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PRECIPITATION

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| 24 hours to 8 a. m. | .04 |
| Season to date | 9.56 |
| Normal precipitation | 8.05 |
| Last year to date | 12.19 |

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# NAZI TROOPS OCCUPY BULGARIA

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BULGARIA joins the axis. It was a case of captivity or suicide and Bulgaria chose captivity.

Before the ink is dry on her signature, the German army starts rolling in to take possession.

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BULGARIA'S submission clears the road to the Greek and Turkish borders. The next big question is: What will Turkey do?

It seems likely that Turkey will fight if attacked herself. But will she fight if Greece is attacked?

Hitler may know the answer to that question already. Balkan diplomacy is devious and treacherous, and a deal between Germany and Turkey to sacrifice Greece may already have been made.

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THERE can be no doubt that Hitler would like to smash Greece, whose stubborn fighting started the downfall of Italy. The question is whether he will risk a war with Turkey in order to do it.

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WHAT Hitler wants and needs is to smash England.

What he DOESN'T WANT is to try to smash England with somebody waiting to tackle him from the rear if his attack doesn't go so well and he begins to show signs of weakness.

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WHAT he is trying to bring about in the Balkans is a diplomatic deal that will enable him to go ahead with the smashing of England without the fear of an attack from behind if something goes wrong.

If he leaves England unsmashed (with American strength growing swiftly) and goes on to take ALL the Balkans, along with a large bite out of Russia, he will still have got no farther than Napoleon did and the hatreds Napoleon inspired finally overthrew him.

It's only a guess, of course, but it's a pretty safe guess that Hitler wants no war with Turkey.

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WHAT Japan is doing (in Indo-China and with her threats of an attack on Singapore and the Dutch East Indies) is a part of the axis game, and there are signs that Japan has no stomach for the role that Hitler is prodding her into.

Japan, with the world situation what it is, with the Russian wolf waiting to ham-string her from the rear the moment she weakens herself, is somewhat in the position of Theodore Roosevelt's gloomy-faced Dakota farmer who was "going to town to git drunk and gosh how I dread it!"

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JOHN G. WINANT, new American ambassador to England, is greeted personally by King George when he arrives by plane in London. The Duke of Kent, the king's brother, is five minutes late for the greeting ceremony.

That, of course, is excusable in war-torn London, but Kent is obviously embarrassed. After apologies, they all go back to the plane to pose again for the cameramen.

Winant, asked for a statement, says to the reporters: "I haven't much to say." He shifts nervously from one foot to the other, bites his lip and then in a loud, clear voice adds: "I'm glad to be here. There's no place I'd rather be than in England."

He sounds like a regular fellow. That's about what any of us would have done.

### 25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

March 1, 1916 — Germany launches unrestricted submarine warfare; fighting slackens at Verdun.

## Auto-Truck Crash Traps Girl

Picture shows passersby and officers working to remove Lila Mae Kohler from the front seat of an automobile in which she was temporarily trapped in a truck-auto smashup Saturday at 12:50 a. m. The girl was pinned in by the dash-board and gearshift lever. She was the most seriously injured of a quartet of young people in the car.

## FOUR INJURED IN EAST MAIN CRASH

### Two Seriously Hurt When Car Strikes Rear Of Parked Truck

Four young Klamath Falls men and women are in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from serious injuries as the result of an automobile accident which occurred shortly before 1 o'clock Saturday morning when a car in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a parked truck at 240 East Main street.

The injured:

William Neil "Bill" Perry, 19, 1416 Ivory street, driver of the car.

Bob Boldischar, 22, 1420 Lookout street, now residing in California.

June Cochran, 22, 134 North Third street.

Lila Mae Kohler, 17, 234 Hillside avenue.

Miss Kohler and young Perry are said to be seriously hurt. Perry has lacerations of the face and head injuries, Miss Kohler was removed from the car in an unconscious condition. She has head injuries, possible chest and internal hurts. Officers called to the scene sent the other three to the hospital and then forced

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## Greece Shaken By Earthquake; Toll Expected Heavy

ATHENS, March 1 (AP)—Northern Greece was shaken by a destructive earthquake today and early reports indicated that casualties would prove heavy.

Buildings collapsed in Larisa, a town with about 30,000 inhabitants. The panicky population fled their homes, many in night clothes, when the shocks were felt at 5:55 a. m. (7:55 p. m., Friday, PST.)

Larisa authorities telegraphed for tents for 15,000 homeless persons. Troops were engaged in removing victims trapped by debris.

The epicenter of the quake was believed to be at the town of El Assona, where there was extensive damage.

Buildings destroyed at Larisa included a hotel. Many more buildings were rendered uninhabitable.

Premier Alexandros Korizis sent Minister of Public Aid Krimbas to the scene.

## Coincidence Of Robbery, Escape Tempts Theory

Daylight robbery of a service station occurred at 11 a. m. Saturday and city police wondered if it were mere coincidence that it followed by about an hour the escape from a train here of an 11-year-old juvenile prisoner said to have made a specialty of service station thievery.

The station robbed is the Associated station at Eighth and Pine streets. The attendant was greasing a car at the time, and was separated from the station building by a couple of cars. When he returned to the till, about $80 was gone.

Police at the time were looking for a Seattle boy who had slipped away from his attendant, a man named Simmons, when the northbound train stopped at Klamath Falls at 10 a. m. Simmons told the officers that the boy, who had been caught at Merced and was on his way back to Seattle, had been suspected of service station thefts of a similar nature. Local officers weren't sure he had anything to do with the Eighth and Pine street pilfering, but they had their suspicions.

The boy was still free from custody in this vicinity Saturday afternoon. Officers said that when he slipped away at the depot, he wore a light brown sport jacket and carried a white and gray handbag. In the bag he carried a dark jacket, to which he may have changed after making his escape.

The 11-year old lad has escaped from police before, the officers were told. Once, while held in Vancouver, Wash., he made a getaway through a drain pipe.

## Sampans Seized At Honolulu

HONOLULU, March 1 (AP) — Ten alien-owned fishing sampans were seized by customs officials today in Honolulu's harbor, center of the United States' mighty mid-Pacific navy and army defenses. Customs officers waited to seize 70 more foreign controlled boats when they return from the fishing grounds where American warcraft are the most frequently seen ships.

The federal grand jury yesterday indicted 80 persons, most of them Japanese, and three fishing companies, accusing them of conspiracy to violate laws governing the registration of the sampans.

## HITCH DEVELOPS IN INDO CHINA PARLEY

### French Report Japanese Warships Near Coast As Peace Falters

SAIGON, French Indo-China, March 1 (AP)—Three Japanese men-o-war appeared off Cape St. Jacques, 40 miles south of Saigon, late today and reports persisted that still larger forces were in the Gulf of Siam and nearby waters.

Yesterday it was reported, without confirmation, that Japan's naval patrols around Indo-China totalled 51 ships of all categories.

TOKYO, March 1 (AP) — A hitch in last-minute negotiations of a Japanese-initiated peace agreement between French Indo-China and Thailand was authoritatively declared to have developed tonight.

The Japanese minister, Yosuke Matsuoka, waited at his private residence from 4 p. m. until 10 p. m. (6 a. m. PST) for French Ambassador Charles Arsene Henry to keep a scheduled appointment, it was said, but the meeting did not take place.

It was believed in authoritative quarters that the absence of instructions from the French

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## 42-Mile Wind Sweeps Basin

The Klamath basin felt the lash of the southern storm and a 42-mile wind swept over the countryside but little or no damage was recorded. The US weatherman reported .04 inch of rain up to 8 a. m. Saturday. Total precipitation for the stream year is 9.56, or 1.51 inches above the normal figure.

Forecast for the weekend was additional rain and fairly high winds.

## County Appoints New Dog Catcher

The county has a new dog-catcher.

He is Howard Bayne, Bonanza, selected by the county dog commission Friday afternoon.

Dog commissioners urged that all dog owners of the county see to it their pets wear tags. Friday was the last day to buy tags without penalty.

# House Passes Tax Split

## ALL COUNTIES WOULD SHARE SCHOOL FUNDS

### Eastern Oregon Legislators Oppose Move To Reduce Income

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM, March 1 (AP) — The house passed and sent to the senate today by a 35 to 23 vote the bill to equalize school taxes on a statewide basis.

The vote was taken after the house voted 32 to 26 to accept the favorable report of its education committee.

**Ballot Measure**

The measure, one of the cardinal points of Governor Charles A. Sprague's program, would appear on the 1942 general election ballot.

Under the bill, the state would levy a tax averaging 5.9 mills to substitute for the local 2-mill school levy. The state, which would provide $20 a year for each school child by the proposed tax, would distribute the money to counties, thus equalizing the amounts available for school districts. It would raise no more money over the state as a whole.

**Aids Poor Districts**

Rep. Lyle Thomas (R-Polk), chairman of the house education committee, told the house that the present system is unfair because some districts are better off than others only because they have high assessed valuations. The bill, he said, would equalize this, assisting poorer districts.

Fifteen of the 36 counties would pay more taxes than would get back. Thirteen of these 15 counties are in eastern Oregon.

Thomas said placing the bill on the ballot would "call attention to the inequalities of education under our present tax system," and he demanded that the state share more of the cost of education. He said the bill would provide statewide educational financing in the same manner in which highways are financed.

Rep. E. Harvey Miller (R-Morrow) said this is "an unfair

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## Magnetic Waves Disrupt Radio, Cable Circuits

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) Magnetic and atmospheric disturbances today completely suspended for a time all wireless and cable communications with Europe and erratically disrupted domestic communications.

Wireless contact between New York and Europe was unsatisfactory throughout the morning but cables, after a 30-minute mid-morning fadeout, continued to operate with frequent lapses and slow transmission.

Ground currents adding from 15 to 20 volts to the usual 160-volt wire power of the Western Union caused some disturbance.

Atmospheric disturbances rendered wireless and wire service erratic in the Pacific northwest, too.

The Alaska communications system (army signal corps wireless) reported its high frequency service north and east "went out" at midnight, and operators had to resort to the slower medium and low frequencies today.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1 (AP) — An extensive magnetic storm smothered wireless communication over the Pacific today.

The phenomenon, not unusual as the equinoctial periods approach, caused such fading of signals that scarcely any traffic could be moved between San Francisco and Honolulu, Manila and Tokyo.

## Transportation Hindered By Heavy Storms In California

Northbound railway and bus transportation through Klamath Falls was delayed Saturday as gale-swept rains brought California rivers near flood stage and blocked highways and railroad tracks.

High water near Willows, Calif., forced Southern Pacific trains to proceed at greatly reduced speed and causing three to seven hour delays in Klamath arrivals. The regular 6:40 a. m. northbound arrived at 9:40, S. P. officials said, and the 10:40 a. m. train was not expected until after 5 p. m.

An Associated Press dispatch said that Southern Pacific tracks near Williams had been washed out and rail facilities south of Dunsmuir were closed.

Greyhound bus officials said their circuit had been blocked by seven feet of water rushing through the underpass on Highway 99, 15 miles south of Redding but drivers are now using another road to Redding and passengers are being carried by train between Redding and Red Bluff.

Meanwhile in the Klamath country only one minor disruption of service was reported by Copco. High winds were blamed for a power pole giving away in Langell valley, temporarily shutting off power to one user.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1 (AP)—Skies lightened slightly in California today but it didn't mean a thing.

There's another storm about 700 miles off the coast due tonight. Just beyond the Hawaiian islands a second major disturbance is being whipped up.

Meanwhile California counted its injured and set to work repairing damage wreaked by the worst gale in years which yesterday lashed virtually the whole state.

Between Redding and Weaverville trees were uprooted and

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## Bulgaria Grab Seen Diplomatic Gain For Hitler

By DeWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press Writer

Bulgarian adherence to the Berlin-Rome axis will serve to grease the wheels for Herr Hitler and thus make it easier and less risky for him to carry out his strategically sound plan of trying to gain complete military domination of the Balkan peninsula.

Success would mean that he had sealed this danger zone and greatly lessened the possibility of a new battle-front being opened up against him there. It would give him bases for operation against the British in the eastern Mediterranean. And it would rescue Mussolini from the Greeks.

On the whole the nazi chief can credit himself with a diplomatic victory. Actually, however, the position hasn't altered greatly, since he long has had Bulgaria as much under his control as a lightning-bug in a bottle.

It is true that Bulgaria would have liked to keep out of this mess, and there is a fair amount of anti-German feeling in the country. It also is true that Russia has a large influence in that Slav country. Still Hitler's politico-economic-military domination of the Balkans has been so great as to give him the whip hand.

In the present instance he has proceeded cautiously to avoid causing an upheaval, and especially to try to carry out his

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## TURKEY CLINGS TO BRITISH ALLIANCE

### Eden, Dill Traveling To Egypt After Confab On War Aims

ANKARA, Turkey, March 1 (AP)—A British mission headed for Egypt today with assurances of Turkey's adherence to a two-year-old pact of alliance.

It was understood that after a flying trip to Cairo British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the imperial general staff, would return to the Balkans for conferences at Athens on British military aid to Greece.

(Dispatches from London said Britain had received with equanimity a Belgrade announcement that Bulgaria had decided to join the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance today).

**No Effect**

The British leaders conducted their talks here in the wake of a new Turkish-Bulgarian non-aggression treaty, which the axis hailed as a diplomatic triumph, and the Turkish press termed a check to Germany's southeastward drive.

Britain said the pact, negotiated with her knowledge, did not affect the Turkish-British agreement, and as Eden and Dill left a communique reaffirmed that tie.

## Grizzled Alaskan Bachelor 'Disgusted' With Progress

SEATTLE, March 1 (AP)—George Herbert, disillusioned, could hardly wait today to get started back to the solitude of Artic Island and the company of his dogs and lone white neighbor.

Frankly, the grizzled 66-year-old veteran bachelor, on his second trip outside Alaska in 40 years, is plum disgusted with women, movies, the radio and—but mostly women.

"Women," he snorted, "are mostly walking totem poles—painted from head to foot—painted toenails and painted fingernails.

"I'm no preacher, but I come down here and what do I find? Women smoking all the time, women going in bars early in the morning and stay there till late at night."

"But not all women," interjected an attractively tinted girl reporter.

"Sixty-five per cent of them," the old misogynist retorted. "In the old days there were drinking women and we knew what they were. Now all kinds go 'round swearin' and cussin'. Women used to be a mystery, now they're an open book."

Herbert said he came down to stay four months "and have some fun," but after less than three months he could hardly wait for today's boat north.

"Why should I be lonesome up there?" he responded to a query about life on Barter Island, west of Point Barrow. "I've got my dogs; there's another white man on the island and we're friends.

"What would I want with a radio? There's too much screeching. I get the newspapers once a year, anyhow. I could go to Point Barrow (320 miles) to see the movies, but I've been to two of them and I don't like them. Too much make-believe.

"That's God's country up there. A man can be a man and he don't have to be led by the nose. I'm single and I'm going to stay that way."

Herbert's only other trip "outside" since the gold rush was in 1917-18 to enlist for army service.

## MOVE FOLLOWS QUICKLY AFTER PACT ENDORSED

### British Citizens Escape Country Ahead Of Army Trucks

By ROBERT ST. JOHN

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 1 (6 p. m. local time, 8 a. m. PST) (AP)—Germany poured her army into Bulgaria by panzer division and transport plane today, occupying this capital en masse almost before the ink was dry on the Bulgarian signature to the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance.

Britain's minister, George Rendel, made a final appointment with King Boris this evening to tell him that Britain has no choice but to break off relations with Bulgaria.

**War Predicted**

A British declaration of war on Bulgaria and RAF bombs on German communications lines within the country already has been predicted by the minister—in the event of just such an occurrence as today.

The first German armored cars rolled into the heart of the capital two hours after Bulgaria's premier, Bogdan Philoff,

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**NOT IMPORTANT**

LONDON, March 1 (AP) — Authoritative sources in London said today Bulgaria's adherence to the axis pact would be "without great practical importance" because she already had lined up with Germany.

One source said Bulgaria's affiliation with the axis would be "merely a formal indication of the attitude of subservience already shown and yet another indication of the extent of the acquiesence of the Bulgarian government in German measures designed to secure control of Bulgaria at the expense of Bulgarian independence."

## Second Autopsy Disproves Report Of Double Heart

ASHLAND, Mar. 1 (AP) — A second autopsy showed yesterday that John Swinson Frick, 73-year-old Phoenix, Ore., farmer, did not have an extra heart, Dr. A. E. Merkel, Jackson county physician said.

He explained that the one-time Swedish army cavalryman had dissecting aneurysm, an exceptionally rare condition, and that rupture of the aneurysm was the cause of death Monday.

Dr. Merkel, who announced after the first autopsy that the man had two hearts, said a dissecting aneurysm was a permanent abnormal dilation of a blood vessel. It is filled with fluid or clotted blood and usually forms a pulsating tumor.

The physician said the tumor had the size and appearance of a normal heart and was at first mistaken for a secondary heart located just above the spleen and below the lung in the lower left part of the chest.

Death was at first attributed to a rupture of the left ventricle of the extra heart.

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