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**Weather**  
Partly cloudy today and Wednesday; high rain Wednesday. Max. temp. Monday 55, Min. 38. South wind. River -7 feet. Rain 48 inch. Clear.

## Britain Scoffs at Hitler's U-Boat Claims

### Senate Group Favors Hike in Job Benefits

### Industries Body to Add \$700,000 for Disabled Workers

**Chairman Lonergan of House Judicial Body Resents Slurs; Reveals Work of Consolidating Program**  
By STEPHEN C. MERGLER

The senate industries committee of the Oregon legislature Monday night tentatively approved increases in workmen's compensation law benefits estimated to pay out \$700,000 more a year than now received to industrial workers suffering disabilities.

The committee agreed to a man that no major changes would be made in their agreed figures, which are to be incorporated in a new bill substituting for SB 160 and to be introduced in the upper house on Wednesday.

Should this bill be enacted, its provisions would represent the first changes of any importance made in benefits schedules since the workmen's compensation law was enacted in 1913. Revision was recommended by Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

This bill, with an occupational disease code, a new element in workmen's compensation in Oregon, will complete the most important and time-consuming tasks before the committee, Sen. Ronald E. Jones (R-Marion) said.

Occupation Disease Bill Will Be Discussed Again  
Also tentatively agreed upon but to be considered at one more committee meeting Wednesday night, the occupational disease bill would cost the compensation fund about \$30,000 a year, it was estimated.

Principal benefits under the new committee bill on bodily losses or permanent disabilities are as follows, with present allowances listed in parentheses:

One arm \$4800 (\$2400); one hand \$2700 (\$1300); one leg \$3300 (\$2200); one foot \$2600 (\$1600); big toe \$450 (\$250); other toes \$100 each, unchanged. Both ears \$4800 (\$2400); one ear \$1200 (\$900); one eye \$2000  
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### Alfonso Still "Unchanged"

ROME, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Physicians of former King Alfonso XIII of Spain described his condition Monday night as "unchanged" after a day in which he showed continued resistance to a heart affliction that held him near death.

A few intimates were admitted to the hotel room where the former monarch was propped up in an overstuffed chair.

They expressed belief that he was "somewhat better." His breathing, however, still was said to be difficult.

His queen, Victoria Eugenia, and their children remained close to the sickroom but took occasional recesses from the constant vigil of the past two nights when death appeared imminent.

### Federal Chief Questions, Okehs Jobless Proposals

By RALPH C. CURTIS  
Fears that two employer-proposed amendments in the Oregon unemployment compensation law might prevent its re-certification by the federal social security board were allayed in one case by a reply from William McCaw, director of the federal board's unemployment compensation division. The second bill's status was still partly in doubt for the reason that McCaw's reference to it was subject to more than one interpretation.

The inquiry had been sent to Washington, DC by Paul Gurak, president of the Oregon Federation of labor. The reply was sent to him and presumably an identical letter was received by the state commission.

McCaw stated that HB 400, which relates to the seasonality question, "will not present any problems with respect to certification."

One of the bill's principal departures from the present law is a provision that the "off season" shall include a period in which the employer's payroll is reduced by 50 per cent or more, rather than being confined to a period in which he does not operate at all.

McCaw further stated that HB 414, which would permit experi-

### Earl Browder Quits Job

### Communist Party Chief Prepares to Serve Term

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Earl Browder announced tonight he was resigning as general secretary of the communist party in the United States and would be succeeded by Robert Minor, veteran communist leader and one of the party's founders in this country.



EARL BROWDER

Browder shortly will begin serving a four year sentence for using a passport obtained by fraud. His conviction was upheld last week by the supreme court.

Minor, once one of the country's highest paid newspaper cartoonists, was one of a group which broke away from the old socialist party in 1919 to found the communist party.

With Browder and William Z. Foster, national chairman, Minor has helped guide the party's policies for many years. He is a native of San Antonio, Tex.

### Seventh Week Of Legislature Brings Action

### Five Major Measures Given Consideration By Both Houses

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.  
The Oregon legislature opened the seventh week of its session Monday with a burst of speed, giving consideration to five major bills.

Monday's action included:

1. The senate passed unanimously and sent to the house the key bill of Gov. Charles A. Sprague's forestry conservation program, the measure giving the state board of forestry authority to acquire private lands for reforestation purposes.

2. The house passed 47 to 11 and sent to the senate the bill to provide a fourth congressional district.

3. The senate killed 19 to 9 a bill to give Klamath county a senator of its own at the expense of the 19th district (Umatilla, Morrow and Union).

4. The house approved 58 to 2 and sent to the senate the administration-endorsed bill to raise the old age pension maximum from \$30 to \$40 a month.

5. The senate sent to the house by a 21 to 7 vote the prima facie speed bill, raising the speed limit from 45 to 55 miles an hour and shifting the burden of proof from the officer to the driver.

There was no debate on the forestry bill, prepared by the Oregon Economic council's forest conservation committee.

Under a law passed in 1939, the state may acquire burned-over and cut-over lands from counties. These lands would be reforested by the state, with the bulk of the revenue to be turned over to the counties.

The bill passed Monday would give the state the same rights as to privately-held lands.

The congressional district bill, drafted by the house reapportionment committee, would set up a new district comprising Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties.

There was almost no debate on the measure, the arguments having (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

### Arms Program Jumps Again

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The United States armaments program has jumped to "close to \$31,000,000,000." Budget Director Harold D. Smith said Monday night after President Roosevelt asked congress to furnish \$3,812,311,197 to the war department immediately because of "contingencies which have arisen."

Mr. Roosevelt sent a letter to Speaker Rayburn asking the funds for it war department functions, ranging from \$1,412,261,000 for the air corps to \$15,000,000 for the Fort Benning, Ga., infantry school.

Of the total, somewhat more than half was for projects which he had outlined earlier, to be carried out in the 1942 fiscal year beginning next July 1, and thus represented no addition to the defense program. Budget Director Smith said, however, that about \$1,750,000,000 was an augmentation of the program.

### Lobby Hobnobber

Quips, "Angles" and Personalities at the Capitol  
The American Society of Authors and Composers, against whom Sen. Coe A. McKenna of Portland has introduced a bill at this session.

Not on the Record—The senate's defeat of the bill to give Klamath county a senator all its own and wipe out Sen. Ellis' joint districts wasn't easy on southeast Oregon tempers. "Who do you think you're representing? Aren't you representing the state of Oregon?" Rep. Henry Semon of Klamath was ov-erheared to inquire heatedly of Sen. McKenna later in the day.

"No! I represent Multnomah county," was McKenna's reply. Semon walked away.

Mrs. Ronald E. Jones, wife of the hard-working chairman of the senate industries committee, paid a visit Monday to the senate (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

### Four of Germany's "Big Seven" Plan War



Here is a rare and unusual picture of Nazi leaders in conference, four of Germany's "Big Seven." At the extreme left, readily recognizable is the fuhrer himself. Next is Propaganda Minister Goebbels, then Reichminister Rudolf Hess, said to be Hitler's successor when and if the big boss loses his job by death or otherwise and finally State Leader Goerlitz. Fat and fancy Hermann Goering probably just stepped out when this picture was taken and the other two of the big seven, Reichleiter Dr. Ley and Reichminister Dr. Lammer were too far down the table to get into focus.

### Sprague Given Citizen Medal

### Marion Post of VFW Presents Highest Civilian Award

Need for a national spirit which will transcend group self-interest, so that neither employers nor labor will seek undue benefit from the defense program, was cited by Gov. Charles A. Sprague as he accepted the citizenship medal presented to him Monday night by Marion Post No. 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in ceremonies at the VFW clubhouse attended by members of that organization and its auxiliary from many parts of western Oregon.

"Let us do our utmost to make the nation strong," Governor Sprague advised, "while we keep alive the candle of faith that the world ultimately will become a more decent place to live." For Oregon, he outlined a program of "contributing our share to national defense" while avoiding the hysteria that breeds false suspicion and unjust accusations of disloyalty.

The governor commended the Veterans of Foreign Wars for (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

### In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

Well, there are only four more days left in February and the Japanese plum trees Dr. R. Moulton Gatke plant-



ing are in blossom. The Japanese plum trees are right pretty and so far no one has sent a telegram or a resolution to the president asking that their spread south-

ward be dealt with with a firm hand. There are four more days in February and then March will come in, one way or the other. Whether it comes in like a lion or comes in like a lamb you are certain of two things: (1) the legislature will still be with us and so far seems to show no indication of going out like a lamb, (2) you will have to pay your income tax by midnight of March 15.

For such a short month February got a lot done. As far as we can tell now there are no more big doings, but what do you want in 28 days after Groundhog day, Valentine's day, A. Lincoln's birthday and G. Washington's name.

There was some grumbling among the younger element that G. Washington's birthday was on a Saturday and they didn't have (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

### Der Fuehrer's Speech Excerpts

"Our struggle at sea only now can begin," he said. "The reason for this lies in the fact that, to begin with, we wanted to train new crews for U-boats which are now ready... There should be no doubt about that."

"Those gentlemen (the British), however, must be prepared for still bigger events in March and April. Then they will find out whether we slept through the winter or who made use of time."

"In these long months, during which we fought with so few submarines, Italy tied up large forces for us."

"It does not make any difference to us whether our Stukas pick off English ships in the North sea or the Mediterranean. It is always the same. One thing is certain, however: Whenever British ships cruise we shall set against them our submarines until the hour of decision."

"I'll not set definite dates for major operations. Date setting is the business of journalists... I look to the future with fanatical confidence."

"There is no doubt but that the union which binds two revolutions and two men together is indissoluble and that if one of the two meets hard luck the other will stand by him."

### Wheeler Threatens US Stump on Aid Bill

### La Follette, Clark and Other Senators Denounce Administration for "War Plans" and "Turbulent Untruths"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Looking beyond the forthcoming senate action on the lease-lend bill, Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) declared Monday that if the measure were passed, its opponents would conduct a campaign from coast to coast in an effort to keep the United States out of war.

"I am going to stump the country, and I am going to try to get other senators to do likewise," he told reporters. He said that some other senators had already agreed to address mass meetings "from Boston to California."

"HYDE PARK, N.Y., Feb. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt left Monday night for Washington, where he will confer with congressional leaders tomorrow morning on the chances of completing legislative action this week on the British aid bill.

### Proposed Salem Milk Control Action Postponed to March 10

Salem's proposed new milk ordinance will be revised and discussed by milk producers and officers of the city health department before it is presented to the city council at its March 10 meeting, it was decided Monday night at a public hearing on the new legislation held in the council chambers by the council's committee on health and sanitation.

The decision to postpone action on the new milk ordinance for a three-week period came after two hours and a half of intensive discussion of the whole problem of milk production in the Salem area by producers, distributors, representatives of the health department, and Mrs. G. F. Lobdell, E. B. Ferrine and Arthur O. Davison, members of the council's committee.

Objections to the new ordinance, statement of which was requested at the outset of the meeting by Alderman Davison, were confined to details of the bill, rather than to broad questions of policy.

Among these was the objection brought up by milk operators at the last council meeting to provisions of the new ordinance providing for the designation of some Grade B milk as "Grade A for pasteurization." Designation Substitution Answer To Objections

The substitution of the designation "raw milk for pasteurization" for this term, suggested by Dr. V. A. Douglas, county health officer, appeared to answer objections to the bill's original terminology, considered by producers of Grade A milk to be contrary to their interests.

The matter of bottling milk on the farm where produced, a provision which also drew criticism at the council meeting, was dis-

### Huge Tonnage Loss At Sea Draws Denial; Adolf Tells Plans

### Fails to Mention Channel Thrust, Indicates Major Land Battle; Bulgarian March Awaited

LONDON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The British Press Association asserted Monday night the Hitler claim that 215,000 tons of British shipping have been sunk in two days "is as far removed from the truth as German announcements usually prove to be."

Reuters, British news agency, called the Hitler speech "fodious."

The Daily Mail took the occasion to call for a vigorous shipping policy, declaring "a strong competent minister of shipping with a place in the war cabinet should be appointed at once."

(By the Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler told his applauding faithful in Munich's Hofbrau Monday that a great Nazi submarine offensive against Britain would begin next month and declared Germany and Italy were linked indissolubly even if one encounters "hard luck" along the warpath.

This speech followed Premier Mussolini's acknowledgement Sunday the German planes and armored units now were aiding Italy in Sicily and in Libya where the British wiped out an entire Italian army corps and air squadron.

The fuhrer in announcing that German planes, ships, and submarines had sunk 215,000 tons of British shipping in the past two days said that was only a taste of what was to come—that new submarines had been built and new crews trained during the winter.

He neither mentioned the long heralded invasion of England nor reiterated a previous forecast that a German victory would be achieved this year.

Indicates Major Land Operations Are Imminent  
But in an indication that major land operations, also might be imminent he asserted "victory will follow the marching feet of our soldiers."

In expectation of a German march into Bulgaria British children were leaving Bulgaria, a fact that led the officially-inspired Turkish newspaper to comment that the axis powers are "going to try to occupy the whole Mediterranean."

Diplomatic sources said the British minister in Sofia, George Rendel, planned to quit Bulgaria this week.

Bulgarian police still were searching for German Deputy George Dimitroff, leader of the Bulgarian farmers party which has openly appealed for an anti-German front.

Axis-allied Japan has bombers and troops stationed in French Indo-China and her diplomats are acting as mediators in a border dispute between the French colony and Thailand. Thus far the mediation has failed to click and a new 10-day extension of the armistice period was announced Sunday.

German Bombers Resume Night Raids on London  
German bombers swept across the English channel under starlit skies last night to resume their attacks on London after a day of scattered raids over East Anglia and north Scotland where the government said there were neither casualties nor damage.

In Africa hammering at the Italian coastal colonies were said to have (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

### Greeks Take Over 20,000

ATHENS, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Greek army in almost four months of war has captured 20,000 Italians and "will not cease fighting until the Italians are out of Albania," a government spokesman said Monday night.

The statement was a detailed reply to the speech Sunday by Premier Mussolini, who represented Greek losses as heavy and minimized Italy's casualties.

In view of German hopes of forcing Greece to sue for peace with Italy, observers expressed interest in the statement that the Greeks will not rest until they drive the Italians out of Albania.

### Sprague Asks Fund for '43 Centennial

Gov. Charles A. Sprague recommended in a message to the legislature Monday that "a modest appropriation" be made for publishing the centennial of the first passage of a wagon train over the Oregon Trail and the Champeog meeting for organization of the Oregon provisional government in 1843.

"In view of the approach of this important milestone in the history of our state," the governor stated, "I recommend that the forty-first legislative assembly, by appropriate action, make official recognition of this historic anniversary."

Gov. Sprague recommended that funds be given the Travel and Information department of the state highway commission to advertise the anniversary.

### Late Sports

YANCOUVER, Feb. 24.—(CP)—Seattle Olympics stopped into a second-place tie with Vancouver Lions in the Pacific coast hockey league standing by handing the Vancouver team a 4-3 defeat in an overtime game here Monday night.