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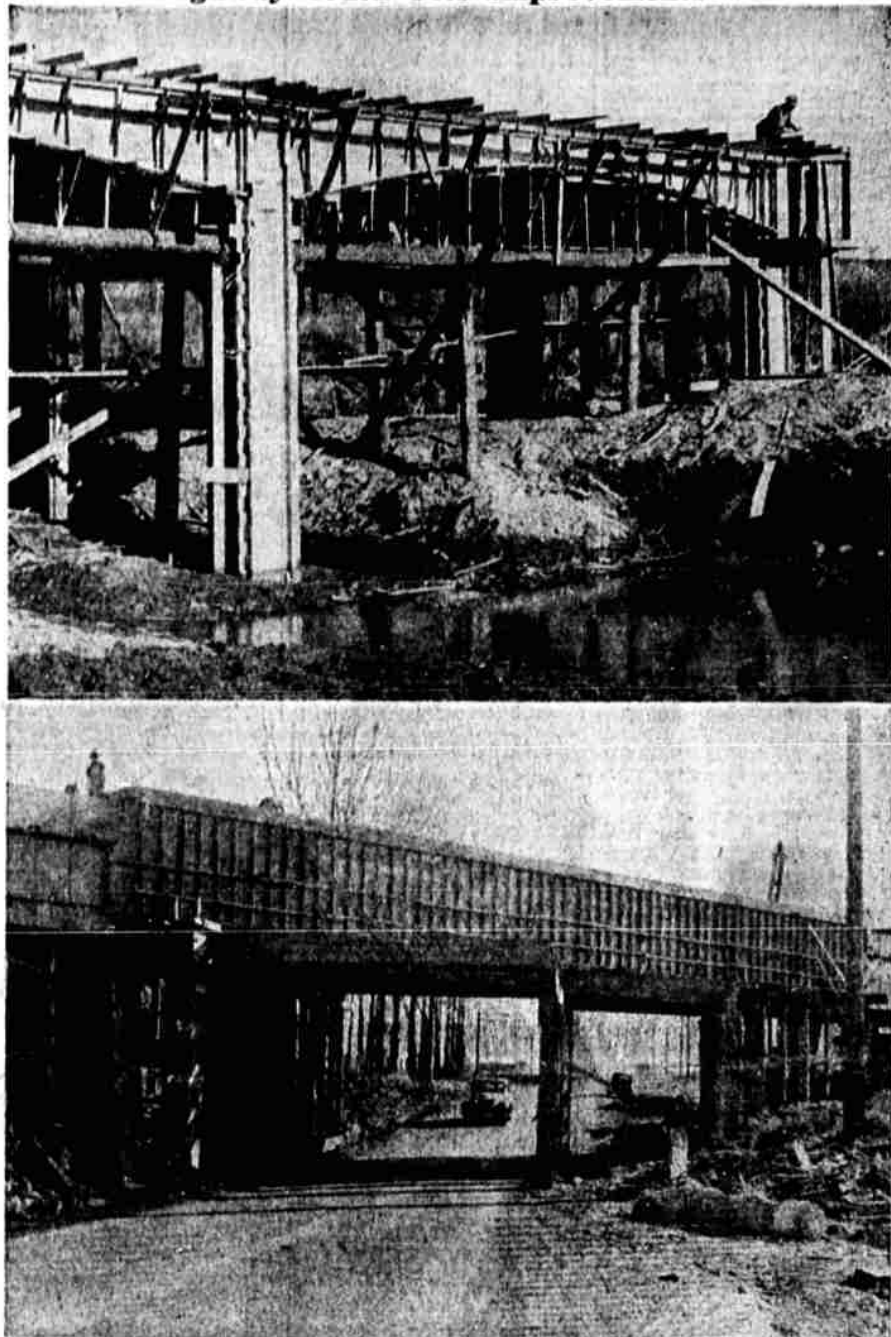
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BRITISH TROOPS SEIZE BENGASI

Highway South Gets Improvements



Progress is being made on two important improvements on the highway between Klamath Falls and Merrill, as these pictures show. The upper view shows a section of the Lost river bridge, a part of the work that will eliminate the notorious "death curve" a mile north of Merrill. The highway will be relocated and will pass over this bridge near the Doderhoff house. Below, a view of the work being done to widen the passage under the flume near the Semon ranch. The center section, shown in the picture, will be taken out and the underpass will have a width of 34 feet.

Army Probes Crash of Bomber

BADLY BURNED BODIES TAKEN FROM DEBRIS

Sabotage Discounted By High Official; No Cause Discovered

LOVELOCK, Nev. Feb. 7 (AP) — Army investigators took testimony from witnesses here today in an effort to determine why a new-type bomber crashed into a mountain near here yesterday, cremating its crew of eight.

No reason was advanced for the cause of the crash and the investigators left immediately for a daylight inspection of the scene on the sage brush slopes of a mountain in the Trinity range which rises 6000 feet from the desert 12 airline miles west of here.

The eight bodies were brought to a mortuary here. They were burned beyond recognition. Searchers found four watches, a dress shirt on which a medal was pinned, a few coins and a sheepskin-lined army suit in the wreckage.

It was the fourth air disaster in the west since December involving United States warplanes. The plane, one of the army's newest four-motored bombers, carried equipment for experiments in cold weather flying and might have had installed the air corps' jealously-guarded secret bomb sight.

Possibility of sabotage was discounted by Col. F. C. Nelson, commanding officer of McClellan field at Sacramento, Calif., starting point of the ill-fated flight.

A rumor that an attempt to sabotage planes at the field had been discovered about a week ago was neither confirmed nor denied by Colonel Nelson.

The four-motored, 22½-ton bomber left Sacramento at 8:28 a. m. (PST) yesterday en route to Denver with Capt. R. S. Freeman, commandant of Ladd Field, Alaska, at the controls. The plane and crew had arrived in Sacramento last month from Alaska, and planned to proceed to Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, before returning to the territory.

The last report was heard from the plane at 9:30 o'clock, and news of the crash came soon after as eyewitnesses raced to telephones to notify authorities. Lloyd M. Carpenter, foreman of the Lowery Wells CCC camp, 19 miles west of here, saw the (Continued on Page Two)

Paraskevopoulos Visible Tuesday

PORTLAND, Feb. 7 (AP)—Anybody wanting to see Paraskevopoulos may do so by taking a gander at the southern skies a little below the celestial equator next Tuesday night, Robert Millard, a Portland astronomer, said today.

Paraskevopoulos is a full grown comet discovered by a South African observatory a month ago. It is headed pell-mell for the earth but at latest computation was still 47,000,000 miles away and no immediate menace.

Millard said the comet ought to be easily discernable with the naked eye if the skies are clear.

Governor Gets Klamath Book Bill

SALEM, Feb. 7 (AP)—The senate passed and sent to the governor today a bill to replace the first 55 volumes of Oregon supreme court decisions that are missing from the Klamath county circuit court.

"What became of those books?" Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Multnomah) asked. "Ask the state police," Sen. Marshall E. Cornett (Klamath) replied.

New Envoy



John G. Winant (above), former governor of New Hampshire and chairman since 1938 of the international labor office, has been nominated by President Roosevelt as ambassador to England.

ARMY SOON TO GET NEW TYPE PLANES

Stimson Statement Reply To Major Williams Attack on Lease-Lend

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Secretary Stimson informed the senate foreign relations committee today that the war department expected "accelerated deliveries" to the army air corps of the latest type of combat planes "within four to six months."

Chairman George (D-Ga.) placed in the committee record a letter from the secretary of war containing this assertion after Major Al Williams, former navy speed flier, had testified that he believed there was "not a single-seater, interceptor fighting plane in the United States today that is modern in any sense of the word, either in armor, fire power or performance."

Williams, opposing the administration lease-lend bill before the senate foreign relations committee, asserted that this country's air forces were being "stripped" of planes needed for the secondary training of military pilots because such ships were being turned over to Great Britain.

The United States, Williams said, was "sadly deficient" in engines. We did not mean to imply, he added, that the manufacturers of existing engines were to blame. He said the fault lay more in the fact that dependence (Continued On Page Two)

DIVERSION OF POTATOES FOR FEED OKAYED

Agriculture Department To Pay 25 Cents Per Hundred; Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—A program for the diversion into livestock feed of up to 12,500,000 bushels of 1940-grown Irish potatoes in eight western states was announced today by the agriculture department.

Growers would be eligible for payments of 25 cents a hundred-weight or 15 cents for a 60-pound bushel, for potatoes of

SPUDS ON HAND

From 500,000 to 1,000,000 bushels of Klamath potatoes will be available for the livestock feed diversion program. It was estimated Friday by County Agent C. A. Henderson. Stocks on hand in this basin are believed to be something around 3,000,000 bushels.

Klamath growers have been working for a diversion program of this sort for several months. It is believed here it may have been offered in lieu of the potato marketing agreement which also has been sought here.

U. S. No. 2 grade or better and not less than one and one half inches in diameter, which are diverted into livestock feed.

Basin Included

Growers eligible to participate in the program are those in designated commercial potato-producing districts of the eight states who cooperated with the 1940 AAA potato acreage allotment program. States and areas in which the diversion program will operate include:

Colorado and the heavy production areas in western Nebraska and southeastern Wyoming.

Heavy producing sections of Idaho and Malheur county, Ore. Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Millard, Morgan, Plute, Utah and Weber counties, Utah.

The Klamath section and Crook, Deschutes and Klamath counties in Oregon, and Modoc and Siskiyou counties in California.

Kittitas, Yakima and Benton counties, Wash.

The diversion program requires that potatoes diverted be prepared for feeding to livestock by ensiling, cutting, crushing, mashing or by other approved means which would make them unsuitable to enter normal channels of trade as potatoes.

Representatives of the department will issue authorizations specifying maximum quantities (Continued On Page Two)

Total War Chief



Lieut. Gen. Yuzuru Iimura, above, is Japan's new chief of the country's "Total War Research Institute."

TEACHER TENURE LAW IN EFFECT

Census Puts County District Under State Ruling on Dismissals

Klamath county school district is now operating under the teacher tenure law.

Action to that effect was taken late Thursday by the county school board, in compliance with state law which makes the tenure program operative in all districts with 20,000 or more population. The 1940 census indicates the county district has about 23,000 population.

Classified

Under the teacher tenure law, teachers are classified as probationary and permanent.

Teachers on the permanent list have served the district three successive years. They are not subject to annual appointment, but serve until retired, dismissed or discharged.

The law provides that no permanent teacher shall be dismissed except for inefficiency, unbecoming conduct, insubordination, neglect of duty or failure to comply with certain other requirements of the school board. Certain formalities, not previously necessary, will be required in the case of dismissal of a permanent teacher.

The board has power to remove or demote any probationary teacher for sufficient cause. The Klamath school board is expected at its next meeting to begin the classification of teachers.

SALEM, Feb. 7 (AP)—Rep. Alfred Cunha (R-Umatilla) was seated by the house of representatives at the opening of today's session to succeed O. L. Babcock, who dropped dead last week in the Salem postoffice.

Oregon Senate Passes Anti-Subversive Bill After Argument on Effects of War Hysteria

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Feb. 7 (AP) — The senate passed 20 to 8 and sent to the house today a measure to send to prison persons who advocate overthrow of the government by force.

The bill, which Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla), the author, said was directed at communists, would provide prison sentences of up to 10 years or \$10,000 fine, or both.

While Ellis explained the bill was intended to keep communists from sabotage of rearmament industries, opponents contended it would lead to persecution of innocent persons and was an abridgment of the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free assembly.

Termed Hysteria

"In these times, when we see every nation in Europe collapse

because of subversive activities, we should pass this bill. If I had my way, I'd put all the communists in concentration camps," Ellis said.

Sen. Harry M. Kenin (R-Multnomah) took the floor for the first time this session to say "there is no immediate danger from communists. This bill is part of a wave of hysteria. I hope that some half will be called to measures of this type."

"War Measure"

Sen. Joel T. Booth (R-Linn) said "This is a war measure, and we all know we're near war now. I would not approve of it in time of peace, but I'm for it during these times."

Those voting against the bill were Ashby Dickson (D-Multnomah), Kenin, Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Multnomah), W. H. Steiwer (R-Wheeler, Lew Wal-

lace (D-Multnomah), William E. Walsh (R-Coos), C. H. Zuercher (R-Wallowa) and President of the Senate Dean H. Walker.

After the vote was announced, Kenin changed his vote and said he would move tomorrow for reconsideration of the bill.

A legislator who moves for reconsideration must be on the prevailing side.

Log Bill

With only Mahoney voting against it, the senate passed and sent to the house a bill to give the highway commission authority to grant annual permits for hauling of logs more than 80 feet long. The commission now has authority to grant such permits only on a temporary basis. The vote had been expected to give an indication how the senate feels about the bill to (Continued On Page Two)

ITALIANS FLEE LAST FORTRESS IN EAST LIBYA

Graziani Left Only Tripoli as Base; RAF May Hit Sicily

By The Associated Press Striking in a blinding sandstorm, Britain's desert troops have captured the Italian stronghold of Bengasi, in eastern Libya, British general headquarters announced today, and cut the fascist line of communications south of the city.

The Citadel, about 350 miles from the Egyptian frontier, surrendered yesterday.

"Demoralized" British general headquarters said the Italians were "demoralized and outmaneuvered" in this latest British triumph of a west-

DENIED

VICHY, France, Feb. 7 (AP) General Maxime Weygand has denied in the name of the French government that France is intending to let Germany use the naval base at Bizerte, French Tunisia, and has declared that no negotiations are underway for cession of Bizerte or the landing of German troops there for Libya.

Weygand, supreme commander of armies in French North Africa, made these statements in a radio address yesterday at Algiers, Algeria.

Word of the broadcast reached here today.

ward sweep that has carried the Imperial army of the Nile across 400 miles of desert in 61 days.

British general headquarters also reported more than 3500 Italian prisoners have been taken since the British knifed into the Red Sea colony of Eritrea, in east Africa, "and many more are coming in."

Bengasi, the capital of Bengasi province in north Africa, was Italy's last big stronghold in eastern Libya.

Many Captured

The fate of 25,000 fascist troops garrisoned at the Mediterranean seaport, former headquarters of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, was not immediately disclosed. Dispatches from Cairo, however, said Italian forces throughout the whole eastern region were capitulating or fleeing.

In London, British military quarters said Marshal Graziani's position in north Africa now was so bad that Premier Mussolini might be forced to risk the Italian fleet in an attempt to move reinforcements and supplies across the Mediterranean to Libya.

Base for Attack

These quarters also pointed out that capture of Bengasi gives the British a short-distance base "from which we can hammer German-occupied bases in Sicily."

A 5-word communique by the British middle east command announced the latest blow at Italy's tottering African empire, declaring simply:

"Bengasi is in our hands."

It was the fifth major Italian stronghold taken by the British since Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell launched a counter-offensive last Dec. 9, following in the wake of Sid Barrani, 75 miles inside Egypt, and the Libyan fortified towns of Bardia, Tobruk and Derna.

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

BENGASI FALLS.

If you want to see what a jolt that must be to jutting-jawed Mussolini, get out your map of northern Africa, which will show you that Bengasi is the last stronghold in Italian Libya except Tripoli, in the far north-western corner, almost up against the border of French Tunisia.

Italy's African empire is falling away fast.

IL DUCE'S mind must go back at times (very secretly, of course) to that day when he horned into the war, thinking, with France collapsing, that it was all over but the division of the loot.

His foot slipped badly then.

THIS hint comes from London: The Italian position is now so bad that Mussolini may be forced to throw in the Italian fleet in an effort to move supplies and reinforcements across the Mediterranean to save Tripoli.

London adds that the fall of Bengasi gives the British a close base for attack on the German air bases in Sicily, from which German dive bombers are operating against the British Mediterranean fleet.

BENGASI'S fall prompts another move on the board: General Weygand, speaking by radio from French Algiers, denies in the name of the French government that France is intending to permit Germany to use the great French naval base at Bizerte, adding that no negotiations are under way for the cession of Bizerte or the landing of German troops there for use in Libya.

TO understand this statement fully, get out your map again.

You will note that Bizerte is on the African (French) side of the narrow straits of Sicily. Its possession would enable Germany to close the eastern Mediterranean to the British navy and also to British merchant and supply ships, frightfully hampering British operations in Africa.

It would serve as the African end of a sea bridge over which to pour German armies into Italy's hard-pressed African possessions.

One look at the map tells the story.

THE situation thus presented highlights startlingly the grave importance of the poker game going on at Vichy.

It is hard to see how Hitler can long delay applying force to France if she doesn't yield to his demands—which must include handing over the French fleet and ceding Mediterranean bases such as Toulon and Bizerte on the Mediterranean.

Bolvin Birthday Bill Delayed

SALEM, Feb. 7 (AP)—Rep. Harry D. Bolvin (D-Klamath) was congratulated on his 37th birthday today in a resolution by Rep. Steelhammer (R-Marion).

Rep. Frank J. Loneragan (R-Multnomah) moved that the resolution be referred to the health and public morals committee, but no action was taken.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Feb. 7, 1916—Russians take German trenches in hard fighting near Tranopol.

Rail Strike Threat Heads Labor Bill

By The Associated Press

The possibility that about 750,000 class 1 railroad employees, members of 14 standard brotherhoods, might strike for paid vacations centered labor's attention today.

George M. Harrison, spokesman for the 14 unions, announced in Washington yesterday that—barring a last minute settlement—strike ballots would (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath D. A. May Get Raise

SALEM, Feb. 7 (AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today a bill to increase salaries of district attorneys in 20 counties, Rep. Frank J. Loneragan (R-Multnomah), chairman of the house judiciary committee, asserting the measure was the first step toward making salaries of county officers uniform throughout the state.

An identical bill was vetoed by the governor two years ago. The Benton, Josephine and Polk county district attorneys would have their salaries increased from \$1800 to \$2100 a year, while other increases include: Klamath, \$2400 to \$2700; Lane and Marion, \$2700 to \$3000.

AID LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The house unexpectedly agreed late today to a limitation of 10 per cent or about \$1,300,000,000, on the amount of defense funds already appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, which could be devoted to the aid-Britain program.