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GERMAN AIRMEN IN SEA BATTLE

CONGRESS EYES BILL ON LEASE, LEND PROPOSAL

Security for Loans Seen Important Point in Plan for Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate foreign relations committee predicted today that the aid-to-Britain bill would be amended before final passage to require all foreign borrowers of American war equipment give "the best security" within their power to offer.

George, talking with reporters, conceded the administration bill was not specific as to security on goods to be loaned, leased, or exchanged.

To remedy this, he said he believed President Roosevelt would approve an amendment calling for "reasonable security" that will not interfere with the main objective of the bill, that is providing aid as quickly as possible.

The chairman added that the security would not necessarily have to be money, noting that Britain has vast interests in tin and rubber supplies and other stocks of raw materials that would be acceptable as security.

George said he was "unqualifiedly in favor of the objective of the bill in frankly giving aid to all those countries, the survival of which we have concluded to be vital to our own peace and security."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Specific methods by which the administration would extend aid to Britain under the proposed lease-lend bill began to take shape today even as congressional critics called for restriction of the vast power which the measure would confer upon President Roosevelt.

Senator Byrnes (D-SC) who participated in preliminary conferences on the legislation introduced in congress yesterday, said it was likely that, if approved, the lease-lend program would be put into operation by the president chiefly through the new office of production management.

Correlation
This, it was said, would make for complete correlation from start to finish between production for American and that for British use. The office, headed by William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman with Secretaries Stimson and Knox as members, already has been charged by the (Continued on Page Two)

Man Sentenced For "Helping" Grand Coulee Job

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 11 (AP)—Photographs of welding work which United States District Attorney Keith said "might have resulted" in the tearing down of Grand Coulee dam will cost Grant Blake, Sr., of Los Angeles, a year and a day of freedom.

He was sentenced to prison by Federal Judge Lewis Schwellenbach yesterday for making false entries to the government on "X-ray" photographs of welded pipe.

Blake, 39-year-old foreman for the Western Pipe and Steel company, testified he allowed the substitution of pictures of good welds for bad ones during construction of the 18-foot pipes which lead to the Coulee dam power house "just to help the job along—not for personal profit."

Keith said the flaws were discovered during inspection of the welding a year ago.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY
By The Associated Press

Jan. 11, 1916—Russians launch campaign in Armenia; German auxiliary cruiser Moewe found operating in Atlantic after slipping through British blockade.

Bike License Day Draws Big Crowd



Several hundred boys and girls clamored for the first 50 numbers as bicycle licenses were issued for 1941 from the city hall Saturday. David Bridge, city recreational director, helps Shirley Ann Erickson get her bike license for the year.

LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE MONDAY

Major Problems on Slate After Choice of House Speaker Agreed

SALEM, Jan. 11 (AP)—The 41st Oregon legislative assembly will convene here Monday, the speed with which the session gets underway resting in part on the outcome of conferences in Portland today and a caucus here tomorrow over the speakership of the lower house.

With Rep. Roberts Farrell, Jr., Portland, still claiming 31 pledged votes including his own for the house leadership, legislators backing Rep. William McAllister, Medford, for the position are conferring with him in Portland today to decide how far the fight shall be carried.

Senator Dean Walker, Independence, (Continued on Page Two)

Starving Dog Too Wise to Eat Poisoned Meat

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—A tale of a starving hound dog, caught in a vermin trap, but too wise to eat poisoned meat within easy reach was related here today by Art Ryehard, Yoncalla stock rancher.

Mr. Ryehard reported that he lost the dog Jan. 2. He hunted daily for the animal and on the 5th found him caught in a trap at a government hunter's poison station.

There were 30 or more poisoned meat baits all within easy reach of the animal, which was suffering from hunger and cold, but the dog apparently realized the nature of the meat and would not touch it, Ryehard said. Released from the trap, however, it wolfed down a lunch which Ryehard provided.

British Say 45,000 Italians Killed or Captured at Bardia

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 11 (AP)—The RAF today reported night attacks on the Italian airdromes at Benina and Berka in Libya had resulted in hits on barracks, hangars, runways and grounded planes.

RAF bombers also attacked Italian east Africa, scoring fire-making hits in the target area of the Caproni airplane workshops at Mai Adaga, according to the communiqué, while "large numbers of bombs were observed to burst among buildings" at Asmara.

CAIRO, Jan. 11 (AP)—The British today disclosed the full magnitude of their conquest of Bardia—44,888 Italians captured or dead, impressive quantities of armament seized or destroyed—

Fears Mount for Portland's Fourth Victim of Botulism

PORTLAND, Jan. 11 (AP)—Fear mounted today that Nurse Zarena Reagan of Portland was suffering from the same botulism poisoning which early this week killed three persons here.

Mrs. Reagan ministered to Laura Gordon, 43, telephone operator, who died seeming to choke on her own swollen tongue. Miss Gordon's friend, Fred Thompson, 53, eastern Oregon sheep man who dined in her apartment with her shortly before they became ill, died about the same time. Mrs. Gladys Cook, Miss Gordon's sister, succumbed three days later. They too appeared to choke on their tongues.

Animals Tested

Dr. Harry J. Sears, University of Oregon Medical school bacteriologist, said the poison had been traced yesterday to canned beets which Miss Gordon received from another sister, Mrs. Ab Hickey, from Ontario, Ore. At Ontario, Mrs. Hickey declared she canned the beets herself and that members of her own family had eaten some of them without ill effect. However, laboratory inoculations of chickens and mice here with the tainted beets brought about their deaths, Dr. Sears said.

Neither Mrs. Cook nor the nurse ate any of the beets but Dr. Sears pointed out the poison can be contracted through eating utensils which had been in contact with tainted food.

Dr. Sears said only through eating food could the poison be contracted but an infinitesimal amount can start the bacteria growth and the incubation period is from 18 to 72 hours.

Botulism poisoning causes slow paralysis of the throat, giving the effect to the sufferer of choking on a swollen tongue.

The bacteria from which the fatal toxin develops comes from the ground, doctors said. Sealed in a non-acid medium the bac-

teria flourishes, and even a taste of contaminated food is deadly.

Often found in home-canned foods, the bacteria is killed by thorough boiling. Dr. Joseph Beaman of the crime laboratory said, and infected food is safe if eaten immediately after boiling.

Threatened Plane Factory Strike Held Settled

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—The settlement of a threatened strike of 200 workers in the Ranger Aircraft engineering division of the Fairchild Airplane and Engine corporation at Farmingdale, N. Y., was announced today by John R. Owens, labor relations assistant of the national defense commission.

The strike originally had been called for Thursday, but a postponement until Monday morning was won just before the deadline. The plant has \$7,750,000 worth of government orders.

The settlement terms will be submitted to the workers for ratification today.

An announcement by Donald B. Cox, vice president and general manager of the plant, that Owens' statement was "premature" sent the negotiators, who had been in session all night, back into another huddle. From this, Cox emerged a half hour later to say:

"I am delighted that Ranger can now go ahead with the job of turning out our part of the aircraft engines the government is asking for in such vigorous terms."

"The agreement tonight speaks for itself and we have been assured that it will be ratified. I feel confident that the negotiations have not held up production nor impaired the pride of the employees in their company and in their work. The country needs more of that spirit."

January Draftees Selected Here

Names of the draft registrants from Klamath county who will leave under the January 21 quota were announced at the local draft headquarters. Five were named from board No. 1, with one alternate, and nine from board No. 2, also with one alternate.

They are:

Board 1—Raymond M. Hermann, Bruce M. Hall, Michael O'Keefe, Edwin M. Mays, John D. Lienhart. Alternate: Jack W. Ward.

Board 2—Marcelino F. Sandoval, Charles H. McKeen, Alfred A. Keaton, James W. Whiteline, Raymond E. Van Wormer, Donald D. Parker, Albert H. Walker, Edward W. McGinnis, Samuel C. Hollingsworth. Alternate: Orvin Buseth.

London Battles Fire Raid

GUARDS SWARM OVER ROOFS TO QUENCH BLAZES

350 at Work in One Part of City as Germans Spread Thermite

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Bombs crashed into London tonight, along with showering incendiaries, in a German assault which police said "looks like a good one." Many small fires lighted the sky.

The clang of fire gongs penetrated to shelters throughout one area. In one sector alone at least 350 men were fighting fires.

Large numbers of planes could be heard, some of which were believed to be night interceptors. Several London areas felt the thump of bombs.

On Rooftops

A shower of incendiaries hit one area of London which already had been heavily bombed. Firefighters clambered about on rooftops, or worked through the streets, methodically extinguishing the fire-bombs as fast as they could.

London's sirens screamed just at nightfall tonight, signaling the return of German air raiders to the siege of the city.

London's anti-aircraft guns began to fire just as the wall of the sirens died.

Raiding German warplanes rained hundreds of high explosive and incendiary bombs last night on the south coast port of Portsmouth, one of England's most important naval bases.

"Number" Killed

The government said "a number" of persons was killed and considerable damage done to buildings and houses in the attack.

In some areas of Portsmouth, residents were ordered away from their homes because of delayed action bombs.

(Informed quarters in Berlin described the assault on Portsmouth as a "large scale" raid.)

Raiding planes were reported near a northwest English town shortly before noon today.

The British Press association said many casualties were feared in Portsmouth. One high explosive bomb was said to have registered a direct hit on an air raid precautions post, blasting it to bits, and casualties were believed heavy there.

Matanuska Chief Threatens Ouster

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 11 (AP)—Colonel O. F. Ohlson, president of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation corporation directorate, today threatened ouster action within 30 days unless Matanuska federal farm colonists, seeking to invalidate their land purchase contracts, make "token payments" to show good intentions.

Ohlson said that "between 40 and 45 colonists have been working on the Anchorage air base project, and have earned about \$1800 each the past six months; yet some of them refuse to pay their debts and are neglecting their farms."

AIRGUN SHOT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Police Chief Harry Niles announced last night that a union delegation complained that pickets at the Montgomery Ward and Company store were struck by an airgun shot fired from store windows.

CLIMAX NEAR

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Minister of Economic Warfare Hugh Dalton told an audience tonight that the war would move to a climax in the "next few months, perhaps in the next few weeks."



William Davis is pictured above as he took over his duties as the new Klamath county sanitarian. He comes from Eugene to replace W. J. Cloyes, resigned.

Maintenance Work To Be Decentralized

Notice was posted at the county road department Saturday that all men in the department were to be laid off at 5 p. m., a move understood to be preliminary to reorganization of the whole county road program.

County court members said that the re-shaping of the program will start from "scratch" next week, under a plan being developed by the new court which assumed control at the first of the year when John Reber became a member.

Decentralization of the road maintenance activities is understood to be a part of the new program. The idea is to divide the county into districts, with (Continued on Page Two)

Woman Joins List Of Rescue Pilots

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 11 (AP)—Alaska's flying annals are full of mercy flights by intrepid airmen, but to Mrs. Howard Romig today went honors as the territory's first feminine rescue flyer, the Times announced, after she arrived with Pilot Jack Newsom who had been stranded in the wilderness by a motor failure.

Newsom, himself, was engaged in an aerial search for two other flyers, when the accident occurred yesterday. The other pilots returned meanwhile, and Mrs. Romig flew in search of the searcher.

Russia Seeks Peace With All Neighbors, Pact Report Says

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (AP)—The newspaper Izvestia, organ of the soviet Russian government, followed up disclosure of new trade and friendship pacts with Germany by announcing today that Russia intends to conclude in 1941 other "economic treaties and agreements with other states, both belligerent and non-belligerent."

The other states were not named.

Izvestia introduced this forecast in attempting to demonstrate that Russia's policies show no favoritism so long as her frontiers and interests are not actively threatened.

No Offense

"Attempts made by the press hostile to the soviet union to prove that any agreement concluded between the U.S.S.R. and Germany is directed against third powers cannot stand," Izvestia declared.

It is time it was understood that the soviet union, as a non-belligerent power, follows its own independent policy and will continue to follow it regardless of what statements of the eastern and western hemispheres may think of this."

Izvestia cited as the basis of Russia's foreign policy Joseph Stalin's statements of March, 1939, at a congress of the communist party of the soviet union in which he listed these points:

"1. We stand for peace and strengthening of business relations with all countries. That is our position, and we shall adhere to this position as long as these countries maintain like relations with the soviet union and as long as they make no attempt to trespass on the interests of our country."

CAR DIVES ONTO RAILROAD TRACK

Driver Pinned After Roll Down Bank North of Pelican City

John Henry Baehr, about 42, transient laborer and employed on the SP extra gang at Midland, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from head lacerations received Saturday at noon when a car he was driving careened 70 feet over an embankment north of Pelican City, landing in a heap alongside the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

Baehr's condition was said to be good, although he was pinned beneath the wreckage. Frank Gonzales Cruz, owner of the car, was lodged in the county jail on a drunk charge.

According to state police, the robin's egg blue coupe was going north on The Dalles California highway. It left the pavement, drove along the muddy, dirt shoulder before it plucked down the bank. Cruz was uninjured, officers said.

NO ENGLISH

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (AP)—The official Japanese broadcasting station announced today it had decided as a result of the "trend of the times" to eliminate the use of the English language for broadcasts within Japan.

ITALIANS HAIL NAZI HELP IN FLEET ATTACK

Axis Partner Lends Hand to Mussolini Against Mediterranean Ring

BERLIN, Jan. 11 (AP)—German combat planes participated in their first operations in the Mediterranean yesterday, and scored hits on two British warships, including an airplane carrier, the high command announced today.

A German combat plane sank an 8000-ton merchantman west of Ireland today, said DNB, the official German news agency.

A submarine was reported by the high command to have sunk 52,800 tons of shipping on a recent trip. In all, the submarine was credited with sinking 101,530 tons of shipping and "so severely damaging" an 8000-ton armed enemy merchantman "that its loss is certain."

Strong Nazi plane units last night attacked the British naval base at Portsmouth, the high command said, among other points in southern England, and caused "extensive fires."

The attack on Portsmouth was described as a "large scale" raid, with large formations of bombing planes participating.

No British warplanes appeared over the Reich during the night, it was said.

ROME, Jan. 11 (AP)—German fliers were reported by the Italian high command today to have participated in an Italian dive-bombing and torpedoplane attack which damaged two British aircraft carriers and a destroyer in the central Mediterranean.

The daily war bulletin said a cruiser also was hit in the air raid on the British naval units "in the Sicilian channel." It (Continued on Page Two)

Missouri Demos Bar Inauguration Of New Governor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 11 (AP)—The democratic-controlled general assembly, in an uproarious all-night session, refused to certify Forrest Donnell, a republican, as governor-elect and adopted a resolution calling for a joint house-senate investigation of the November gubernatorial election.

The investigation would involve opening the ballot boxes in every county and the city of St. Louis.

The action will prevent Donnell's scheduled inauguration Monday and will keep Gov. Lloyd Stark, democrat, in office until investigation of the election and hearing on a contest is completed.

Official returns gave Donnell a plurality of 3613 votes over his democratic opponent, Lawrence McDaniel.

The assembly voted 101 to 78 to certify all of the apparent winners in the November election except Donnell, and a few minutes later voted 118 to 61 to hear a contest petition filed by James T. Blair of Jefferson City, a democratic county chairman.

The democrats hold an 85 to 65 advantage in the house, and a 28 to 6 advantage in the senate, giving them 113 seats in the assembly to 71 republicans.

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