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Normal precipitation .58
Last year to date .78



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BRITISH LAUNCH TOBRUK DRIVE

Greeks Throw Back Counter-Blow

ITALIANS LOSE GROUND AFTER HEAVIEST PUSH

Athens Reports Advances After Assault on Tepeleni Front

ATHENS, Jan. 27 (AP)—The Greeks reported today their forces had repulsed what they described as the largest and most carefully planned Italian counter-attack yet attempted in the Tepeleni sector of the Albanian front.

As a result of this desperate attempt to halt the Greek advance, the Italians were declared to have lost their original positions along with the great numbers of their attacking force.

Height Seized
On the front north of Klisura the Greeks reported they also scored important gains in attacks launched in blinding snowstorms.

Our troops advanced their lines to positions from where it will be easier to reach their objectives, said one dispatch.

This report said the Greeks seized a height from the fascists, captured more than 100 Italian prisoners, including three officers, three mounted guns, four machine-guns, mortars and several cases of cartridges.

The British RAF, supporting the Greek land forces, reported that Valona, a port vital for the supply of Italian forces in southern Albania, was subjected Sunday night and Monday "to the heaviest bombing attack so far carried out in that region."

A severe night raid was followed (Continued on Page Two)

18 Seamen Drown As Vessel Sinks After Collision

BOSTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Eighteen men drowned today, almost within sight of their homes, as the Boston schooner Mary E. O'Hara, homeward bound from a week on the fishing banks, was split open in a collision as it approached Boston harbor, and sank.

Five half-frozen survivors dragged to safety from the protruding mainmast of the sunken schooner by the crew of the trawler North Star told their rescuers that the O'Hara apparently had struck a barge and that the remainder of the crew of 23 had fallen from the rigging one by one, as their hands froze.

Brought ashore with their own hands and feet frozen, half dead from drenching and exposure, the men said their schooner had sunk so fast that there was no time even to launch a dory.

Hoyt to Speak At Banquet for Junior Chamber

E. Palmer Hoyt, of Portland, publisher of The Oregonian, will be principal speaker this evening at a Founders day banquet given by the Klamath county junior chamber of commerce.

The banquet, to be held at the Elk hotel at 6:30 p. m., is open to the public. Tickets may be secured at the hotel.

Hoyt's address, entitled "Where Now—America?" will deal with the responsibility of this country in the world crisis.

Joe Bally, president of the Klamath junior chamber, announced that a distinguished service award will be presented to the outstanding young man of the county for 1940.

Malcolm Epley will be toastmaster.

The banquet will mark the local observance of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the United States junior chamber of commerce.



While the British army of the Nile drives deep into Libya in the north, recently reinforced British units harass Italians on another front—the Sudan-Ethiopian border. British troops, having retaken Fort Gallabat on the frontier, watch for the enemy, only 200 yards away.

BRITISH DIVIDED ON U. S. ROLE, CLAIM

Kennedy Says Question of American Entry Seen From Two Sides

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy, retiring ambassador to Great Britain, declared today that Britain's leadership was divided over the question of the advisability of the United States becoming an active participant in the war.

Testifying before the house affairs committee, Kennedy said, in response to questions, that some members of the British government felt that if the United States entered the war it would "find a way to carry it through."

Others, he said, believed that United States entrance into the war would be a great detriment to Britain's war effort because it would slow down the flow of material aid from America.

"There was no unanimity on the question," he said.

The carefully dressed diplomat, who reported he went through more than 280 air raids during his service in England, told the committee that many people in the British government felt they were not yet getting all the aid they might normally receive.

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Hunt for Big Bomber May Be Made Here

MEDFORD, Jan. 21 (AP)—Lt. David M. Jones, commanding officer of the four army planes stationed at the Medford airport announced Tuesday, as soon as weather conditions permitted a search of the district east of Klamath Falls would be made.

Numerous reports have come from this area of hearing a plane last Thursday after the disappearance of the army bomber from McChord field, Tacoma.

Four planes to be used in the searching and checking of reports from southern Oregon and northern California were scheduled to arrive here this afternoon. One bomber has arrived.

The Medford municipal airport has been designated as the directional center for the planes.

McCHORD FIELD, Wash., Jan. 21 (AP)—An aerial searching fleet of 33 planes failed yesterday to find any trace of an army bomber that disappeared five days ago with seven men aboard, and Col. William H. Crom, field commander, conceded that "only a miracle can cause those boys to be found alive now."

As the search continued along half the length of the Pacific coast, McChord officers expressed fears that the wreckage of the missing twin-motored bomber might not be found until after the snow leaves some isolated mountain slope in the spring.

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Dr. Nerseht Hurt In Accident Near Pelican City

Dr. Marvin Nerseht, Chilochin, is recovering from injuries received at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning when his car overturned at the Van Duker service station on the Dalles-California highway near Pelican City.

Dr. Nerseht suffered hip and shoulder injuries.

According to witnesses, a car entered the highway without observing the stop sign, and Dr. Nerseht swerved his car to one side in order to avoid a collision. The machine overturned and righted itself in the opposite direction.

Andy Shanks, living near the scene of the accident, took Dr. Nerseht to Hillside hospital where his injuries were said to be painful but not serious.

Driver of the other car, witnesses said, continued toward Klamath Falls, apparently unaware of the accident. The Nerseht car was damaged.

EDITOR SAYS AXIS VIEWS FIVE POINTS

U. S. Aid to Britain Not Overlooked in Parley of Chiefs, Claim

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
ROME, Jan. 21 — Virginia Gayda indicated today that United States activity — "the sharpening of warlike trends across the ocean"—figured prominently in the meeting between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

The authoritative editor of Il Giornale d'Italia outlined these five "well-defined phases" of the war situation which he said called for the meeting:

- 1. Intensification of German air attacks on Britain;
2. Intensification of the axis counter-blockade in the Atlantic;
3. Critical developments in the Mediterranean;
4. "The sharpening of warlike trends across the ocean, which do not pass without reactions from the whole political and military system of the war;"
5. "Vast international accords of the axis."

Gayda emphasized the axis nations' "identity of views" not only for political ends, but also for conduct of the war.

Foreign observers expressed (Continued on Page Two)

Legislature Gets Governor's Plan for Forest Conservation

By PAUL W. HAYVEY, Jr.
SALEM, Jan. 21 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague's program for forestry conservation was submitted to the legislature today in 17 bills, including a measure to enable the state to obtain title to forest lands from any owner so that the state may develop these lands itself.

Other measures would give the state forester more powers in control of fire suppression and prevention, force logging operators to use precautionary measures, change the incendiary penalty from two to five years, and change the closed season from April 1 to December 31, instead of from May 15 to December 31.

Powers Extended
The program is one of the six points of Governor Sprague's message to the legislature, and the bills, placed on legislators' desks today, will be introduced late today or tomorrow.

The 1939 legislature gave the state authority to acquire forest lands from the counties, but this power would be extended to permit acquisition of private lands.

The state thus would acquire vast areas for reseeded.

Selectees Slated To Leave Klamath By Rail Tonight

Klamath county's second quota of draft selectees will be given a send-off by relatives and friends tonight at 9:30 at the Klamath depot. The men are being routed to Portland for physical examination and induction into the army for a year's active training.

Major Ted Case, local draft supervisor, has instructed the men to report to the county courthouse at 8:30 p. m. Then they will be sent to the depot to catch the northbound Westcoast. One alternate for each board will go only if there is a vacancy.

The draftees are: Board 1 (Klamath Falls)—Raymond M. Herzmann, Bruce M. Hall, Michael O'Keefe, Edwin L. Mays, John D. Lienhart. Alternate: Jack W. Ward.

Board 2 (outside Klamath Falls)—Marcelino F. Sandoval, Chilochin; Charles H. McKee, Chilochin; Alfred A. Keaton, Chilochin; James E. Whitelme, Keno; Raymond E. W. Whorner, Fort Klamath; Donald D. Parker, Fort Klamath; Albert H. Walker, Altamont; Edward W. McGinnis, Bly; Orvin Buseth, Sprague River. Alternate: Warren Coughlin, St. Frances park.

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BESIEGED TOWN FIRST BLASTED BY AIR BOMBS

RAF Attacks Sicilian Air Base as Troops Pursue Eritrean Assault

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 21 (AP)—British forces surrounding beleaguered Tobruk launched a major assault on the 30,000 Italian defenders of the Libyan stronghold today after the RAF had prepared the way with a series of night raids.

"Early this morning an attack was launched on Tobruk and the operations are proceeding satisfactorily," the British middle east command announced.

Air Raids
Tobruk, 80 miles inside Libya, has been under siege by land, sea and air since the British captured Bardia, 10 miles from the Egyptian frontier, on Jan. 5.

The land assault was preceded by widespread air raids, in which the RAF announced Tobruk was attacked heavily, seven planes were destroyed in an attack on Catania, Sicilian base of axis fliers raiding British Mediterranean shipping, and Valona was made the target of the heaviest assault yet loosed on that major Italian port of entry into southern Albania.

Hits Claimed
In the attack on Tobruk, carried out the night of Jan. 19-20, the RAF said direct hits were registered on marine repair shops and military barracks. One artillery battery of four guns was silenced, the communicate said, and "many bombs" fell on a camp of about 200 tents. "Anti-aircraft fire was intense, but our aircraft pressed home the attack," the RAF communicate said.

Elsewhere in the battle of Africa, the middle east command reported British troops were "vigorously pursuing" into Eritrea the Italian forces which withdrew Sunday from the Kas.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EIGHTEEN men are drowned when a fishing schooner (American) collides with a barge in Boston harbor. Five of the schooner's crew of 23 are saved after clinging to the rigging for three hours. When rescued, their hands and feet were frozen. Even peace has its casualties.

TWELVE sailors die—some in agony and madness and some in quiet sleep—after 18 days of exposure in an open lifeboat in the cold North Atlantic.

Their ship, the British freighter Carlton, was torpedoed by an Italian submarine. The crew took to the sea in two open boats, one of which has just been found by a British merchant ship. The other is still missing.

That's what happens when the hazards of war are added to the hazards of the sea.

IN the outskirts of London, housewives drop their kitchen work to smother fire bombs dropped by raiding German planes. They make an efficient job of it.

Your great-grandmother, if alive, could perhaps recall that when savage Indians attacked the white settlers, women and children took part in the fighting and shared the fate of the men.

The Teutonic tribes (described by Tacitus as savages) were accompanied into battle by their women. On frequent occasions the warriors, routed by the superior arms and discipline of the Romans and fleeing, were halted by their women and sent back into the battle to win or to die.

When all was lost, these dauntless women were accustomed to destroy themselves and their children rather than be taken as spoils of war and sold into slavery.

IN these days captives, including women and children, are no longer sold into slavery. In most of its other aspects, war has reverted to the savagery of earlier centuries.

THIS dispatch comes over the wires today (Tuesday).

"Foreign observers express the belief that Hitler and Mussolini (at their much-touted meeting) may have agreed on a plan to obtain France's co-operation in the war against Britain, by direct action, if necessary."

That hint will be worth watching. It seems incredible that Hitler will permit beaten France to stand in his way. If he does, it will be a sign that France is stronger than most of us can believe.

AS these words are written (Tuesday morning) the British are reported to be starting a major attack on Tobruk, in Italian Libya.

The idea is to beat the Germans to whatever they may be up to in the Mediterranean.

WHAT the Germans appear to be up to is seizing bases for air attack on the British Mediterranean fleet.

The British retort defiantly that to date the cruiser Southampton is the only major warship sunk by airplane attack in the 18 months of war.

If Hitler can't crack the British in the Mediterranean he is going to have to pay a heavy price sooner or later.

So look for him to hit with all he has.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY
By The Associated Press

Jan. 21, 1916—Russians seize Farinzie in eastern European fighting, take Sultanabad in Persia.

Veteran Nurse Honored



Lydia Fricke Howard, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of her arrival in Klamath county to serve as school health nurse, was honored by 40 persons Tuesday. Mrs. Howard, (left), accepts a gift from friends from Mrs. Marion Hanks, long active in county health work.

DISCORD FLARES IN RUMANIAN CAPITAL

Street Fights, Bombings Mark Rivalry in Ranks of Iron Guardists

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 21 (AP)—Widespread disorders in Rumania with street fighting and bombings injuring civilians, German soldiers and communists in the streets of Bucharest and other cities, were reported in diplomatic dispatches today to Sofia, Belgrade and Budapest.

Some sources in the other Balkan capitals attributed the Rumanian outbreaks to bitter rivalry between extremists and more conservative elements in Rumania's iron guard.

Resentment
Others suggested that increasing resentment in many quarters over German military concentrations in Rumania and against the regime of Premier Ion Antonescu might have flared into a free-for-all with Nazi troops trying to restore order.

There were reports too, the disorders might be part of an intended coup by leftists, followers of former King Carol, or others trying to wrest power from the pro-German iron guard.

Use of Clothes Provokes Slaying

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 21 (AP)—State Investigator Raymond Mills said today a chauffeur held for killing a companion acknowledged the slaying and declared he shot because the victim "had been using my toothbrush, comb and razor for a year and I was tired of it."

Mills said the dead man was Jack Meanes, 40-year-old Akron, O., chauffeur, and identified the killer as Stanley Sykes, 35, of New York.

"Black Rain" Question Gets Attention of City Leaders

Klamath's "black rain"—the soot and burned cinders that settle on parts of the city in wintry days—received the attention Tuesday of both the city council and city planning commission after protests against the nuisance were voiced at a council meeting Monday night.

At that meeting, Mrs. Claude Davis addressed the council as spokeswoman for a large delegation of householders, mainly from the "first hill" above the main part of town. Complaining with her request that the city officials consider what may be done about the matter, Mayor Houston asked the planning commission at its Tuesday meeting to consider it.

Many Sources
In the general discussion at the planning commission meeting, it was brought out that while the Klamath Heating company is popularly blamed for most of the trouble, any heating plant using hog fuel or sawdust is suspected and that probably many burning plants are contributing to the volume of cinders and soot.

While it was brought out that extensive and possibly prohibitive expenditures might be necessitated to eliminate the nuisance completely, it was agreed (Continued on Page Two)

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