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Weather
Fair tonight and Wednesday but with considerable cloudiness. Little change in temperature. Variable wind. Monday: Max. 50, min. 29. Rain 8. River 63 ft. North wind. Partly cloudy.

American Army Shy of Anti-Aircraft Guns

8 Navy Planes Crash in Fog

Sprague Asks State Bureau Of Research

In Special Message Governor Would Have Planning Board Transformed

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.
Changing the state planning board into a state bureau of research and development and establishment of a committee to work on legislation between sessions were recommended today to the legislature by Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

In a special message to both houses, the governor said the revamped bureau would do research for the governor, legislature and legislative interim committees, and also "have broad powers in exploring fields of economic development, utilization of natural resources and industrial opportunities."

He said he would "like particularly to have legislative committees make use of this bureau, if created, in preparation of legislation."

Cites Kansas

Kansas has attracted considerable attention recently because of its legislative council which meets at intervals between sessions to do preliminary work on subjects in which legislation is deemed necessary.

"I believe Oregon could accomplish similar good results by having its legislature create a standing interim committee for which the state bureau could do the necessary research," he said.

The bureau would be located in the new library building here. The legislature, in a determined effort to end the session within 10 days, began consideration today of the administration tax program, one of four major pieces of legislation yet to be acted upon. The others are appropriation bills, peoples' utility district legislation, and equalization of school taxes.

Tax Program Up

The tax program, calling for repeal of the eight per cent tax on intangibles, a three per cent surtax on intangibles and a slight boost in the corporate excise tax, was to come up for final passage in the house today. The entire program would raise the same amount of revenue as at present.

Regulate Clubs

A bill to permit the liquor commission to inspect and regulate clubs to insure orderly conduct also passed the senate and went to the lower body. The bill prevents open display of liquor in clubs.

Despite objections by Sen. Lew Wallace (D., Portland) that the senate was "washing Portland's dirty linen," the senate passed and sent (Continued on page 13, column 3)



Child Kidnap Victim—Anna Louise Sweitzer (left), 8, and Townsend Davis (right), 40, who kidnaped the girl. — Associated Press Photo.

Child Kidnaper Returned for Trial

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—Manacled for a trip back to Pasadena to face a charge of child stealing, 40-year-old Townsend Davis, gardener and church organist, was returned here today from El Centro in the Imperial valley and immediately underwent an extensive questioning about his abduction Sunday of Anne Louise Sweitzer, eight years old. Officers who brought Davis and the little girl back here said he admitted abducting her but denied he had attacked the girl.

King Launches Big Battleship

Newcastle, England, Feb. 21 (AP)—King George VI, guarded by more than 1000 police, today launched Britain's great new battleship which bears the name of his father, King George V.

"May God bless her and those who serve her," the king cried as the 35,000-ton ship shot down the ways into the river Tyne, the first battleship Britain has launched in more than 13 years and the first of a new group of monster vessels that will total at least nine.

As the king and Queen Elizabeth came to Newcastle for the ceremony they were under the strictest guard ever given a modern British monarch in his own country.

Because of the wave of bomb terrorism in recent weeks, which was attributed to Irish republican sympathizers, nearly 500 special constables were called to augment local police. Every place the king and queen were to visit was inspected for bombs.

Personal Injury Payment Provided

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house a bill to pay Roy D. Cook, 12-year-old Portland lad, \$2500 for injuries received when a large U. S. mail box fell on him in 1935.

The boy and a companion were on roller skates when he attempted to stop by grabbing the large carrier storage mail box. He slid under it, pulling the box on top of him. The accident broke four upper teeth, loosened the others, fractured his upper right jaw, dislocated his right jaw, fractured his chin, fractured his lower jaw on the left side and severely cut him about the face.

2 Pilots Killed; 6 Escape by Parachutes

Brazilian Officer Among Dead; Students on Training Flight at Pensacola

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP)—Trapped in a dense fog, eight navy planes were wrecked and two pilots killed on a routine training flight last night.

Rain washed away the fog at dawn today, disclosing the full toll to officers of the Pensacola naval air station.

Six student fliers escaped by bailing out in the darkness in their first parachute jumps. Four pilots landed safely in south Alabama.

No Radio Equipment

Lieut. N. M. Ostergen was found in his wrecked and burned plane near McDavid, Fla., about 25 miles north of Pensacola. The fog kept his fate a mystery until after dawn, when scouting planes took to the air for a search of the entire section.

Two Brazilians

The two Brazilian officers were in training under a long-standing naval policy of aiding South and Central American countries to prepare their fighting forces, said those close to the air station.

Pea Soup Fog

Nine advanced students and three instructors took off early last night for a routine after-dark flight.

Not long after they were aloft a soupy fog rolled in from the Gulf of Mexico. The well-lighted landing field was blotted out. Thousands of feet high, the fliers were faced with the choice of hunting an airport that was not fog-bound or flying until their gasoline was exhausted and jumping.

Three instructors and one student managed successful landings. Cadet J. E. W. Whitener, Lieut. W. G. Jackson and Lieut. J. H. Brett, Jr., came down at the Altmore, Ala., airport. Cadet A. C. McDonough landed at Greenville, Ala.

Leapt to Safety

Leaping to safety were Lieut. Horta, Lieut. E. G. Osborn, Cadet R. F. Chalmers, Lieut. T. D. Cummins, Cadet C. W. Harbert and Lieut. R. E. Harper.

All their planes saw one crashed within 10 miles of Pensacola. The ship from which Cummins leaped fell into the back yard of the home of Mrs. S. R. Likes at Myrtle Grove, a suburb. Another sank in Escambia bay.



Runaway Engine Wrecks Train, Kills Two—This battered, twisted mass of metal is all that remained of two locomotives, one a runaway freight engine, the other pulling a passenger train, after a terrific head-on crash near Harlan, Ia., in which two men were killed and 21 persons hurt. — Associated Press Photo.

Eugene Power Line Bids Asked

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Another step toward extension of Bonneville dam power to the Willamette valley was taken today with a call for bids for construction of a 110,000-volt transmission line from Vancouver, Wash., to Eugene.

This line will be the southern arm of power from the main distributing station at Vancouver. Bids will be opened March 10 and awards will follow shortly with the expectation that the first unit of the line will be ready to carry power within five and one-half months—the fall deadline set by the Bonneville administration for delivery of power.

The route of the southern line will be from Vancouver to St. Johns, where power for the Portland area will be taken off, thence southward near Beaverton to Wilsonville, Butteville, Donald, West Woodburn and to a substation toward Corvallis and thence to Harrisburg, Junction City and its terminus, a substation near the Eugene city limits.

Cardinals Elect Pope March 1

Vatican City, Feb. 21 (AP)—Cardinals at the Vatican announced officially today they would meet in conclave March 1 to elect a new pope.

They previously had indicated they would start the conclave February 28, with voting to begin the following day after Cardinal O'Connell of Boston and the two South American prelates arrived.

Vote to Continue Export-Import Bank

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Over the protests of republicans that the action might result in leading this nation into war, the house voted today to continue the functions of the export-import bank to June 30, 1941.

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It passed and sent to the senate a measure extending the bank and the commodity credit corporation to that date. The bill also would raise from \$500,000,000 to \$900,000,000 the amount of securities the credit corporation could have outstanding at any one time.

Wine Back for Action in House

The farmers' wine bill—HB 84—was back on the desk of the house today awaiting a place on Wednesday's calendar of measures up for final passage, and accompanying it was a report recommending its enactment signed by four members of the committee on alcohol control, Fuhrer, Thomas, Hesse and Carter. Declining to recommend it but making no minority report were Representatives Kinsinger, Hall and Wells.

It was the second time the measure had come back to the house with the same report. Yesterday it was on the calendar, but was sent back to committee at the request of Rep. Munroe, who asked that Hood River fruit growers be given a hearing on their allegations that its passage would invite retaliation by California and other states and destroy a wide market for their apple and pear and by-products of those fruits.

Japanese Bomb Hong Kong

Hong Kong, Feb. 21 (AP)—Japanese warplanes bombed a railroad station in the British crown colony of Hong Kong today, killing a British Indian policeman and wounding about a dozen other persons.

The bombers also demolished a railway car in which a score of British policemen were sheltered near the station.

Wine Council Busy

When they met to hear the growers following adjournment yesterday it was developed by questioning that request for the belated hearing grew out of a telephone conversation between a number of the Portland firm of McMarsters and Cole, representatives of California wine interests, and R. J. McIsaac, president of the Hood River growers' cooperative.

Retaliation Seen

Fuhrer charged that behind the belated request for a hearing are the Oregon wine council and the California wine importers who, he alleged, are using the growers to deflect the measure by delaying its consideration until they can build up opposition to it.

Ex-Collector Dies

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Law L. Blumenthal, Portland business man and former customs collector in Yukon Territory, died Sunday. He formerly was in business in Alaska.

Can't Obtain Needed Guns In Two Years

Only Start Made on Manufacturing Weapons So Far

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The senate military committee heard today the army cannot obtain in less than two years sufficient anti-aircraft weapons to equip its "initial protective force" of 400,000 men.

Chairman Sheppard (D.-Tex.) said Maj. Gen. Charles W. Wesson, chief of ordnance, told the committee day and night shifts would be required in manufacturing plants to turn out sufficient of the heavier types of anti-aircraft guns in two years.

The army made a start on manufacture of this type of artillery under an appropriation of \$13,000,000 and contract authorization of \$10,000,000 by the last congress.

Shortage of Supplies

Sheppard said testimony of Wesson and other army officials disclosed even the appropriation of \$110,000,000 sought in the president's rearmament program for this purpose would not provide enough artillery, ammunition and other supplies for the 400,000 soldiers comprising the regular army, national guard and organized reserves.

While the senate committee considered armaments, the house military committee was told by George S. Messersmith European nations were "using every effort to press the services of their experts" on South American countries free of charge.

Americans Preferred

Most of the South American nations prefer, however, he said, to use United States experts—chiefly for solving agricultural and economic problems—and pay for their services.

Messersmith testified on a bill to amend the law authorizing this country to detail experts for such foreign service so when the foreign governments pay for the services the funds could go direct to the departments involved instead of into the general fund of the treasury.

Immediately after Messersmith concluded, the committee unanimously approved the legislation.

Another house committee—veterans affairs—heard Administrator Frank T. Hines say the veterans' administration had set a goal of 100,000 hospital beds for war veterans. Hines expressed hope it would be attained in the next 10 years. Present plans call for 82,026 beds by June 30, 1940.

In another discussion relating to national defense and war, Francis B. Sayre, like Messersmith an assistant secretary of state, told the senate territories committee conditions in the far east were so volatile America might be involved in trouble there by an abrupt severance of relations with the Philippines.

The house reached the crux of the controversy over the administration's \$552,000,000 defense program today—a recommendation for a seaplane base on the Pacific island of Guam.

The Guam proposal, included in a \$33,800,000 bill for improved naval air bases, accentuated questions of foreign policy in the Orient at a time of intense argument over American relations with Europe.

Chamberlain Asks For War Budget

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain today sought House of Commons approval for raising the limit of Britain's borrowing for her great arms program to 800,000,000 pounds (\$4,000,000,000) and warned attentive members even this huge sum might not be enough.

Then he indicated Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, might be compelled to ask for further loans, since the estimated expenditure of 1,250,000,000 pounds (\$6,250,000,000) for the first three years of the five year, 1,500,000,000 pounds (\$7,500,000,000) rearmament program launched in 1937 would leave only 250,000,000 pounds (\$1,250,000,000) for the last two years.

Scion Li Hung-Chang Slain at Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 21 (AP)—Li Kuo-Chieh, better known as Marquis Li, grandson of Li Hung-Chang, famous Chinese statesman, was shot and killed today in the American defense sector of the international settlement by two unidentified gunmen.

Li was reported to have been associated with the Japanese-sponsored Nanking returned government.