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WEATHER

High 45; Low 35
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. .07
Season to date .913
Normal precipitation 7.61
Last year to date 10.09



SIGNS OF BALKAN DRIVE MOUNT

Youngsters Ride "Schooner" to School



This unique combination of modern and pioneer transportation methods takes children of Round Lake district to school over the muddy road that connects that district with the Greensprings highway. The tractor, equipped with mud lugs, pulls a "prairie schooner" type of trailer, which was built at the county school shops and is comfortably upholstered. About 12 children ride the trailer each day, taking a modern bus at the Kerns ranch where the Round Lake road joins the Greensprings highway, and riding from there on into Keno to school. Last year a team pulled the trailer, but the road is now said to be almost impassable for horses.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
LEAVING Santa Maria.
The sun, believe it or not, is shining. But the weather man is still gloomy. He says there's another storm lurking out at sea and due to hit the coast some time tonight, or maybe tomorrow.

Can't he see ANYTHING else when he looks in that crystal ball of his?

THERE was a time when in our minds we placed the weather man's daily contribution back on the funny page.

"Heh! Heh! Heh!" we'd chortle as we read it. "See you!" Then we'd laugh merrily.

That was in those dear, dead days before science came into our lives. Now we listen to him and reach morosely for the umbrella.

OUT east of Santa Maria is a great new flying field, where young men are being trained for the army air corps. The air above it is full of planes on this sunny morning.

Looking at them up there, something clicks, and suddenly you know the answer to a problem that has been troubling you vaguely for days.

IN the cities, the bars are crowded—more so than usual. And in the chatter over the glasses there is a brittle tone.

There is laughter. There is gaiety. There is lightness. But under it all you feel that people are listening—listening for something they couldn't describe if asked to.

MEN you have known for years, men of ability, men who understand their business to its last detail, have a curiously detached attitude toward the whole subject of business.

Ask them how last year was and they will tell you it was fine. Speak of the prospects for this year and they will reply without hesitation that they can't be other than good.

But you have the feeling that their minds aren't wholly and unreservedly fixed on the subject.

Their lives have been spent in the service of the profit system. Suddenly (quite unconsciously, one feels) their minds

at Daze at those tiny things up in the (temporarily, at least) blue California sky, a small, quiet voice within your consciousness says with startling distinctness:

"You ought to be up there with them."

THE voice continues: "Contributing your bit to the American way of living has been your life. You have bought. You have sold. You have hired. You have fired. In your small way, you have BUILT. You and millions of others like you.

"The aggregate of your efforts is AMERICA. And because this aggregate is good, better than anything the world has known before, your efforts have been tremendously worth while.

"Your buying, your selling, your hiring, your firing, your building, your WORKING, have made this America what it is and so they have been the most important things in the world. You have had reason to be proud of them.

"But new days are coming. DIFFERENT days. Those boys up there in the sky are preparing to meet the problems of these new days that are on the way."

YOU struggle. You say: "We can't all be up there. (Continued on Page Two)

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Feb. 21, 1916—Germans open great attack on Verdun.

HOPES BRIGHTER FOR STRIKE END

Allis-Chalmers Company Accepts Federal Plan; Now Up to Union

By The Associated Press
Hopes brightened today for speedy settlement of the month-long strike at the Milwaukee plant of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company, which holds \$45,000,000 in national defense orders.

Company negotiators announced last night their acceptance of a strike-settlement formula offered by the office of production management in Washington, D. C. The agreement remained to be acted upon by the CIO-United Automobile Workers, representing 6800 striking workmen.

Tentative Agreement
Arbitration of disciplinary matters was the principal stipulation in the agreement prepared by the production management office.

Another bright spot in the defense labor picture was a reported tentative agreement to end a strike of 400 employees of the Vanadium Company of America plant at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The strikers, members of the CIO-United Mine Workers union, were to vote on ratifying the agreement today. Wage increases and a closed shop were at issue. The company manufactures ferro-vanadium, used in making many articles of defense.

Big Michigan automobile factories felt repercussions of the strike of 2500 employees of the Motor Wheel corporation at Lansing, Mich., called February 13 by AFL-United Automobile Workers who sought a closed shop.

The automotive division of Packard Motor company in Detroit was shut down, making 7500 idle. Company officials said defense work would not be affected.

Two Lansing, Mich., plants—Oldsmobile and Fisher Body—resumed work after temporary suspensions last night. Fisher officials said a "slow-down" forced their short lived shutdown and Oldsmobile was able to resume after Fisher Body again began supplying it with bodies.

A few hours later, however, Fisher Body closed down again, an official blaming another "slow-down." Oldsmobile in turn had to curtail operations.

Sprague Urges Warning to Japs

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Japan should be warned that "this country will not tolerate a southward thrust by Japan," Governor Charles A. Sprague of Oregon said in a telegram to President Roosevelt yesterday.

His message stated, "The Pacific coast states are vitally concerned. . . . We desire friendly relations with Japan, but strongly oppose Japan's policies which threaten the security of the Orient and endanger the national interest of the United States."

British Seeking U. S. Help in Handling Irish

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP)—The British government is seeking the aid of the United States and Canada to gain the use of Irish ports on the ground that a German-dominated Ireland would constitute a definite threat to their interests in the Atlantic, an usually reliable source said today.

This source asserted that despite Prime Minister Eamon de Valera's insistence on absolute neutrality for Ireland, there were almost "continuous discussions" regarding Irish ports which Britain says she needs to counter German aerial and submarine attacks on her shipping.

It was said there was a movement to get the United States and Canada to take a lead in these discussions.

"The feeling here," this source said, "is that Ireland is a potential enemy base in the Atlantic which is just as much a problem from a long range viewpoint to the United States and Canada as it is immediately to Britain."

Liquor Store, Banks And Public Offices To Close Saturday

The places that close regularly on holidays in Klamath Falls will be closed Saturday, Washington's birthday.

These include the banks, city hall and courthouse offices, postoffice and—oh, yes, the liquor store.

To accommodate purchasers of liquid refreshments for the weekend, the liquor store will be kept open until 11 p. m. Friday.

But the police department, state police and sheriff's office will be working as usual over Saturday and Sunday.

ALFONSO FADES

ROME, Feb. 21 (AP)—Doctors described the condition of former King Alfonso XIII of Spain as grave today. They said he spent a restless night during which he suffered another heart attack.

PRESIDENT RAPS LEAK IN REPORT

Exposure of Marshall's Testimony on Planes Held Unethical

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today he considered the disclosure of what was intended to be secret testimony before a senate committee yesterday by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, as hurtful to national defense.

The president told a press conference that it raised a question of ethics, morals and patriotism on the part of committee members and editors, publishers and broadcasters who printed reports of Marshall's testimony.

People's Question
The chief executive said it was a question for the American people to consider. At the conclusion of lengthy questioning on the subject he said it was purely a voluntary matter, that he was not thinking about censorship, but that he was merely putting it up to the people as a nice question to think about.

(Information about General Marshall's testimony yesterday was given to the Associated Press by members of the senate military committee before whom he testified).

Marshall was reported by some members of the committee as having said that the Pacific fleet was being bolstered with an unspecified number of army and navy planes and as having described the Pacific situation as serious.

Asked to clarify the accounts on Marshall's testimony, the president said he read them in the newspapers at breakfast this morning.

The president said that there were various stories on what Marshall was supposed to have said, but that they all differed from a memorandum he had on his desk from the chief of staff as to what actually was told the committee.

The belief spread in some congressional circles today that

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Bill Lifts Crash Penalty

HOUSE SEEKS TO CUT AUTO WRECK TOLL

Licenses Would Be Suspended Until Ability To Pay Proven

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Feb. 21 (AP)—The house passed and sent to the senate today, by a 51 to 8 vote, a bill to provide that owners and drivers of automobiles involved in automobile accidents should have their drivers' licenses and license plates suspended until they prove their financial responsibility.

The bill would affect all persons involved in accidents, regardless of whether they are to blame. It was introduced by the house insurance committee.

New Hampshire Cited
The effect of the bill, opponents charged, would be to force every car owner to carry liability insurance.

Rep. E. C. Frisbie (R-Baker), chairman of the committee, said the bill would reduce the number of accidents and reduce insurance rates.

He said that in New Hampshire, which has a similar law, the number of traffic fatalities has been reduced by 50 per cent in three years, insurance rates have dropped 30 per cent, and that 80 per cent of the car owners now are protected by liability insurance.

Frisbie said that in Oregon, owners have one chance in six each year of being involved in accidents, 74,000 of Oregon's 477,000 licensed drivers having been involved last year.

"Today, if the reckless driver is caught, we fine him and let him go on his reckless way," Frisbie said. "If this bill is passed, it would drive some of them off the highways and give the public protection against the rest."

Handicap Seen
Rep. George R. Duncan (R-Marion) said the bill would drive many cars off the road and work a hardship against indigent car owners who could not afford insurance. He suggested an outright compulsory insurance law.

Rep. Phil Brady (R-Multnomah) said 150,000 Portland laboring men who drive to work each day would be handicapped by having to pay \$1.10 a month for insurance.

Those voting against the bill: Democrats—Adams, Gleason and Neuberger, all of Multnomah; republicans—Duncan of Marion, French of Sherman, Kimberling of Grant, McAllister of Jackson, and Miller of Morrow.

Highway Funds
The senate roads and highway committee approved today a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit diversion of

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Tommy Roberts, 24, a mountain guide, volunteered in Denver for a year of selective service training and to have his shoulder-long blond hair shorn off. Captain A. W. Hutchinson, a hunting friend, shows what the scissors would do, but Tommy will wait until all is set before having his hair cut.

Indians Vote Funds to Seek Defense School

The general council of Klamath Indians voted Thursday to furnish \$150,000 to the U. S. government from their funds in Washington, D. C. toward establishment of a defense training school at Klamath Agency, according to B. G. Courtright, superintendent.

Courtright said the proposal would require congressional approval to withdraw the money, which is kept on deposit in the tribal fund. He said the offer was being made by the council as a gesture to show the Indians' willingness to cooperate with the national defense program.

The defense school would be under the direct supervision of army officials and would train young Indian men in aviation and forest fire control, but particularly training connected with national defense. The only string that would be attached to the offer would be that the training school be established at Klamath Agency, Courtright said. He added that the Indians want army officials to come here, construct necessary buildings and possibly an airport, as well as to provide training planes.

At the all-day meeting Thursday the council also voted to spend \$100,000 for construction of a packing and cold storage plant at the Yainax farm on the reservation near Beatty.

Ernest L. Wilkinson of Washington, D. C. was elected to handle prosecution of any claims Klamath Indians might proffer against the government. It was brought out in the meeting that the disputed boundary case might be given to Wilkinson.

Chinese-British War Plan Rumored

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22 (Saturday) (AP)—Japanese newspapers here reported today that the Chinese government at Chungking had obtained British "approval in principle" for a joint Chinese-British defense plan extending from southwestern China to India.

The Japanese reports were vague as to details, but asserted the defense plan included improvement of communications linking British Burma and Yunnan, China's southwestern province; British help in building a railway in Yunnan; construction of military communications facilities throughout the region involved.

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GERMAN ARMY POURING INTO DANUBE AREA

Pontoon Bridges Built to Carry Troops Into Bulgaria, Report

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 21 (AP)—Nazi pontoon bridges in considerable number already span the Danube between Rumania and Bulgaria, a leading Balkan diplomat said today, and the passage of troops and equipment south "is a matter of days, if not hours."

The river was virtually ice-free and the Nazi motorized expeditionary force on the Rumanian side showed every evidence of getting ready for a move into Bulgaria.

Columns Moving
Columns of these troops are moving south through Rumania toward the river border, military dispatches said.

Foreign legations in Sofia heard reports tonight that Soviet Russia was making a last-minute effort to forestall a German entry into Bulgaria, but there was no confirmation in official quarters of the countries chiefly concerned.

Safety Measures
The United States legation in Sofia had a number of placards printed in English, Bulgarian and German, saying "This building is property of the United States" and displaying the American flag and seal.

The general staff of Germany's Balkan army was said to have moved from Bucharest to Craiova, only 40 miles north of the Danube.

Demonstrations
The Yugoslav cabinet went into emergency session in the early afternoon as the Belgrade government's attitude toward the fast-moving international events still lacked complete clarity.

Dispatches from the Bulgarian port of Ruse, on the Danube facing Rumania where German troops are massed, said the Bulgarian police fought "communist demonstrations" against the expected entry of Nazi troops into Bulgaria.

Unusual activity was reported from all Rumanian airports controlled by the German air force, with fighting and bombing planes lined up on the runways.

Military observers at Ruse (Ruschuk), Bulgaria, on the Danube facing Giurgiu, Rumania, said that German engineers continued their drill of floating pontoon bridges, but they insisted that none had touched the Bulgarian shore.

This drill has been going on daily for many weeks, apparently in the Nazi effort to have everything in readiness when and if the time comes for crossing.

The Balkan situation was typically complex.

High-lighted was the belief expressed by observers that Adolf Hitler had approved cession of another slice of dwindling Rumania to Soviet Russia in return for Moscow's "cooperation"—that is, a passive attitude—with his plans for southeastern Europe.

Russia's reward, these observers said, probably will be the province of Moldavia on which the Soviet long has cast covetous eyes, as even red diplomats acknowledge.

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