

The big 90th anniversary edition of The Statesman will be off the press on March 23. You will want to read its story of the Willamette valley and its prospects for progress.

Cloudy with occasional light rain today and Friday; valley fogs. Max. temp. Wednesday, 57. Min. 44. Southwest wind. Rain .34 inch. River 1.4 foot. Partly cloudy.

Benton Is Still Issue

House in Battle Over Amendment by Senate

By RALPH C. CURTIS Just when it appeared headed into a probable deadlock between the two branches of the legislature, the composition of a fourth congressional district was resuscitated as an open issue in the house of representatives late Wednesday afternoon by Rep. A. Rennie of Benton county. The issue of house acceptance of the senate amendment which leaves Benton county in the first district was made a special order of business in the house for Friday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock.

Earlier in the day the senate had passed the house bill with this one amendment. Creation of a new district composed of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties drew there no serious opposition although Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla) asked the senate to defeat

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 3rd Reading Today House: HB 106, 215, 222, 236, 245, 247, 256, 265, 329, 365, 373, 374, 378, 379, 427, 490, 504, 521, 501, 525, 535, 512, 513, 523, 528, 527, 501, 300, 312, 323, 331, 332, 347, 352, 353, 359, 373, 374, 328, 333, 322, 300, 316, SCR 9, HB 2, 192, 256, 324, 421, 417, 519, 519, 529, 27, 84, 82. Special Order House: 10:30 a.m., committee report, "do pass" as amended, on SB 32, "steelhead" bill; 2:30 p.m., majority, minority reports on HB 150, osteopath bill.

the bill and provide for a congressional-at-large. The bill has been amended by the senate committee on county affairs to exclude Benton county from the new district, at the request of the Benton county delegation backed by general sentiment in that county.

Steelhammer Requests House Refusal on Conference

When the report on the senate's action was read in the house Rep. John Steelhammer (R-Marion), chairman of the house reapportionment committee, moved that the house refuse to concur in the amendment. The motion carried with little opposition on a viva voce vote and Speaker Robert H. Farrell appointed Steelhammer and Rep. Frank Lonergan on the conference committee.

Later Rep. Rennie moved for reconsideration and over Steelhammer's protest this motion carried 54 to 25. Steelhammer had insisted that the conference committee would give full consideration to Benton county's desires.

Rep. Vernon Bull suggested that Rep. Rennie should be a member of the conference committee. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Clip League Schedule on Sports Page

"I'm coming, folks," says the Little Senator, Statesman weather vane of the Senators baseball club.

So, to help you prepare for his arrival, The Statesman prints today the full playing schedule of the Western Internationals league for the 1941 season, on its complete, as usual sports page. Turn to page 16 this morning and clip the schedule for future reference. Paste it on a piece of cardboard or put it in your billfold.

Walker Still Married KEY WEST, Fla., March 5-(P)—Circuit Judge Arthur Gomez Wednesday denied a divorce to Mrs. James J. Walker from the former mayor of New York.

Million Dollar Building Gets Approval of Ways and Means

Construction of a state office building at a cost of \$1,000,000 was approved by the ways and means committee of the legislature on Wednesday when it voted to report out favorably the bill authorizing such construction. The bill however will contain a provision that the state emergency board shall decide when construction shall begin. Ways and means committee members said it might be wise to defer construction until defense activities have ceased.

Funds of Land Board Borrowed For Finances

Funds of the state land board would be borrowed to finance construction, the fund to be repaid out of rentals. State departments now renting downtown quarters in Salem would occupy the building, to be erected on property already owned by the

Vichy, Siam, Japan Settle Border Tiff

Ickes Accuses Governor on Power Stand

Sprague Stays Firm on Statement Made Against Monopoly

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Oregon was accused by Interior Secretary Ickes Wednesday of speaking on behalf of private utility companies and attacking public power.

Sprague criticized Ickes last week for refusing to sell any more Bonneville power to the Aluminum Company of America. "The governor," Ickes said, "with an utter disregard for the facts involved, has sought to use the incident to make an oblique but perfectly apparent attack on public ownership of power.

"He claims he is not speaking for Aluminum Company of America. We know that he is not speaking for the people of the northwest. Private-owned utility interests, intent on maintaining their vast holding company empire, are the only other interested parties.

"I don't like political monopoly any better than I like economic monopoly," Gov. Sprague commented Wednesday in an informal reply to Secretary Ickes' blast at him.

"Secretary Ickes' personal attack upon me is no answer to my statement of last week, upon which I stand.

"Secretary Ickes' action represents the danger of concentration of authority that I have been preaching against all along. I am not speaking for the aluminum company, but I dislike the fact that any individual has the power to determine the destinies of communities in this fashion. When you eat out of the hand of Washington you have to take what they feed you."

In an aside the governor suggested that he had not been aware that Ickes was inserting "a half column of comment."

"It is apparent to me that he is speaking for privately-owned utility companies or for eastern interests which control these utility companies through their holding companies."

Alcoa, now constructing an enlarged aluminum factory at Vancouver, Wash., already is receiving 68,000 of Bonneville's 122,000 kilowatts, and Ickes said, if its recent request for more had been met, it would have controlled 65 per cent of the dam's final capacity.

The Bonneville law, he said, prohibited any one concern from monopolizing Columbia river electrical energy.

Ickes also suggested that Sprague was taking undue interest in the Spokane, Wash., election to determine whether the city should purchase federal power or continue to take electricity from private utilities.

He referred to Sprague as a champion of state's rights and said that the Oregon governor "might well adopt the principle he professes and leave the people of Spokane to decide their own interest."

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Carol and Magda Safe in Portugal



Former King Carol of Rumania (left) and his girl friend of many years and numerous escapades, Mme. Magda Lupescu, are safe in Portugal after a speedy dash from Spain, AP reports indicated late Wednesday night.

Former Rumania King, Lupescu Flee Spain

Notorious European Couple Make Wild Dash in American Auto to Lisbon From Franco's Semi-Arrest

LISBON, Portugal, March 5-(AP)—Former King Carol and his companion in exile from Rumania, Mme. Magda Lupescu, arrived safely in Portugal Wednesday afternoon after a dash from their hotel in Seville, Spain.

Consul Claimed Nazi Agent

Suit of Woman Says Wiedmann Heads Ring in US

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5-(P)—Consul General Fritz Wiedemann was represented Wednesday as heading a German espionage ring throughout the Americas, and as having ordered his agents to obtain secret information "beneficial to Germany in its conquest of the western hemisphere."

The allegations were in a complaint filed in federal court for Mrs. Alice Crockett, former wife of a US army officer, who asked \$8000 she said Wiedemann owed her for a trip to Germany in his behalf in 1939.

The complaint set forth that Wiedemann received more than \$5,000,000 from the German government for "espionage activity," and that he employed many persons for such purposes, and that it was the duty of the Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe, whom the United States is seeking to deport, to pay these employees.

The remainder of the complaint was made up of statements which Mrs. Crockett said Wiedemann made to her.

He was alleged to have told her (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

We've been looking over the draft news and have been seeing some startling things.

For instance, there's the fellow they drafted in New Jersey.

When they drafted him they didn't know whether to credit him against the quota as one man or a whole squad.

He weighed 288 pounds.

Then there's Jackie Coogan going into the army. A lot of people, despite the fact that he's made a few night clubs lively, still think of him as "The Kid" and wonder what he's doing out of that ragged sweater. He's getting bald, too.

But when we read that the army has called Harvey Shaffer away from the fissure pumps at the Spa we realize (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)



Paul H. Hauser, Jr.

House Passes Appropriations For Prisons, Hospitals

The house passed and sent to the senate Wednesday the \$4,700,169 appropriation bill for expenses of state penal institutions and hospitals after a debate in which state hospital conditions were held "deplorable" and an attempt to send the measure back to the ways and means committee was narrowly defeated.

Late Sports

Gardner 39, Henley 35. Chilouquin 39, Gilchrist 25. Powers 50, Sutherland 22. Dayton 27, Elkton 23. Gold Hill 47, St. Mary's 41. Above scores all Ashland invitational tourney.

Hull Opposes Amendment To Aid Bill

Real Senate Battle Flares on Troops out of America

WASHINGTON, March 5-(AP)—The first real senate battle on the lease-lend bill flared up Wednesday, with administration leaders—backed by Secretary Hull—strenuously opposing an amendment to stipulate that the measure grants no new authority for sending American troops outside the western hemisphere.

The secretary of state was quoted as having said that such a provision might encourage Japan to become more aggressive in pushing her expansion policy in the Far East. Leading proponents of the bill, who hitherto had spoken favorably of adopting some compromise amendment of this sort, suddenly closed ranks in opposition.

Specifically at issue on the senate floor was an amendment by Senator Ellender (D-La) saying that:

"Nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to confer any additional powers to authorize the employment or use of persons in the land or naval forces of the United States at any place beyond the limits of the western hemisphere, except in the territories and possessions of the United States, including the Philippine Islands."

With his characteristically energetic oratory, the tiny Ellender paced back and forth behind his desk urging the adoption of his proposal as a means of uniting the American people behind the lease-lend bill. His amendment, he said, "would alleviate the fears of millions of American mothers" and "make certain that this will be a material aid bill and nothing else."

Vote Expected Thursday On Ellender Amendment

Both Senator Ellender and Democratic leader Barkley (Ky) agreed when Wednesday's session ended that a vote would be reached.

French Chief Flies Home

Gen. Weygand Arrives Secretly at Vichy From Africa Base

VICHY, France, March 5-(P)—General Maxime Weygand, commander of the French armies of Africa, arrived in Vichy Wednesday night ahead of schedule.

His airplane landed in the early evening.

The French information office had said previously that the general would not arrive until tomorrow, and there were indications that not even the French government had expected him so soon.

Attempts were made to keep his trip secret, in pursuit of a policy adopted ever since a plane carrying Jean Chippie was shot down en route to Tunisia late in November.

Weygand, it was stated, saw Marshal Philippe Petain, chief of the French state, almost immediately upon his arrival, but was not seen to enter by the usual loungers at the marshal's hotel.

There were various rumors as to the purpose of Weygand's trip. These included:

1. That he had come to discuss (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Joint Communique Airs New Indo-China Accord

Forceful Great Balkan Battle Seen as Nations Line up Troops



CORDELL HULL

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Wednesday strenuously opposed an amendment to the British aid bill which would stipulate it did not grant new authority for sending American troops outside the western hemisphere.

Seattle Plans "Blackout"

First Test in Major US City Scheduled Friday Night

SEATTLE, March 5-(P)—The first blackout test in a major American city will darken this community of nearly 400,000 for 15 minutes Friday night.

Defense committee leaders, who have spent weeks in perfecting plans, predicted confidently Wednesday that hardly a light will be visible when army and navy planes soar over the approximately 104 square miles of the city's limits.

Frank R. Cadman, blackout chairman, has assembled more than 4000 volunteer air raid wardens for duty, in addition to 3500 civilians who will assist police and fire departments.

Not a detail has been overlooked, Cadman said. When the warning signal is sounded by factory whistles and sirens over every radio broadcasting station in the city, 10 minutes before the blackout time, wardens will order motorists to the curb, house owners will pull down

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War News Briefs

ROME, March 6-(Thursday) —(P)—A clash of British and German expeditionary armies for Salonika, key to the back door of Europe, was envisaged by Roman observers today after Virginia Gaysda, the authoritative Italian commentator, declared nearly a whole division of Canadian troops already had reached that ancient Greek city.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 6-(Thursday) —(P)—Germany's field army in Bulgaria was concentrated today at Black Sea ports and on the Greek frontier as the nazis deployed for the great Balkan war so long expected and seemingly all but begun.

ATHENS, March 5.—Greece rejected mounting German pressure for a separate peace with Italy Wednesday night and announced she was standing firmly beside Britain, having "agreed on all aspects of the situation" in southeast Europe with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Eden left Athens Wednesday night after three days of conferences.

LONDON, March 6-(Thursday) —(P)—The air and home security ministries announced today that a few bombs were dropped at a south coast town Wednesday night but that otherwise there was very little German air activity over Britain.

Germans Mass on Bulgaria, Greek Boundary; Russia Demands Navy Bases; Turks Stick to British

TOKYO, March 6-(Thursday)—(P)—French and Thai agreement "on the principal points" of the Japanese mediation plan for settling their border dispute was announced officially today. Remaining points, it was said, "likely will be settled within a few days."

The announcement, in the form of a joint communique by Japan, France and Thailand, said: "The mediation plan presented by the Japanese government has been agreed to by both the French and Thailand governments on the principal points and the remaining points and details likely will be settled within a few days."

The announcement followed an hour's conference among French Ambassador Charles Arsene Henry and Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye and Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsukata.

Thailand and French Indo-China engaged in bitter border fighting for more than three months before an armistice was signed January 31 under Japanese mediation.

The armistice has been extended twice. The present extension will expire Friday but it was reported it would be extended again for the working out of technical details of the peace plan.

By the Associated Press

Southeastern Europe's number was up Wednesday night. Months of fearful diplomatic pressure on the volatile races of the Balkan peninsula had reached the point that fighting among massed thousands of men seemed inevitable. The grand lines of the opposing camps were:

1. Germany has massed, said reports from Sofia, Bulgaria, 150,000 men on the Bulgarian-Greek border, ready for an attack aimed for Greece's Aegean seaport of Salonika. Other German units whose strength remained secret were dispatched to Black Sea ports. Nazi planes were said to have photographed Turkish and Greek frontier fortifications.

2. Greece defied Germany by rejecting strong peace hints from the nazis and sent troops toward her menaced eastern front.

3. Great Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria because of Germany's occupation of that country and a declaration of war seemed a matter of hours. But whether Britain had any substantial body of troops in Greece, perhaps some of the victorious army of the Nile, remained a British and Greek secret.

4. Russia was reported to have sounded a jarring note by demanding that German-dominated Rumania cede forthwith some naval bases on the Black Sea.

5. Turkey was standing by her guns with the British.

The reported Russian demands were said to have sent Premier General Ion Antonescu to Vienna for a hurried talk with Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering.

The Greeks were believed to have sent troops to their Yugoslav border as well as the Bulgarian frontier. Yugoslavia was believed ready to fall into the axis lineup during a trip this week by Regent Prince Paul to Germany to see German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

While the British kept their movements concealed in the utmost secrecy in southeastern Europe, they reported a daylight raid in force on the nazi-held port of Boulogne, France; said that revolt was "spreading like wildfire" among the native patriots of Ethiopia, and heard a plea for more and more ships and men for the developing "battle of the Atlantic."

First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander told the British commons that the navy needed "many more ships and great numbers of men."

With the British still winning in Africa, General Maxime Weygand, commander of French troops in Africa, flew back to Vichy ahead of schedule and was said to have been closeted immediately with chief of state Marshal Philippe Petain.

HONGKONG, March 5-(P)—Japanese authorities said Wednesday night their forces had landed at various points along a 250-mile stretch of the south China coast in a surprise move which foreign quarters here believe is somehow linked with Japan's new southward ambitions.

The landings on the shores of Kwantung province from Kwong (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Yards Strike Settled

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 5-(P)—Settlement of a strike of seven AFL unions at two San Diego boat yards which halted work February 18 on \$500,000 in defense and private contracts, was announced Wednesday night by Harry Malcolm, federal conciliator.

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Military authorities have concluded that at least 20 or 30 minutes of advance warning on the approach of enemy planes was needed to get sufficient forces into the air to fight them off before they reached the canal.

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