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Weather

Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain; little change in temperature. Southerly wind. Sunday max. 38, min. 36. Rain 14 in. River 1.8 ft. Cloudy.

Legislators Organize and Hear Governor

Nazi Invasion Troops Gunned By RAF Planes

Day Attack Made on Entrenched Forces on Channel Coast

(By the Associated Press)
German troops in trenches along the Nazi-occupied French and Belgian coasts—presumably awaiting Adolf Hitler's signal to invade England—were reported today to have been machine-gunned by British warplanes in low-flying attacks, while other RAF raiders bombed Nazi U-boat bases and pounded the Italian cities of Venice, Turin and Catania.

Authoritative London quarters said the RAF's daylight bombing attack on Nazi troops, entrenched near the beach along the Channel coast, was part of a campaign to drive German defenses back from the channel.

It was the RAF's fourth straight daylight attack on the Germans—highlighted by Friday's spectacular machine-gunning raid on German airdromes over 1,000 square miles of northern France.

Oil Targets Hit

The London air ministry also reported RAF bombing attacks overnight on oil targets in Germany, Italy and Belgium, including a low-flying smash at refineries in Porto Marghera, near Venice, Italy, and Regensburg, in the Reich, and Carentan, Belgium.

"Anti-aircraft defenses first were silenced by machine-gun fire from a few hundred feet," the air ministry's communiqué said, describing the attack on Porto Marghera.

Hitler's high command, briefly noting the attack on Nazi channel troops, asserted "weak forces" of British planes "attempted to penetrate German-occupied continental bases" at noon Sunday and that three RAF planes were shot down.

London Again Bombed

The German high command also reported an RAF raid early today on the Bavarian city of Bayreuth, 125 miles north of Munich, where the Wagner musical festivals are held. It is an important railway junction, as well. Little damage was reported.

German warplanes lashed at London with another "fire raid" last night.

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Ship Sinking in North Atlantic

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—A coast guard airplane was dispatched today to the aid of the American freighter West Kebar, sinking in the North Atlantic.

Meanwhile, four coast guard cutters and three steamships were plowing through winter seas to the position given by the stricken ship 240 miles east-southeast of New York.

The 5620-ton American West African line ship, in a distress call intercepted by MacKay radio at 7:47 a.m., reported:

"Need immediate assistance. We have a very heavy port list and taking water in No. 4 hold."

The coast guard cutters Thetis and Cheilan went out from Boston to the ship's aid and the cutters Champlain, from Staten Island, and Galatea, on patrol off the coast, also joined the rescue race.

The ship, registered out of New York, had a crew of 40.

It was learned that passengers aboard the West Kebar include the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of Portland, Ore., members of the German Baptist missionary board of North America, returning from the Cameroon islands.

Hathaway Ousted By Communists

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—Clarence A. Hathaway, former editor of the Daily Worker and member of the central executive committee of the communist party, has been expelled from the party.

A statement by the communist national committee, printed yesterday by the Sunday Worker, said Hathaway's ouster was "for failure to accept personal and political responsibility assumed by him, for attacking and for failing to refuse to take steps to rehabilitate which

Farrell Wins House Contest For Speaker

Vote 33 to 27 at Caucus; Organization of Legislature Speedy Affair

Organization of both houses of the 41st legislative assembly were completed at caucuses last night with Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland, assured the speakership following a preliminary caucus during the afternoon when 32 members pledged support and the seating of Dean H. Walker, Independence, as president of the senate.

At the night caucus a written ballot, sought by Representative Eugene E. Marsh, Yamhill, lost when the group rejected Representative Harry Bevin's motion for roll call on this 33 to 27. This was the same majority with which Farrell was elected but before the result of the vote was announced William McAllister, Medford, opponent of Farrell, asked that the ballot be made unanimous.

Check-up after the caucus showed that Farrell had received 16 and McAllister 22 republican votes and 17 democratic votes against five for McAllister.

Tichenor Doorkeeper

Rolla Southwick, of Salem, who has been doorkeeper on and off for nearly 30 years, was ousted by Frank Tichenor, of Port Orford, Spanish-American war veteran and a former member of the house. The vote was 35 to 24 with one for Wendell Wilkie, the latter ruled out of order by Representative Frank Loneragan, Portland, chairman of the caucus. In the only other house contest Austin Hayden, Klamath Falls, was retained as malling clerk, defeating J. W. Boll, Salem, 48 to 12.

Organization of the house was completed with Fred Drager, Salem, again chief clerk; Patricia Sylvers, Eugene, assistant chief clerk; Jack Eakin, Dallas, reading clerk; Edith Bynon, Low, Salem, calendar clerk; and Joe Singer, Portland, sergeant-at-arms.

In the senate Mrs. Elizabeth Glatt defeated Walter Meacham 17 to 10 for assistant chief clerk, both of Portland, with Meacham defeating Pearl Shaefer, Lane county and Jeanette Fisher, Polk county, for calendar clerk. With 17 votes, Roy Corey defeated Walter McPherson for doorkeeper. Both are from Salem. The senate organization includes Zylpha Dell Burns, Portland, chief clerk; Elbert Bede, Portland, reading clerk; William King, Prineville, malling clerk and Banks Mortimer, Portland, sergeant-at-arms.

How They Voted

The roll call for speaker: For Farrell—Republicans: Bradley, Chase, Chindgren, Farrell, Frisbie, Gibson, Heister, Hesse, Hockett, Kuralt, Loneragan, McCourt, Horse, Pier, Rodman, Wells—16. Democrats: Adams, Allen, Bolvin, Brady, Bull, Carter, Caulfield, Erwin, Hedlund, Hoesch, Huggins, Jenkins, Neuberger, Perry, Thiel, Thompson, Wilson—17.

For McAllister—Republicans: Babcock, Carson, Duncan, Engdahl, French, Gile, Greenwood, Hill, Jones, Kimberling, Lage, Marsh, Martin, McAllister, Meyers, Miller, Newby, Rennie, Snyder, Staples, Steinhilber, Thomas—22. Democrats: Callaway, Gleason, Larkin, Semon, Smith—5.

Italian Commander In Albania "Resigns"

Rome, Jan. 13 (AP)—Another shake-up in the fascist high command put the chief of staff of Italy's army, Gen. Ugo Cavallero, in command of Italian forces in Albania today as the ninth bomb or torpedo hit on British warships in four days was accredited officially to the new German-Italian offensive in the Mediterranean.

Italian authorities insisted that the situation behind the lines in Albania was satisfactory and an official announcement said that Gen. Ubaldo Soddu, who had been in command since November 10, "has been relieved because of his health."

Today's high command communiqué said an Italian plane had torpedoed a "big enemy warship" in the eastern Mediterranean. Thus, since Friday, nine British ships have been listed as bombed or torpedoed by the Italian naval forces and combined German-Italian air units. At least one of them, a cruiser, was declared to have been left sinking.



Big Guns Shell Port of Tobruk

Calro, Jan. 13 (AP)—Big British field guns which helped crack Italian resistance at Bardia joined the ring of cannon pounded defenses of the beleaguered Libyan seaport of Tobruk today.

Other British forces reported cutting off the important fascist outposts of Giarabub oasis. The guns were pulled 70 miles across the sand from captured Bardia to increase the fire power being brought to bear on Tobruk's other fortifications, including the garrison's vital wells.

Thousands of Italians, cut off from reinforcements by the British band of steel around the city, were believed badly in need of water, British reports said.

At Giarabub, on the other hand, water is plentiful but the problem of supply is difficult even in peace time and military sources said it was only a question of time before the outpost, 150 miles due south of Bardia near the Egyptian border, would fall.

The British said thus far they have refrained from bombing the oasis, since it contains buildings and relics sacred to the Senusi sect of Moslems. The Italian garrison there was believed to be less than a brigade.

The Tobruk garrison, believed to be smaller than the 45,000 fascist troops killed, wounded or captured at Bardia, has been held in a grip of steel by the British for almost a week.

Bethlehem Steel Gets Towers Contract

Portland, Jan. 13 (AP)—Bethlehem Steel company has been awarded a \$299,668 contract for steel towers for the Bonneville-Oregon City transmission line, the Bonneville power administration announced Saturday.

Legislative Leaders—Senator Dean Walker, left, of Independence, today took over the president's gavel in the senate, winning the post without opposition on the strength of his record as chairman of the Ways and Means committee. Representative Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland, today mounted a step closer to his reputed ambition to succeed Earl Snell as secretary of state, by winning the election as speaker of the house. He corralled 33 of the 60 votes, including 17 of the 22 house democrats, at the Sunday night pre-session caucus.

Greeks Closing In on Valona

Athens, Jan. 13 (AP)—Greek warriors closing in on Valona, the Italians' only remaining port of entry into southern Albania, were reported sweeping forward without serious check today in what Greeks called the greatest offensive of the war. The spearhead of the Greek drive was declared to have reached the vicinity of Tepelen, ancient fortress town 10 miles southwest of captured Kilsura, and its fall was expected momentarily by authorities here.

There even were reports from the Yugoslav frontier that Tepelen, guardian sentinel of an Italian-built road leading to Valona, already had been captured, but this lacked official confirmation in Athens.

Further Greek advances were reported on the northern sector of the Albanian battlefield in the Pogoradz sector, with fierce hand-to-hand engagements in progress. A large number of fascist pack mules were captured on this front, Greek advisers said, adding that the Italian supply situation had become precarious because it would be impossible to bring additional animals up through snow clogged passes.

The Greeks regarded their break through the strong fascist defense line in the Tepeleni-Kilsura sector as of great strategic importance.

An Italian officer, captured near Kilsura, 10 miles northeast of Tepelen, was quoted as saying the breakthrough placed the Italians in a "most critical situation."

4 Types of Planes To Fly Atlantic

London, Jan. 13 (AP)—Four types of United States-built warplanes are being or soon will be flown across the Atlantic to Britain. It was officially disclosed here tonight.

The four types are: The Lockheed-Hudson long range bomber for the RAF's coastal command.

The Boeing B-17 four engine bomber.

The Consolidated two engine flying boat.

The Lockheed-Ventura bomber, which is described as "a larger and faster version" of the Lockheed-Hudson.

Yamakaze Maru Refloated Sunday

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—With the aid of a tug and high tide, the Japanese steamer Yamakaze Maru was refloated after going aground in the Columbia river near Bayview, Ore., yesterday.

The vessel was brought here for inspection, but no serious damage was expected to be found.



Warrant Out For Princess

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—The justice department announced today a deportation warrant had been issued and would be served immediately upon Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe-Waldenburg of Hungary.

She has been living at Palo Alto, Calif., the department said, under the name of "Mrs. Francis" since she decided to fight orders to leave the United States.

San Francisco, Jan. 13 (AP)—A warrant was ordered served on Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe-Waldenburg today for failure to comply with an order that she leave the country by midnight last Saturday. Her departure was ordered as a Nazi propagandist.

Paul Armstrong, assistant director of the immigration service here, said immigration officers would try to serve the warrant this morning and, if he failed to post bond, she would be taken to immigration detention quarters here.

He said bond of "probably around \$25,000," would be set. Although the department has been keeping a close watch on the princess, Armstrong said he did not know where the warrant would be served.

Joseph J. Bullock, Redwood City attorney, declined to reveal where the princess was, but he said she was in bed "made sick by the false charge that she is a Nazi spy."

Sixteen Killed In Crash of Plane

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sixteen members of the South African air force were killed when their plane crashed near Mbeya, Tanganyika, it was announced officially today. It was believed the pilot lost his way in a thick mist and crashed into a mountain.

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The limitation of bills was presented as an economy measure. There was an increase in postage of nearly \$2000 over previous sessions during the 1938 session for both house and senate, with nearly \$7000 being used for postage alone.

New Flags Raised At State Capitol

The new flags for the state capitol building, presented by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, were raised on the two poles flanking the building today.

Governor Charles A. Sprague gave the principal address, a brief one, and I. D. Canfield, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Alfred P. Kelley, state commander of the American Legion, also spoke briefly. Other veterans' organizations participated in the ceremony.

The two flags were presented directly to Earl Snell, secretary of state, by Sverre Halsan of Astoria, representing the grand exalted ruler of the Elks.

No New Taxes, Says Governor In Message

Six Major Recommendations in Address To State Legislature

Complete text of Governor Charles A. Sprague's message to the 41st legislative assembly may be found on page eight.

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.

Governor Charles A. Sprague asked the legislature today not to enact any new taxes, asserting that Oregonians should be spared increased state levies because the federal government will have to impose heavy taxes to finance its defense program.

Addressing the opening session of the 41st legislative assembly, Governor Sprague advised the legislators to avoid "extravagance" in their appropriations so that the budget won't be thrown out of balance.

The governor, after asserting that the state liquor control commission will not submit any legislation because the people apparently approve of existing liquor laws, made six major recommendations:

1. Increase the limits on length and weight of trucks permitted on state highways.
2. Create the office of administrator for the workmen's compensation law, with the administrator responsible to the industrial accident commission.
3. Equalize school taxes within counties.
4. Extend the administration's forestry program by stronger fire prevention and suppression methods, by enforcing minimum forest standards to permit natural reforestation, and by further acquiring lands for growth of new forests.
5. Construct a new state building in Salem to house the public utilities commissioner and the unemployment compensation commission. These offices now use rented quarters, and the rent they pay would pay for the building, which would be erected opposite the new state library.
6. Adopt a six-year building program for the 12 state institutions.

Government First

"It would remind you," the governor declared, "that the cost of national rearmament will be enormous, and that the federal government must impose heavy additional taxes upon the people. We should recognize a priority of claims for this cause and hence the state should avoid increasing the tax burdens of our people. I hope the legislature will not devote valuable time in trying to uncover new sources of revenue but that it will seek to apportion wisely the revenues now furnished under the existing tax structure."

While endorsing President Roosevelt's defense program and his policy of "accelerated aid for Great Britain," Governor Sprague said "our national policy should be one of aid to China and economic restraint to Japan."

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Walker Speeds Up Senate Procedure

Dean Walker, veteran legislator of Polk county, who was elected to the presidency of the senate for the 41st legislative assembly, submitted to the senate caucus his "speed-up" program for the session, which in some ways is a radical departure from previous practice.

High point of his program is a "streamlined" committee list. The last session saw 37 senate committees appointed, and Walker stated that this caused confusion in scheduling meetings and in the attendance at committee meetings. His plan calls for only 30 committees, and drops seven former committees. These include capital reconstruction, claims, horticulture, penal institutions, printing, public lands and unemployment.

Walker submitted three plans for the re-apportionment of the committees, and called this one his "compromise" plan.

The senate voted to rely upon the attorney-general for legal advice and will not employ private attorneys. No overtime is to be allowed employees of the senate.

Another speed-up measure passed by the caucus enables a motion to

Caucus Choices Unanimously Selected

Walker Leads Senate, Farrell House; Senate Committees Named

The 41st Oregon legislative assembly organized without incident today, the wounds of the bitter speakership fight having been healed in last night's house caucus.

Robert S. Farrell, Jr., 34-year-old Multnomah county representative who defeated Representative William M. McAllister of Jackson county 33 to 27 in last night's house caucus, was elected speaker of the house unanimously. He was the only name placed before the house today. Senator Dean Walker of Polk county, who was the only candidate, was installed as president of the senate.

Sworn In By Kelly

The bitter two-months' speakership contest was forgotten by the members today after McAllister expressed the hope for a "harmonious" session.

Members of both houses were optimistic that the session would end within 90 days. It appeared likely the session would be considerably shorter than the 1939 record session of 68 days, since all administration bills are prepared and there aren't many controversial issues.

Chief Justice Percy Kelly of the Oregon supreme court swore in the 60 house members and the 30 senators. The number included 24 new representatives and four new senators.

Marion Fares Well

Marion county members fared well in the distribution of important senate committee appointments announced by President Dean Walker just before noon. Senator Douglas McKay drawing chairmanship of the important roads and highways committee and Senator Ronald E. Jones chairmanship of industries and vice-chairman of the major ways and means committee. McKay also drew assignment to military affairs, municipal affairs, resolutions, revision of laws and medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. Senator Jones drew an even haul.

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1st Victory for Lend-Lease Bill

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—The administration won today the first congressional skirmish over its lend-lease bill for aiding Britain when the house upheld procedure charted by the leadership for rushing consideration of the measure.

By a voice vote, Speaker Rayburn's assignment of the bill to the foreign affairs committee was approved and an effort by the military committee to bring the measure under its control was defeated.

The vote was taken without debate, house rules permitting no argument on such an issue. The balloting was the first involving the British-aid bill introduced in the new congress Friday. The outcome cleared the way for Chairman Bloom (D., N.Y.), of the foreign affairs committee to commence hearings tomorrow with Secretary Hull as the first witness.

Chairman May (D., Ky.), had acted on instructions from his military committee in moving that the speaker be overruled. He had contended that since the measure was concerned with national defense it should be referred to his committee.

A short time before the house session started, Rayburn declared that he "certainly wouldn't oppose" a time limitation on powers granted in the bill "if the limit ran concurrently with the emergency."

King George Receives Harry Hopkins

London, Jan. 13 (AP)—King George received Harry Hopkins, personal emissary of President Roosevelt, at Buckingham palace today.

Hopkins remained with the king for more than 30 minutes.

Earlier the king received Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Lord Halifax, who is to leave soon to take up his new post of ambassador to the United States. Churchill's meeting with the king was the first since Christmas.