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KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1941

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 hamstring 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 get drunk and gosh how I dread it!"

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.

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.

The War 25 Years Ago

By The Associated Press

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

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO SPLIT WITH SCHOOLS

State Would Levy Tax to Average 5.9 Mills as Substitute for Local

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 and unjust bill. It is downright mean." He opposed it because of its adverse effect on eastern Oregon counties, whose legislators voted almost to a man against it.

Counties which would pay (Continued on Page Two)

German Consul Seeks Dismissal of Court Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1 (UP)—Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, German consul general, today served notice he will seek dismissal of an \$8000 civil suit filed against him in superior court by Mrs. Alice Crockett, divorced wife of a U. S. army officer.

The notice said Wiedemann will appear in court Thursday, either personally or through his attorney, to argue the superior court has no jurisdiction over consular representatives of foreign countries.

J. W. Ehrlich, attorney for Mrs. Crockett, announced he will file a new complaint in federal court, which has such jurisdiction, if the superior court suit is dismissed. Mrs. Crockett said Wiedemann owed her for services performed on a personal mission to Germany.

Crater Skiing Attractive to Young Daylight Robber Here

An 11-year-old boy, linked with a "coincidence" of his disappearance from a train here and a daylight robbery of \$80 from the Associated Service station at Eighth and Pine streets Saturday morning, gave the city police force quite a puzzling case—for a while. The only clue was that the boy was said to have made a specialty of service station thievery.

The robbery occurred at 11 a. m. while the station attendant was greasing a car, just one hour after the Seattle boy, on his way homeward in custody of a man named Simmons, escaped from a northbound train during its 10 o'clock stopover. The attendant returned to the till and found that about \$80 was missing.

Caught at Merced Simmons told officers that the boy, who had been caught at Merced, Calif., and was on his way back to Seattle, had been suspected of thefts of a similar nature.

Trainer Plane Lost on Way To Canada

SALT LAKE CITY, March 1 (UP)—Wartime secrecy tonight shrouded in mystery the fate of a North American training plane reported several hours overdue on a flight from southern California to Canada.

The plane was one of a flight of seven reported en route to Canada to be used in training pilots of the royal Canadian air force. It had not been reported at the Salt Lake municipal airport, its next scheduled stop after leaving Kingman, Ariz., this morning, six hours after its scheduled arrival time.

Not Bombers First reports said the planes were bombers en route to the battleships of Britain, but airport attendants said the craft were training ships constructed by the North American Aviation corporation.

Airport attendants said pilots of five of the companion planes that had landed here were not worried and believed the missing ship might have taken another route. One of the flight was reported earlier in the day to have turned back to Las Vegas, Nev., because of inclement weather.

The training planes are not equipped with radio and airport attendants said there would be no means through which the plane could have communicated with the other planes or airports if it had run into trouble.

Fort Douglas army air base officials said they had no official knowledge that a plane was missing but said they would begin an aerial search if one were requested by the North American corporation.

LOS ANGELES, March 1 (UP) North American aircraft tonight ordered all available company pilots to report to Kingman, Ariz., tomorrow to begin a search for a training plane piloted by Joe C. Martinek missing over the desert between Kingman and Salt Lake City, U.

Heavy Storms In California Close Roads

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 Willows 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 (Continued on Page Two)

Auto-Truck Crash Traps Girl



Picture shows passerby 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.

CAR ACCIDENT KILLS WOMAN

Pedestrian Dies Shortly After Struck by Auto on South Sixth Street

An unidentified woman was struck by an automobile about 10:30 Saturday night on South Sixth street near the fairgrounds and died almost instantly.

State police investigating the scene had received a call before the accident that a woman had twice walked directly in front of a approaching car.

Several cars swerved out of Klamath's 1941 the way an Auto Toll avoided hitting her but one driven by William Harold Cheyne struck her when she apparently ran in front of it.

The body was first taken from the accident scene to the Klamath Valley hospital when ambulance men thought they detected a slight heart beat, but upon arrival at the hospital, the woman was declared dead by Coroner Adler.

Adler and state police proceeded (Continued on Page Two)

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.

Indo-China Conference Hits Snag

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. (8 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 government at Vichy caused the ambassador's delay.

Previously authoritative quarters had suggested that a peace agreement was nearing completion and that a final settlement (Continued on Page Two)

Seven Expelled For Refusal to Salute Flag

EUGENE, Ore., March 1 (UP) Seven students of the grade school at Lowell, a farming community 15 miles southeast of here, were expelled today for refusing to salute the American flag, but the expulsions were criticized by Lane county school authorities.

H. W. Veach, chairman of the Lowell school board, who announced the action, said the children's parents are members of Jehovah's Witnesses, a religious sect which cites a Biblical commandant as authority for refusing to pay homage to any earthly symbol.

The county teachers' association went on record disapproving the action, and L. C. Moffitt, county school superintendent, said he regretted that the penalty was so stringent.

The right of school boards to expel students under such circumstances was upheld in a recent decision by the United States supreme court.

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.

TURKEY STAYS WITH BRITISH

Eden, Dill Traveling to Egypt After Ankara War Aim Conference

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.)

APPOINTED

PORTLAND, March 1 (AP) — Capt. Edmund H. Jones, Portland, has been appointed chief of the military personnel section of the selective service administration at Washington, D. C., friends learned here today.

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 Arctic 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—most of all—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."

Nazis Roar Into Bulgarian Land; Choose War Base

HITLER MAKES THREAT GOOD IN SUB RAIDS

U-Boat Number Increased Fourfold in Atlantic, Reliable Source Says

LONDON, Sunday, March 2 (UP)—Adolf Hitler has made good his threat of greatly intensified submarine warfare against British shipping by more than quadrupling the number of U-boats in the Atlantic, a reliable source said today.

The increase in the number of German submarines at large in the Atlantic, this source said, was noted almost simultaneously with Adolf Hitler's speech on Monday in the course of which he asserted that a new U-boat campaign was underway.

740,000 Tons (Hitler claimed the recent sinking, as of Monday, of 215,000 tons of enemy shipping and the German high command yesterday said the navy and air force between them had sunk 740,000 tons of British shipping in February).

The increase was sudden and in the past seven days brought the number of U-boats preying on British convoys in Atlantic trade routes to more than four times the size of the submarine (Continued on Page Two)

Gain Seen in Hitler's Grab Of Bulgaria

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 (Continued on Page Two)

Bulgar Break With Britain Said Inevitable; Chamkuria to House Staff

BULLETIN SOFIA, Sunday, March 2 (UP)—German troops in battle-kit poured into Bulgaria early today as a source close to nazi quarters reported that Germany had served a virtual ultimatum on Greece to make peace with Italy now or "suffer the consequences" within two weeks.

SOFIA, March 1 (UP)—German motorized and air-borne troops roared into Bulgaria tonight and a high nazi source said German general staff headquarters, from which future military moves will be directed, would be established at Cham Kuria, 43 miles from the capital.

A rupture of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Bulgaria appeared inevitable. British Minister George W. Rendel, who had warned that German occupation would make Bulgaria a battleground, was scheduled to see King Boris after church Sunday morning.

A high German source said staff headquarters would be established at the resort town of Cham Kuria to avoid concentration of troops in Sofia, which he said, would be declared an "open city" to save it from British bombing.

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, had signed at Vienna the document which aligns Bulgaria for the second time in a quarter century with a warring Germany.

As darkness fell, the German mechanized columns still were thundering down the streets in increasing numbers and huge Junkers transport planes were coming down methodically on (Continued on Page Two)

Second Autopsy Disproves Report Of Double Heart

ASHLAND, Mar. 1 (AP) — A second autopsy showed yesterday that John Swinson Frick, 73-year-old Phenix, 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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