Other Late War Reports Indicate Nazis Irked on Donovan Visit

Two American Attaches in Legation at Oslo Held by Germans

HAVANA, Feb. 3.—(P)—President Fulgencio Batista announced late Monday night that he had taken personal command of the army, navy and national police forces, shortly after army guards threw up sandbags at strategic points inside the presidential palace and mounted machine guns at the entrances.

Batista made the announcement at 11:30 p.m. that he had accepted the resignations of Col. Jose E. Pedraza, chief of the army, Lieut. Col. Angel A. Gonzales, navy commander-in-chief, and Col. Bernardo Garcia, former national police chief.

Colonel Pedraza had only been appointed head of the national police force two days ago in succession to Colonel Garcia.

Well informed circles said Batista in addition to being a political storm.

Hermiston Gets Munition Dump

Seven and Half Million Project to Employ Over 1500 Men

HERMISTON, Ore., Feb. 3.—(P)—A \$7,547,661 contract for construction of an army ammunition dump four miles west of here has been awarded to J. A. Terteling & Son of Boise, Idaho, subject to approval in Washington, DC, Capt. R. C. Williams said today.

Williams, construction quartermaster, said the contract, which was by negotiation, provided for the company to start work immediately.

Terteling said work would start in a week or 10 days, with between 1500 and 2000 to be employed. About 12 months will be required to complete the project, he added.

The contract calls for 650 concrete igloos which will have a capacity of 500 carloads of powder, 100 miles of paved roads and 35 miles of railroad on the 15,500 acre site, almost all of which is owned by the Northern Pacific railroad and the county and federal governments.

Final Rites Held For Albert Egan

Final rites for Albert J. Egan, Marion county recorder, were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Egan, elected to the recordership in the November balloting, died Saturday morning in a Portland hospital.

Rev. T. J. Bernards officiated and interment was in St. Barbara cemetery, Clough-Barrick company in charge.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Joseph Rothchild of Portland and a brother, Homer W. Egan of Brooks.

US Senate Okehs Shipbuilding Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(P)—The senate voted today for a \$350,000,000 emergency shipbuilding program.

Passed without a record vote, the measure carries \$312,500,000 in new appropriations to be used with \$38,500,000 available from other sources in building 200 steel cargo vessels as well as new shipbuilding facilities.

Irreconcilable Clash on Merit Rating Voiced

Labor, Employer Speakers Disagree on Effects, Value at Hearing

Benefits Sole Purpose of Act—Labor; Stabilizing Payrolls—Employer

Labor and employers locked horns at a four-hour house judiciary committee hearing Monday night on a labor-sponsored bill to repeal the unemployment compensation law's experience rating section, by which employers who stabilize employment would have their payroll taxes reduced beginning next July 1.

Representatives of labor contended the section would reduce employment because employers would hesitate to hire new employees during peak periods only to have to dismiss them afterwards; would encourage employers to pay excessive overtime to present employees; and would penalize the basic lumber and construction industries, which would have to pay higher payroll taxes.

Spokesman for employers, asserting the last three legislatures promised them the experience rating, said it would stabilize employment, because it would encourage them to retain employees during slack periods, rather than dismiss them.

Public Discussion Set For Thursday Night The other 15 bills to amend the unemployment compensation act will be opened to public discussion at a hearing which Rep. Frank Longner, judiciary committee chairman, has tentatively scheduled for Thursday night.

Council Reserves Parking "Rights"

Goes on Record Special Legislators' Space not for Always

Oregon legislators may have a parking reserve in front of the state capitol during the present session but not "for all years to come," the city council ruled Monday night. That phrase was stricken out of a resolution adopted to confirm a motion approved at the last meeting.

The council decided it had no control over the Salem Janitor board, although a motion of Alderman David O'Hara was adopted that the parks and hands committee work out a program with the board organization in order that the group might properly represent Salem.

Dr. Armin E. Berger, newly elected alderman from ward seven, attended the first meeting of his term. Aldermen Ross Goodman and Frank Marshall were absent.

A letter from Miss Elizabeth Lord of the city park board brought forth the motion by Alderman George Lobdell that the janitor tree at the northeast (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Consolidation of Five State Boards Proposed In Legislative Measure

Bill Seeks Single Commission of Three Members to Administer Labor, Industries, Others

The five state boards, commissions and bureaus now administering laws dealing with problems of labor and industry would be consolidated under a single commission under provisions of a bill introduced in the legislature Monday afternoon by Rep. J. D. Perry, (D-Columbia) Deer Island merchant and farmer.

The new agency, designated as the department of labor and industries, would take over the present and future duties of the unemployment compensation, industrial accident and state welfare commissions, the labor commissioner, and the state board of conciliation.

The Perry bill sets up the new commission of labor and industries as a policy-making and appeal body and places the administration of four newly created divisions—industrial relations, unemployment compensation, safety and industrial insurance—in the hands of directors to be appointed by the commission at salaries not exceeding \$4500 per year.

Commission of Three With Staggered Terms The commission would be composed of three members to be appointed by the governor for two, three and four year terms for the first appointees and thereafter four years for all three. Its members would receive \$4800 per year and be forbidden from receiving compensation for activities outside their department, public or private. They would also be barred from holding office in a political party.

The bill makes no provision for division of district representation on the commission for labor, industry and the public, as does the present law relating to the accident commission, whose members also constitute the unemployment commission. The three members could be discharged by the governor after a hearing as now provided as to the accident commission.

The division directors would be responsible to the commission for the administration of all present and future laws relating to industrial relations, would appoint and fix the pay of employees and prescribe administrative regulations and issue orders subject to the commissioners' approval.

Court Upholds Wage-Hour Law

Sweeping Decision Makes Child Labor Act Under Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(P)—A sweeping decision of the supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the wage-hour law in all its phases and went on to overrule a 1918 decision which had denied congress the right to outlaw child labor.

The action raised speculation as to whether a controversial constitutional amendment, submitted in 1924 but ratified so far by only 28 of the required 36 states, would become a dead issue. This amendment would empower congress to "limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age."

Officials at the children's bureau said they would continue to press for ratification of the amendment since three-fourths of all child labor is employed in intrastate industry, but the court's (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Judicial Split Bill in Hopper

The Marion county delegation introduced in the house Monday its measure for creation of separate judicial districts for Linn and Marion counties by separating the present third district.

The measure provides specifically that Judge L. G. Lewelling, now one of the two third district judges, would be judge of the new 21st judicial district (Linn county) and that Judge L. H. McMahan would be one of the two judges of the third judicial district (Marion county).

Lobby Hobnobber Quips, "Angles" at the Capitol

Some members of the house just can't resist generating emergency clause wisecracks. Rep. Hooper, for instance, speaking on the bill to tighten the law to purify the lobby: "As long as there is a lawyer in this body, I think there is an emergency." But he voted against the bill.

And then there was Rep. John Steelhammer, who rose to his six feet-plus to inquire if there was any emergency as to a bill bearing Rep. Boivin's name and relating to wayward girls. He was advised the bill carried no emergency clause.

West Salem's Rep. Lyle Thomas had the courtesy of the house, extended Monday to his brother, Bill, who is president of the Willamette university student body.

M. Peterson, in person, the Sheridan Sun columnist who entertains his readers with comments on affairs little and big, domestic and international, was shown about the capitol Monday. His writings frequently have been picked up and run in six-point by the Salem newspaper columnist, following his discovery by the Statesman's Hauser. With Peterson was Rev. G. Scheffold, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic church, who is in charge of the Grande Ronde agency Indian mission.

Those two lovable little children, curly-headed, who sat with their Auburn-haired mother in the house Monday afternoon were Kathryn, 5, and Billy H., 7, daughter and son of Rep. and Mrs. William McAllister. They're visiting their parents for the week.

Plane Located By 2 Woodsmen In Wild Hills

All Crew Believed Dead in Rugged Terrain at Morton, Wash.

Carried Secret Bombing Sight; All Civilians Barred From Area

MORTON, Wash., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Two lumberjacks came out of the forests of this southwestern Washington region Monday with word that they had discovered the wreckage of a twin-motored army bomber, smashed and scattered against a rugged and almost inaccessible hillside.

The report promptly launched coordinated planning of the army command from McChord field with state and county authorities on an expedition to the scene.

Seven men were aboard the bomber on its ill-fated takeoff January 18 from McChord field for the Muroc lake bombing range in California. The men who reported discovery of the wreckage said there was no sign of life.

Major C. B. Oversacker, commander of the first bombardment squadron, to which the plane and crew belonged, said the men were Harry Studhalter and Tom Harper. Previous reports had listed Studhalter's brother, Bill, as his companion. The major said the men told him they had seen the wreckage from a distance of about 200 yards through glasses, apparently from a vantage point. They told him there was no sign of snow nor fire in the forest.

The major, who took command of rescue operations after his arrival here, said one of the two men left late Monday with a state patrolman for the scene, where they would stand guard until a main contingent went into the densely forested region in the morning. Officers and Men Ready for Long Trek to Site

Two officers and 22 men with stretcher equipment arrived from Fort Lewis Monday evening, ready for the difficult trudge of about eight miles to the scene tomorrow.

Major Oversacker said the men apparently had killed a bear from the description of the crash scene. He would not comment on whether the plane carried one of the army's secret bombing sights, but said the wreckage probably would be dynamited after all possible wreckage had been located.

(Col. Walter Peck, chief operating officer at McChord field, disclosed during the search for the bomber that it was equipped with a bomb sight and was en route to the Muroc range to use it. Peck said the wreckage probably would be dynamited as matter of policy.)

Major Oversacker, who came from McChord field immediately after the report was received, said he discovered 3 1/2 miles from the site; this little lumbering community in eastern Lewis county, about 30 miles southwest of towering Mount Rainier.

Major Oversacker did not explain why the men did not go all the way to the wreckage scene. Discoverers kept the wreckage scene secret for three days, until they were interrogated. The state patrol reported it understood it was south of Morton.

An official group representing the army, state and county agencies gathered here Monday night in "mountainers" and a lumberjack's clothing, ready for the trek into the tangled forest region (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Late Sports

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—(AP)—E. W. Leonard and Lew Fendler, whose battles for the lightweight championship made ring history 20 years ago met Monday night for the third time.

Leonard, the former champion, and his foremost challenger of the early 1920's, clowned through a three-round exhibition which a crowd of 14,500, including Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, roared.

VANCOUVER, BC, Feb. 3.—(CP)—Vancouver Lions defeated Seattle Olympics 4-3 here Monday night to step into sole possession of second place in the Pacific Coast Hockey league standings and cut Spokane Bombers' lead down to five points.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 3.—(P)—Eastern Oregon College of Education defeated Albany college of Portland 51 to 47 in a basketball game Monday night.

The senate was represented in the senate Monday but doubtless it had the connection with the scheduling for Thursday (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)



HERMAN LANKE



LT. ROBERT M. KRUMMES

Probably dead with his crew of five and a fellow officer passenger, Lieut. Krummes was the chief pilot of the McChord field bomber which disappeared Jan. 18 and which was reportedly found Monday only 50 miles from its starting point.