

**Weather**  
Increasing cloudiness  
Wednesday becoming unsettled  
followed by rain Thursday.  
Max. temp. Tuesday, 60.  
Min. 28. Northwest  
wind. River 2.8 feet. Partly  
cloudy.

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

NINETEETH YEAR

## Roosevelt and Wheeler Hurl Bitter Charges

### Laval, Nazis Wait Petain's Reply on Cabinet Shakeup Demands

#### Navy Chief Darlan Submits Agreement Offered by Germans

Terms Would put Former Vice-Premier in Charge of Negotiations and Information, Oust Flandin

VICHY, Feb. 4.—(AP)—France's Naval Minister Jean Darlan was expected tonight to shuttle back to Paris in a few days with Chief of State Philippe Petain's reply to the terms under which Pierre Laval, former vice premier, would return to the French cabinet.

Darlan returned late Tuesday in Petain's private train from the occupied capital where he had held a 27-hour conference with Laval, Otto Abetz, German ambassador to Paris, and Fernand de Brinon, Vichy's envoy to the occupation authorities.

In a meeting lasting an hour and a half, Darlan was understood to have laid before Petain, Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin and War Minister General Charles Huntziger an agreement for German collaboration which needed only the marshal's approval.

Political sources said reports from Paris indicated that Laval's demands, which would have been approved by the German officials at the Paris meeting, included a complete cabinet change with Laval becoming minister of interior in charge of German negotiations.

He also would have complete charge of information services and possibly the police.

Flandin, who succeeded Laval as foreign minister when Petain ousted him Dec. 13, would have to leave the cabinet, it was understood. Darlan would become the new foreign minister, with Huntziger retaining his war portfolio.

Marcel Peyronnet, whom Laval would succeed as minister of interior, would be shifted to the new post of empire minister while the future status of Rene Bellu, minister of labor and industrial production, and Yves Houthillier, minister of finance, was uncertain.

Informed circles considered the main question of taking Laval back into the cabinet and acceding to German demands for a more sympathetic atmosphere had been decided generally.

Only the exact makeup of the new cabinet and Laval's terms needed arranging, it was said.

#### Merchant Fleet Asked by McNary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Provision for an United States merchant marine fleet at the close of the European war was asked Tuesday by Sen. McNary (R-Ore) in an amendment to the lease-lend bill.

"I don't want us to find ourselves without a merchant marine to transport our export wheat and timber after the present European mess is finished," the senate minority leader said.

#### McNary Reveals Funds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Oregon WPA allocations of \$349,571 for an airport at North Bend and \$36,176 for schools at Marshfield were announced by Sen. McNary (R-Ore) Tuesday.



ADMIRAL JEAN DARLAN

#### State Budget Work Reported

Amounts Passed on Items Exceed Approved Sum of Appropriations

Amounts recommended in the state budget for items thus far passed upon by the legislature's joint ways and means committee are exceeded in the amount of \$33,498 by the sum of appropriations tentatively approved, a special committee reported Tuesday.

The committee reported at the same time that revenues in sight exceeded appropriations in the amount of \$202,750.

Members of the special committee are C. C. Chapman, publisher of the Oregon Voter; S. W. Starr, head of the state auditing division, and Carle Abrams, chief clerk of the ways and means committee.

The main committee voted to report out favorably a bill that would release approximately \$300,000 for old age assistance. This appropriation was authorized at the 1939 legislature but provision was made that it could not be used until the estimated (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

#### British Enter Cirene in big Push to West

Little Italian Resistance Greets Empire Legions on Other Fronts

Bad Weather Slows War in Albania; Convoy Ships Torpedoed

British legions racing through Italian desert possessions in Africa pushed nearer to their goal of Libyan conquest late Tuesday night with the occupation of Cirene, 130 miles from Bengasi.

Cirene, center of fertile table lands watered by fresh springs, was abandoned by Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, commander of Italy's North African army, 11 days ago, soon after the fall of Derna 60 miles to the east.

The British announcement said their advance units entered Cirene on Monday, while further to the west RAF planes blasted retreating Italian troop trucks with bombs and returned to strafe the disorganized forces. Twenty to 30 (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

#### Real Winter for '87 Legislature

The Good Old Days Were not so Warm, at Least Enroute to Meet

Offering a comparison to present day weather conditions is the following report on local weather recorded 54 years ago in the Salem Weekly Statesman:

Salem, Oregon, January 29, 1887: Legislative party of about forty leave for Yaquina Bay.

Salem, Oregon, January 31, 1887: Legislative party snowbound at Yaquina and house of representatives left without a quorum.

February 1, 1887: Heavy snow fell. The legislative party reached Corvallis by walking part way through snow from Yaquina Bay.

February 2, 1887: House of representatives has a quorum again.

February 3, 1887: The thermometer stood at 14 degrees above at 7 a. m. and went down to 10 degrees above at 6 p. m. Two feet of snow reported at Roseburg.

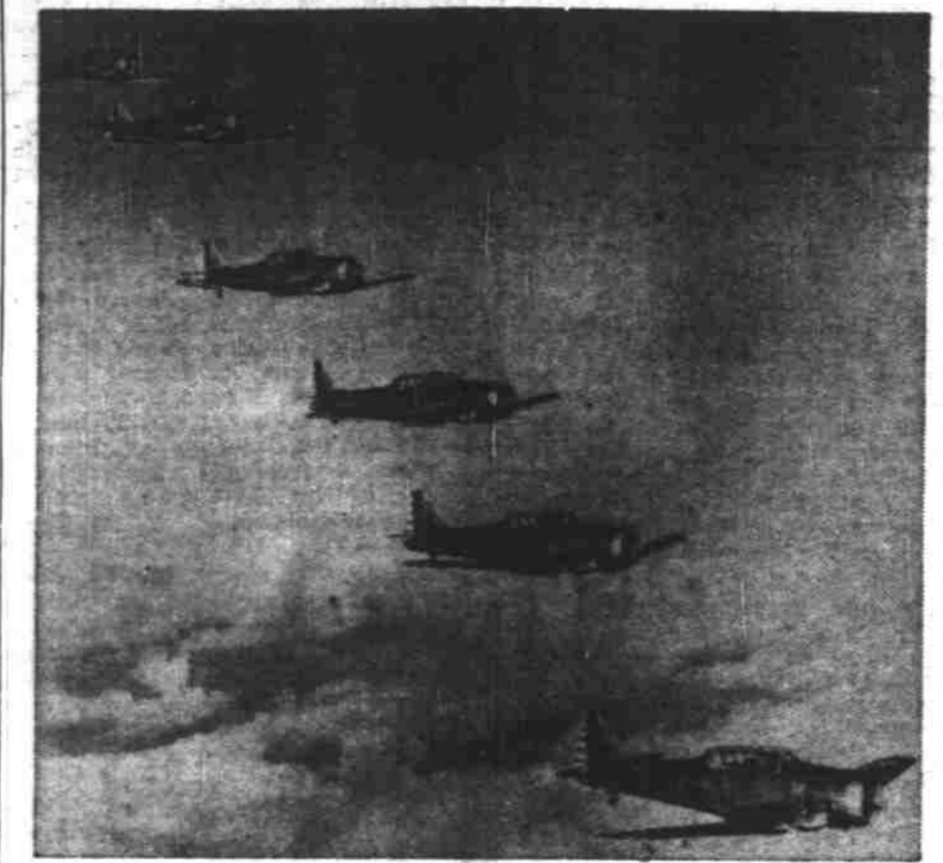
February 4, 1887: Minto Slough frozen over and thermometer standing at 6 degrees above zero.

#### Jury Convicts Slayer of Two

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A circuit court jury convicted George C. Woolver, 40, Portland, Tuesday on a charge of slaying Claude and Dussell Shaver, Vancouver, Wash., brothers.

The conviction was for second degree murder, which carries a possible sentence of life imprisonment. Previously Woolver was convicted of first degree murder, but a new trial was ordered.

#### Auto Tycoon Would Fill US Air With Similar Planes, Bombers



#### Ford Proposes Bomber Plant

Asserts Desire to Build Entire Plane on Long Assembly Lines

DETROIT, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Henry Ford, it was learned Tuesday, has informed the war department he is ready not only to build parts and sub-assemblies for bomber planes, but that he would like to construct the complete plane on a moving assembly line.

Ford's proposal was made following announcement of the tentative agreement under which the Ford company would make parts and sub-assemblies for Douglas and Consolidated bombers. The manufacturer already has drafted plans for a special factory with a mile-long assembly line to be erected on property Ford already owns and of sufficient area to provide a large airport adjacent to the plant.

There was no intimation as to the rate of output Ford would expect to attain in assembling the complete bomber. It was explained, however, that the schedule of production on the Pratt & Whitney radial, air-cooled 18-cylinder engines which Ford expects to start turning out late this summer, calls for one engine an hour.

It was emphasized by sources close to Ford that the plan he has in mind is related wholly to the production of the bomber planes for which Ford along with Chrysler and General Motors has been asked to produce parts and sub-assemblies. Whether he might subsequently hope to use the plant for the construction of planes powered with his own new 12-cylinder, V-type engine now undergoing experimental tests in the Ford factory, was not indicated.

Ford associates, in discussing his desire to build the entire plane, were emphatic in pointing out that Ford had not declined to make the parts and sub-assemblies as proposed a few weeks ago. He long has cherished the desire to build the entire plane, they explained, and offered his plan as possibly a time-saver, in which materials, machinery and assembly lines could be coordinated to full advantage.



HENRY FORD

#### Huge Locomotive Blast Hurts 25

Mogul Engine Explodes in Railroad Yards of South Denver

DENVER, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A huge mogul type passenger locomotive exploded in southwest industrial Denver Tuesday, catapulting its boiler and cab 60 feet through the air and injuring 25 persons, none seriously.

Weighing hundreds of tons, the boiler and cab arched backward over a switch engine and crushed an American Railway Express car behind the switch engine (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

#### In One Ear.

—Paul Hauser's Column

We have been thinking about salads. Not the kind for which we are justly famed (where is that raucous laughter coming from?) but restaurant salads.

Once upon a time you could walk into a restaurant, tuck your napkin around your neck, order the blue plate special and be reasonably certain what you were going to get in the way of a salad.

It would be some chopped up cabbage with a dash of mayonnaise. On Fridays they would put a couple of shrimp through the finest screen of the meat grinder and throw that in.

That was the salad as it was known. It was staple and reliable. Once in a while you might get a button or the string off a Bull Durham sack in your salad, but you knew that was purely an accident and could raise heck with the management.

Nowadays if you get a button or a Bull Durham sack or shake under your nose the medal he won at the 1938 Paris exhibition of surrealistic salads. The rise of surrealism in restaurant (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

#### Democrats Seek Utility Tax to Aid Pensioners

Levy of 8 per Cent on Use of Services Is "Answer" to GOP

Would Be Effective on All but Water and Bills Under \$3

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr. Eight of the 27 democratic members of the Oregon legislature introduced a measure Tuesday to levy an 8 per cent tax on utility services to raise between \$1,750,000 and \$2,500,000 a year for old age pensions.

The democrats said the bill was their answer "to the attempt by republicans to raise the maximum for old age pensions (from \$30 to \$40 a month) without making any attempt to provide funds for an increase.

The tax, which would be levied against consumers and collected from utilities, would affect electric, gas, central heating, and telephone utilities, but not water. Bills under \$3 a month would not be taxed.

The members who signed the measure were Sens. Dickson, Mahoney, Pearson and Wallace, and Reps. Adams, Allen, Bull, Callaway, Erwin, Gleason, Jenkins, Larkin, Neuberger, Perry, Smith, (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

#### Parley Favors River Bridge

Speakers at Association Meet in Independence Express Reasons

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 4.—Building a bridge across the Willamette river to replace the present ferry at Independence was favored by most of the speakers at a meeting Tuesday night of the Independence-Kings Valley Highway Association held here.

All officers were reelected except C. C. Powell of Monmouth and Frank Needham of Salem, added to the board of directors. Nearly 100 were at the meet.

President E. L. Gray made a report of activities of the association since its organization in February, 1940.

Speakers included Charles A. Bauman of Monmouth; R. M. Walker, Ross Nelson, Philip Schweitzer, A. L. Thomas and Dr. George C. Knott of Independence; William Walton, Ray Rhoten and A. C. Haag of Salem; Jess Johnson and Chester Dotson of Elsie.

Some mentioned the military value of the bridge. The structure received the favor of Nelson whose theatre would probably make way for the bridge, and Thomas, whose hardware store would probably go out. Schweitzer said the bridge would aid greatly in his 82-mile mail route, and Dr. Knott said it would save valuable time in making calls to the east side of the river during hot season.

A survey is now being made by the state highway engineers, who will report to the highway commission (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

#### US Capital Shaken As Feud Flares on Help for Britain

Senator Says President Denuding Nation of Aerial Defenses And Quotes Statistics

FDR Raps Back With Virtual Charge Wheeler Gives Comfort to Nazis; Pro-Con Battle Continues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—In a renewal of one of the bitterest feuds in the capital's history, Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) Tuesday accused the Roosevelt administration of denuding the nation's aerial defenses to aid Britain, and President Roosevelt rapped back with a virtual charge that Wheeler was giving comfort to Adolf Hitler.

On hearing of the president's remarks, the Montana senator then issued a statement saying: "I'm perfectly willing to compare my patriotism with that of his closest advisers. I have no interest, financially or otherwise, in Germany or England."

The exchange came in the course of a day that saw Representative Wadsworth (R-NY) swing his influential support behind the president's lenient British-aid bill "or something like it."

Meanwhile, General Robert E. Wood, chairman of the board of Sears Roebuck, appearing before the senate foreign relations committee, opposed the legislation as "a war bill" which would place at Mr. Roosevelt's disposal "the blood and resources of our entire nation."

The president and Wheeler have engaged for several weeks in a brilliant exchange of statements. In the last of them, the president quoted the late William K. Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, as having said Wheeler once declared that Nazi domination of Europe was inevitable. The Montana republican retorted that Wheeler's "champion" effort to discredit his opposition to the lease-lend bill.

Today Wheeler said he had "absolutely reliable information that as of Jan. 1 the army had only 639 planes, none of them capable of fighting under modern conditions, because they lacked self-sealing gasoline tanks, firing power or armor. Of 2,884 planes produced here last year, he asserted, 2,395 went to England or other countries.

Reporters raised the question of Wheeler's statistics at the president's press conference a few hours later. The chief executive replied briefly and without elaboration that only such use figures, official and otherwise, to work out all sorts of things and that such use of figures must be very satisfying to the Reichschancellor.

Wadsworth's support for the lease-lend bill attracted attention because among the home republicans he holds the position of an (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### Road Obstacles In State Listed

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Main obstacles to conversion of Oregon roads to military highways are the numerous bridges, mountain passes and routes through cities, the State Motor association decided Tuesday.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said a survey showed that old bridges should be modernized and weak ones replaced; mountain roads should be widened and provided with frequent turnouts; and city routes should be widened or shifted.

#### Batista Emerges Stronger After "Political Blowup"

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Two officers accused of a seditious plot against President Fulgencio Batista—Col. Jose Pedraza and Lt. Col. Bernardo Garcia—were escorted to a Miami-bound plane late Tuesday, and it appeared that a brief Cuban political storm had blown itself out.

Their alleged associate, Col. Angela Gonzalez, the deposed head of the Cuban navy, remained in custody, and Batista went ahead energetically with the program which apparently had led to the trouble—a broad reorganization of the nation's armed forces.

Pedraza, who was head of the Cuban army until Batista ousted him Monday night, appeared unexpectedly at the airport Tuesday afternoon riding in the automobile of his successor, Col. Manuel Lopez Migoya, and with a military escort.

Leaves on Chartered Plane With Military Aide He entered a chartered airplane with Garcia, who was removed last week as chief of the Cuban (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

FULGENCIO BATISTA

## Bomber Hits Near Ridge Top

Pack Train Takes Out Bodies Of Seven McChord Air Victims

MORTON, Wash., Feb. 4.—(AP)—A pack horse train formed a tragic cortege down a tortuous mountain trail Tuesday to bring from the forest wilderness the shattered remains of seven army fliers who crashed three weeks ago about six miles northwest of this little lumbering community.

An air corps-directed party reached the wreck scene Tuesday noon and found the twisted motor of a bomber crashed a comparatively few feet from the top of the only ridge barring its safe return to its McChord field base. It was at an elevation of about 4300 feet. Major Charles Overacker said the gasoline cargo exploded and burned.

The pack train arrived here at about 6:30 p. m. after the several hours trip down one of the most difficult mountain trails in the region.

Plane Believed Turned To Return to Field Col. Walter Peck, McChord field operations officer, said "the plane obviously was trying to return to the field when it crashed."

The field was only about 30 miles northward by airline. The army officers, reconstructing the

flight course, expressed the belief Pilot Robert Krummes, of Boise, Idaho, had turned about after encountering adverse flying conditions. The ship was

headed north when it struck the ridge.

Wreckage of the bomber was buried under a wide area. A rock slide was caused on the sheer bluff against which the ship crashed, only a few paces below a forest lookout station that had been closed since the end of the summer fire season. Officers said the bomber would

have cleared the barrier safely if it had been slightly higher or 100 yards to either side of its course

Major Overacker said all the men died almost instantly. Six bodies were found in the crumpled cabin, with the remains of the seventh about 100 feet away.

Officers estimated there had been between 800 and 1000 gallons of gasoline in the tanks.

Three Woodmen, Harry Studhalter, 28, and Tom Harper, 39, first reported sighting the wreckage Monday. Studhalter said he saw the big ship fly low over his Bear canyon ranch January 16, and found it by following the line of flight.

A party of 14 soldiers, led by Capt Theodore Boelen, led the final leg of the grueling climb to the crash scene, where men had to be raised and lowered by ropes on some parts of the crash cliff. The soldiers removed the fliers' remains before others were allowed near the wreckage. They carried them in blankets down to about the 3000-foot level, where the pack train was waiting.

One of the ship's motors was imbedded in the rocky wall. Rivets from the ship were sheared off and thrown as far as 500 feet.

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The major said the ship was equipped with a bomb sight, explaining that "all bombers have bomb sights, but it was not one of the 'secret' sights." The condition of the wreckage put an end to previous air corps plans for dynamiting the big ship's remains. The crash had done a complete job.



PAUL HAUSER

#### Late Sports

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Joe Chamaco of Mexico City shattered Otto Reisel's eight-game winning streak Tuesday night in the world's championship three cushion billiards tournament, defeating the Philadelphia, 50 to 32 in 49 innings.

The loss was Reisel's first in nine matches, leaving only defending champion Willie Hoppe of New York and Jay Boseman of Vallejo, Calif., undefeated in the round-robin meet.

Hoppe registered his eighth straight victory tonight, outscoring Paul Lewin of Chicago, 50 to 31, in 49 innings.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 14 (AP)—Pacific university created a two-game basketball series with the College of Idaho tonight by turning back the Coyotes, 44 to 34. With Reed setting the pace, Pacific grabbed an early lead which it never relinquished. The Badgers led 24-13 at halftime. District College of Idaho was the runner-up with 12 points. Reed led Pacific point getters with 10.

High School Basketball Central Valley 4, Deer Park 27. Pullman 26, Colfax 6. Omak 42, Riverside 26. Parkview 42, Corbett 40. Grandview 24, Silverton 25. Wenburn 23, Molalla 25. Chemawa 4, Canby 23. Estacada 32, Sandy 28. Central 27, Hill Military Academy 25 (both Portland).

Roosevelt 34, Washington 31 (both Portland). Benson 43, Lincoln 46 (both Portland). Franklin 45, Commerce 17 (both Portland). Grant 31, Sabin 25 (both Portland).