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Turkey Disclaims Friendship With Hitler

Aid Bill Hit; House Okehs Island Forts

Three Southern Senators Back Act to Limit

One Hopes Action Will not Lead to War but Is Ready for It

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—Three southern senators backed the lease-lend bill Wednesday, and one of them, Bailey (D-NC), asserted that the utmost help should be given to England even if the ultimate result is war.

"I am hoping this intervention may not mean war," he told a suddenly hushed and solemn senate. "But if it does, I am ready for it."

Great Britain is standing virtually alone against a combination of forces whose one purpose is world revolution, he said. And if Britain fails, he added, America, "a lone republic in a totalitarian world," will be in peril.

The day was devoted to speeches favorable to the bill. Senators Hill (D-Alabama) and Connally (D-Texas) urged its passage, the latter calling on America to face its foreign problems as "a united people."

Late in the afternoon, the senate ran out of speakers who were prepared to go ahead with their addresses and Senator Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader, proposed that the senate proceed to action on amendments offered by the foreign relations committee.

Fields Quips At Tax Suit

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19—(AP)—Flavoring his testimony with wisecracks and gags, Film Comedian W. C. Fields Wednesday amused courtroom spectators when he asked Uncle Sam for a \$20,000 refund on the \$84,000 income tax he paid in 1937.

The roly-poly funnyman said he had to have two secretaries, one of them just for night duty to take down dictation, in case he happened to wake up with a bright idea for gag. He thought her salary should be included in deductible items in his tax report. There was an item of \$2,000 he said should be allowed for advertising and publicity. Fields quipped: "That's business—if I don't get my nose in a magazine once in a while, people will forget me."

Oregon Fish Commission Would Compromise Fight

The Oregon fish commission took side against the sportsmen's coast stream or "steelhead" bill at a hearing before the house legislative committee on fisheries Wednesday night but suggested that, given necessary authority, the game and fish commissions could devise regulations satisfactory to both vocational and avocational fishermen.

"The commission is disposed to take the attitude that the steelhead is primarily a game fish and shad and salmon primarily food fish," Merle R. Chessman, Astoria member, reported to the committee.

He read a statement from the commission proposing that the two bodies set up to oversee fishing be authorized to conduct hearings on each coast stream's problems and then establish regulations as to gear and deadlines for each.

Take of Commercial Fishermen Shows Only Slight Decline

The take of commercial fishermen has declined but slightly in the last decade over the first decade of this century, M. T. Hoy, master fish warden, testified. The 1900-09 catch was 5,730,000 pounds, that of 1930-39 5,340,000 pounds, he said.

The sportsmen's bill, SB 53, would deprive commercial opera-

Governor Welcomes Indian Youths at Capitol



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Bigger Trucks Measure Dies

Senate Kills Bill by Margin of 2 to 1; Debate Is Heated

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. Disposing of the first piece of major legislation to come before either house, the Oregon Senate Wednesday defeated 18 to 9 a bill to permit bigger trucks to operate on the state highways.

While sponsors contended the measure would decrease freight rates and would make Oregon truck limits conform with those of Washington and California, opponents charged it would permit a few large truck operators to obtain a monopoly of the transportation business.

The bill, endorsed by Governor Charles A. Sprague and drafted by the state highway commission, would have increased the weight limit from 54,000 to 68,000 pounds, and raise the length limits from 50 to 60 feet.

The vote was on the 6 to 1 report by the senate roads and highways committee recommending passage of the bill. The senate voted 18 to 9 to substitute the minority report of Sen. C. H. Zurcher (R-Wallowa) for the majority report, and three minutes later, voted by the same margin to postpone the bill indefinitely.

Senator Zurcher led the battle against the bill. Sen. Douglas McKay (R-Marion), chairman of the roads and highways committee, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Nuns Leader Dies

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 19—(AP)—Mother Mary Medulpha Ebner, 72, US commissary general of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and spiritual leader of the order's 5200 nuns in this country, died Wednesday at the Notre Dame convent.

ors and fish consumers of approximately 50 per cent of the present coast hatch, Hoy declared.

"The streams and the fish belong to all the people of the state," countered William J. Smith, Portland, president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation. "This bill would remove from 500 to 550 set nets from coast streams and the escapement of salmon and steelhead would add to the runs of the future."

The sports fishermen want their bill passed or rejected as it stands, not amended, Smith said.

Earl Hill, former Lane county representative, proposed that in lieu of enacting the senate bill, the legislature close the upper reaches of all coast streams to angling during the steelhead spawning season and apply zoning and netting regulations individually to each stream.

Scant committee attention was given a bill to reopen the Rogue river to commercial fishing.

Knudson--'All Is Well' Murray--'14,000 to Quit'



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Production Chief Says Labor Disturbances Not Serious

CIO Leader Threatens Walkout of Workers at Steel Plant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—Statements by William S. Knudsen Wednesday that labor disturbances are not seriously interfering with the defense program brought a prediction from Rep. Walter (D-Pa.) that congress might not enact remedial legislation.

Knudsen, director of the office of production management, told the house judiciary committee repeatedly that the program is proceeding "fairly well" and that occasional labor stoppages would (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

In One Ear. —Paul Hauser's Column

People are always forgetting where they are.

For some people it doesn't make any difference, because it isn't important where they are. For people like us it doesn't make any difference, because we don't care where we are.

We don't know in what category Representative Jim Rodman falls, but he forgot where he was.

Mr. Rodman, who is from Lane county and all the kinds of a republican there are, used to be Speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives.

He doesn't like the New Deal and he doesn't like to have the Feds sticking a finger in the state's pie.

This subject always warms him up. It warmed him up yesterday. He got so warmed up in a speech in the Oregon house of representatives yesterday that he wound up an oration with the cry, "And this is a thing that won't be tolerated in the great state of Nebraska."

It appears that the long trucks couldn't be passed, neither on the highways nor in the senate.

The most noteworthy embezzler who has come to our attention in recent weeks is Louis A. Kronenberg of Chicago who stole \$26,000 from his employers over 26 years ago and saved every penny of it. He returned it to the company and they needed it. So they dropped charges and they're going to hire him again. In fact, they're considering making him treasurer.

RYHME FOR A LEGISLATOR WHO SAID HE DIDN'T SAY IT

When words you say are never yours Come back at you in quotes. Learn that advice alone assures Against mistaken notes. But if you must speak to the mob, Why then, my friend, be wary. And everytime you start to sob, A dictaphone you'll carry.

Moral: Words are like the wind and it's hard to prove after you've blown which way you blew.

Plan to Build Guam, Samoa Defense Voted

Naval Base Program Appropriation Gets Full Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—A plan to develop naval outposts at Guam and Samoa won speedy and unanimous house approval Wednesday after the navy's high command recommended strongly that any protest by Japan against the Guam project be "totally disregarded."

In sharp contrast to the furor created at two past sessions when the house rejected requests for harbor developments funds for Guam, there was not a word of protest when the item went through today in a bill to authorize a \$242,000,000 naval base development program. The measure now goes to the senate.

Unusual criticism of the Japanese as individuals developed on the house floor during the relatively brief debate. While Rep. Faddis (D-Pa) was urging a strong United States policy toward Japan, Rep. Gore (D-Tenn) arose and interrupted:

"I am glad the gentleman is paying his respects to these scrubby, contemptible, squint-eyed sons of the rising sun."

In approving the legislation, the house gave its first formal sanction to the acquisition of the Atlantic base sites from Britain in the now historic exchange of 50 destroyers. The bill included 50 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Bomber Burns At El Paso

Plane Enroute for British Delivery Crashes, 2 Die

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 19—(AP)—A Hudson bombing plane, en route for delivery to the British air force, crashed and burned Wednesday, killing both its pilots.

The crash occurred in clear weather, as a stiff wind was blowing. The plane had circled for a landing when its wing tip caught the tower. The bodies of the pilots were thrown clear.

Dead were Pilot Marino Guglielmetti, 42, of North Hollywood, Calif., and Co-Pilot Robert McKee, 30, of Burbank, Calif., formerly of Spokane. Both were employees of the Lockheed Aircraft corporation.

The craft was one of eight which flew here Wednesday eastward for delivery to the British. The impact tore off the wing tip and bent the radio mast in a loop, with its top touching the ground.

Hospital Manager Asks Indigent Aid

PORTLAND, Feb. 19—(AP)—William Gahlsdorf, Salem General hospital business manager, told the Oregon Association of Hospitals Wednesday that its units should be reimbursed for caring for penniless victims of automobile accidents.

The association, holding its sixth annual meeting here, was told that a bill to pay hospitals had been passed by the Oregon house of representatives and now awaits senate action.

Quips, "Angles" and Personalities at the Capitol

James Patton, national president of the Farmers Union, received the courtesy of the senate on Wednesday. He was a guest of Sen. Ronald E. Jones (R-Marion).

"O National Defense, how many crimes are committed in thy name," Sen. Zurcher didn't phrase it just that way, in re-

Hitch-Hiking Repeal May Return Son

OLYMPIA, Feb. 19—(AP)—The house of representatives Wednesday voted to repeal the state's anti-hitch hiking law. If the measure gets through the senate maybe Rep. Tom O'Gorman's son can come back to the state of Washington.

O'Gorman (D-King), who introduced the repeal bill, said his son missed a bus at Wenatchee one night and started hitch hiking the seven miles to his home. "He was picked up by the state patrol and kept in jail all night for being a hitch hiker," O'Gorman said.

"Soon after that he left the state and said he'd never come back."

Farmer Union Holds Banquet

Leader Tells Needs of Agriculturists; Governor Speaks

Farmers' needs, epitomized by James J. Patton, national Farmers Union president of Denver, before delegates and members at the Oregon annual state banquet last night in the First Methodist church, include voluntary organization by farmers as an offset to regimentation, less bureaucracy in agricultural functioning and increased "hard hitting vocal farm organization" of delegates upon returning to respective locals as a protective device to insure democracy in the future of agriculture.

Governor Charles A. Sprague in extending greetings of the state to the delegates stated that the farm industry was facing uncertain times and that it was the function of cooperative leadership to bridge troublesome days ahead. He spoke briefly upon taxation and legislation as it affected the farmer.

State, County Officials, Legislators Also Speak

Other speakers were Ernest Werner, Marion county president, who was president in 1932 when Salem was last host to the state convention. Werner reminded his listeners that in 1932 Marion county possessed five Farmers Union locals and that it now has 18. Laverne Fetz, president of the Washington-Idaho union, brought greetings from those states.

California was represented by N. M. Parsons; Mrs. Jessie Williams of Red Hills local and state junior leader, took a bow as did State President Harley Libby; J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

War News Briefs

LONDON, Feb. 20—(Thursday)—German raiders, attacking singly in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and rough, snowy weather, dropped scores of incendiary bombs on one London district Wednesday night and scattered high explosives on another. Shops and houses were damaged and some persons were injured, but the fires were extinguished quickly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—Use of helium to fill barrage balloons for guarding American cities from air attack, may be one of the reasons behind President Roosevelt's surprise request Wednesday to congress for expanded production of the non-inflammable lifting gas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—Stressing that Japan was seeking "economic expansion" by peaceful means but refusing to rule out a resort to force, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, new Japanese ambassador, said Wednesday there would be no American-Japanese war unless the United States took the "initiative."

LONDON, Feb. 19—(AP)—A great German armada offensive this spring with 600 submarines let loose against British shipping was predicted today by a neutral naval source.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 19—(AP)—An Alaska woman gold miner, Mrs. Edna Fix, who puts her faith in the "Mullik" telegraph of the Arctic eskimo, said here today the United States had better get busy with its defense for northern Alaska or she "shouldn't be surprised at all to awaken some morning and see the Russian flag floating over Nome."

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Victory for Greeks Desired; Claim Axis Move Halted by Pact

Japanese Excitement Rins High With Posting of Aussie Troops; Assert British Action "Belligerent"

By The Associated Press ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 19—The Turkish press insisted Wednesday night that the Turkish-Bulgarian non-aggression agreement in no way affected Turkey's relations with Greece and Britain and that Bulgaria would attempt to prevent any German march towards Greece.

The official Turkish radio said that the axis, in reporting the pact, "has taken advantage of it for its own purposes."

Turkey's British ally, on the contrary, "has not taken this attitude, but has said that she was fully informed of the negotiations and in full agreement with them," the radio commentator added.

The newspaper Ikadim said that as a matter of fact Turkey now was in a better position to aid Greece and that if war developed in the Balkans it would be solely on Germany's responsibility.

"There are rumors in Greece which make her doubt her best friends," commented the paper Yenissabah.

"We are Greece's best friend. We repeat, we believe in her and we know victory will be hers."

Avakit said that under the terms of the declaration, Bulgaria could not attack Greece or allow Germany to do so through Bulgarian territory.

Askam emphasized that turkey's foreign policy was based on the British alliance and declared that developments in no way affect Turkey's relations with either Britain or Greece.

War Roundup At a Glance

(By The Associated Press) Turkey denies restriction of action as result of pact with Bulgaria; expresses friendship for Greece.

Japanese intensely excited over British reinforcement of Singapore; army spokesman in Shanghai charges Britain with "belligerent action."

Britain coldly receives Japanese offer to mediate war with Germany. Offer accompanied by accusation that Britain and United States are making "warlike preparations" in the Pacific.

United States house adopts legislation to improve naval defenses at Guam and Samoa and develop bases gained from Britain.

Rome says German dive-bombers effectively raided British tanks apparently set for move on Italian Tripolitania.

Greeks capture two fortified villages, 300 prisoners, claim Italians fire on own troops.

Germany drop incendiary and high explosive bombs in brief night attack on London.

English Composer Dies BRIGHTON, England, Feb. 19—(AP)—Sir Hamilton Harty, 66, composer and conductor who made several tours of the United States as guest composer of orchestras, died at his home here Wednesday.

Woman Sues German Consul On Hitler Good Grace Trip

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19—(AP)—Captain Fritz Wiedemann, German consul general here, was sued Wednesday by a woman who claimed he owed her money for a trip she made to Germany at his request to see if he still was in the good graces of Adolf Hitler.

The complaint was filed in superior court by counsel for Mrs. Alice Crockett, a divorcee who asked \$8000 of Wiedemann for cover expenses and a \$500 a month salary for the alleged six months trip.

Mrs. Crockett, who said she formerly was a movie actress, told interviewers she met the Nazi official at his San Francisco office in April, 1939, when she attempted to inquire about two sums in Germany. She said she was a native of Switzerland.

There had been a misunder-

(By Associated Press) Japanese excitement over the posting of heavy British imperial forces at Malayan battle stations ran high early Thursday amid official Japanese army charges that the British had committed a "belligerent action."

Simultaneously Britain turned a courteously cold shoulder to a Japanese offer to mediate the war with Germany—Japan's axis partner.

Sailors of Japanese warships at Saigon, French Indo-China, remained close to their anchorage instead of wandering throughout that port as usual. Japanese officials at Saigon dashed about for hours yesterday from their hotels to the Japanese-occupied Saigon airport, to the Japanese consulate, and to the 5,170-ton Japanese cruiser Nagara—but all that a Japanese military official in Saigon would say was that "we are not informed that the Australians have arrived at Singapore."

It was different in Shanghai, where Major Kunio Akiyama, official spokesman for the Japanese expeditionary forces in China, delivered the "belligerent action" charge and said the British designed it to bring pressure on Thailand.

The British sent with their soldiers enough planes to give them apparently the balance of air power in southeastern Asia.

The United States gave further evidence of standing her ground in the Pacific in unofficial but nevertheless effective collaboration with the British. The US house passed and sent to the senate legislation calling for development of naval bases at Guam, Samoa and the new Atlantic outposts received from Britain.

On other fronts, the British reported gains by British-trained tribesmen in Ethiopia; the Italians said German dive-bombers had raided British tanks and armored (Turn to Page 7, Col. 4)

standing between Wiedemann and Hitler and the others concerning Wiedemann's ability to "properly fulfill his duties as consul general of the government of Germany and to properly fulfill his duties as head of the propaganda division" of the German government.

Mrs. Crockett spent \$5000 of her own funds to get to Germany, where she arrived in July, 1939, and had talks with Hitler, Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda chief; Field Marshal Herman Goering and others, all of whom assured her that Wiedemann "was properly carrying out his duties as consul general in San Francisco, and as chief of the espionage service of the government of Germany in the United States."

Captain Wiedemann said he had no statement to make concerning the suit, and referred all questions to his lawyer, Otto A. Hoeschen.