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**WEATHER NEWS**

Fair	
High 60; Low 34; Midnight 41	
24 hours to 3 p. m.	0.00
Season to date	0.94
Normal precipitation	0.40
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## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
THE lend-lease bill passes the senate. It had already passed the house. All that remains is house acceptance of the senate amendments.

It is expected to be signed by the President by Wednesday.

THE time for discussion of the lend-lease bill is past. When it is signed by the President, the time for action will be here. What form the action must take will be determined by Hitler.

THESE are the implications of the lend-lease bill. As a nation, we have faced them since the bill was first proposed. In the face of them, congress has acted. The die is cast.

AS for Hitler, the lend-lease bill and the national resolution back of it spell his doom. The weight of the United States of America, thrown into the scales against him, will in the long run be more than he can overcome.

IN the Balkan cockpit there is still no action—only rumors. From Belgrade, Yugoslavia (former Serbia), comes a diplomatic rumor that Russia is massing troops in the Caucasus, near the Turkish frontier.

Take another look at your map. You will see that the Russian Caucasus lies at Turkey's back door. Russia (if there is anything to the rumor) might be planning either to send troops to the aid of the Turks if they are attacked by Germany or to take them treacherously in the rear—as was the case in Poland.

IN the Far East, Japan is rumored to have massed a strong fleet of warships within striking distance of Singapore. That rumor, of course, is aimed at us. It is designed as a warning to us to go slow in the Atlantic for fear of what may happen in the Pacific.

ADMIRAL JEAN DARLAN, France's vice-premier, second in command to Petain, chooses this moment to defy the British blockade, asserting that if necessary he will use the French fleet to convoy food ships to France.

The effect of Darlan's statement will be to cause the French people to believe that Britain and America are responsible for their hunger. That is quite certainly the effect it is INTENDED to have.

To that extent, it is designed to swing Frenchmen toward Germany.

## HOUSE PASSES HENRY SEMON'S SENATOR BILL

Measure Calls for Solon From Klamath; Senate To Have Another Try

SALEM, March 10 (AP)—The house passed 43 to 16 today a bill to split the 17th senatorial district (Klamath, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties), giving Klamath county a senator of its own and giving a senator jointly to the other four counties.

The bill now goes to the senate, which defeated an identical measure a few weeks ago by a 2 to 1 margin.

**Abolishes District**  
The bill would abolish the joint Morrow-Umatilla-Union district, represented by Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla). Morrow would be placed in the joint Gilliam-Sherman-Wheeler district. Umatilla county already is a district by itself, while Union is in a joint district with Wal-lowa.

Rep. Henry Semon (D-Klamath), author of the bill, said that "A very unjust condition exists, with one senator representing 73,000 people in five counties. I have no personal interest, but it is a hardship on the senator (Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls) from that district."

Rep. Alfred Cunha (R-Umatilla) said Umatilla county needs two senators because of rearmament activities, while Rep. Carl Engdahl (R-Umatilla) said "If (Continued on Page Two)

## Airline Plane Crashes; None Badly Hurt

CINCINNATI, March 10 (UP)—An American Airlines transport plane with 11 persons aboard hit a levee bordering the Lunken airport after it landed here tonight, but all members of the crew and the eight passengers escaped serious injury.

The plane was bound from Chicago to New York via Cincinnati and Washington.

Airline officials said the ship struck soft ground near a runway after the pilot had set it down. The plane skidded, they said, and the ship struck about so that one wing struck a levee on the edge of the field.

**Low Embankments**  
Lunken airport is situated on bottom lands near the Ohio and Little Miami rivers and low embankments have been thrown (Continued From Page One)

## Britain Drops Hoover Plan

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—The British government, reiterating determination to maintain a relentless blockade against Germany, has rejected Herbert Hoover's plan for establishment of soup kitchens in Belgium as a test of possible similar relief for other Nazi-occupied countries.

"No form of relief can be devised which would not directly or indirectly assist the enemy's war effort," said a statement made public yesterday by the British embassy.

## Redmond Man Invents One-Hoss Shay



From parts of a cream separator, a washing machine, sheep shearing gear, lawn mower and a Ford, Roy Sheldon, Redmond, Ore., mechanic, made this one-hoss gadget. The horse pulls the wagon at 15 mph and runs all day on a gallon of gas. Roy steers with the reins, the horse's head turning the wheels. Like modern automobiles, the horse has knee action, and gallops along as it pulls the wagon.

## F. D. R. TO ASK FOR AID FUNDS

Appropriation To Speed Lease - Lend Program Needed As Act Passes

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—A prompt presidential request for funds to speed aid to Britain under the lease-lend program was forecast at the White House today by legislative leaders.

After conferring with President Roosevelt, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, and Vice President Wallace, speaker Rayburn said: "The president probably on Wednesday, if the bill is signed tomorrow night, will send up some estimates. They will be for cash and contract authorization."

Rayburn said that the amounts (Continued on Page Two)

## House Battle Over District Fizzles Out

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, March 10 (AP)—The expected battle over congressional redistricting fizzled out today when the house, unanimously accepting the senate amendment putting Benton county in the first district, re-passed the bill creating the fourth district.

The bill, which now goes to the governor, provides that Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties shall be in the new district.

The bill was to have been considered as a special order of business today, Rep. John Steelhammer (R-Marion), chairman of the house reapportionment committee, opposing the senate amendment removing Benton county shall be in the new district.

But today, Steelhammer, knowing he did not have enough votes to defeat the senate amendment, made the motion to concur in the amendment, which was requested by Benton county legislators.

**Pension Fight Dies**  
There was no discussion on Steelhammer's motion. Another fight was averted when the joint ways and means committee reported back to the house two bills providing that the first \$15 of outside income shall not be considered in determining need under the old age pension law. The bills will be sent either to the revision of laws or judiciary committees.

## Motion Filed To Hold Up Kirk Sentence

Sentencing of Joe Kirk, Klamath Indian convicted of second degree murder, was scheduled for 10 a. m. Tuesday, but Judge David R. Vandenberg indicated Monday he will probably rule first on a motion in arrest of judgment filed

The motion was filed by J. C. O'Neill, Kirk's attorney, and asked arrest of judgment on 16 grounds. Among these was the allegation that the state court did not have jurisdiction because both Kirk and Leonard John, victim, were Indians. The state officers said they took jurisdiction in the case because it did not occur upon the reservation.

If Judge Vandenberg overrules the motion, he will presumably sentence Kirk to life imprisonment, that being the mandatory punishment under a second degree murder conviction.

Robert Wilcox Rhodes, convicted Saturday of involuntary manslaughter, is also slated for sentencing Tuesday morning in circuit court.

On motion of the district attorney, Judge Vandenberg Monday dismissed an involuntary manslaughter charge against Ralph Acheson Hatfield. This was an automobile accident case. Reason for dismissal was given as "insufficient evidence."

March 20 was set as the date for re-trial of the case of Q. A. Bailey, whose previous involuntary manslaughter case ended in a hung jury.

## Nazis To Show Wilkie 'Lies'

BERLIN, March 10 (UP)—The German propaganda ministry announced Monday it would take foreign correspondents on Wednesday to Aschersleben, the birthplace of Wendell L. Wilkie's grandfather, to "prove Wilkie's allegations of February 6 are a direct lie."

"On February 6 Wilkie stated his grandfather emigrated from Aschersleben in 1848 because he could no longer breathe the air of oppression," authorized quarters said. "The documents at Aschersleben, which will be open to inspection by the foreign press, will irrefutably prove Wilkie's assertion to be a direct lie."

## SENATE OKAYS BASE DEFENSE

Fortification of Samoa, Guam, British Bases Approved In Measure

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—The senate approved today a \$1,533,567,102 supplemental defense appropriation, containing \$169,415,000 for naval works at Guam, Samoa, some of the bases acquired from Britain and on continental United States.

This action followed senate approval earlier in the day of legislation approving establishment of naval air bases on the sites acquired from Britain in exchange for United States destroyers.

The naval committee said in its report that senate approval of the base legislation would have the effect of "congressional ratification" of the base-destroyer exchange.

The appropriation bill, which now goes back to the house for action on senate amendments, (Continued on Page Two)

## Cream Grader Assigned Here Dies in Crash

SALEM, Ore., March 10 (AP)—A passenger was killed and the pilot injured yesterday in the crash of a light plane on a farm 14 miles north of here.

Garfield Vogel, about 25, Hubbard, was fatally injured and Willis Berkeley, 30, Hubbard, suffered undetermined injuries when the plane, its motor apparently failing, struck a tree and crashed into a creek on the farm of J. P. Fershwiler.

Fershwiler's 19-year-old daughter, Angela, witnessed the crash.

The plane was owned by the Woodburn Flying club.

## THEATRE ROOF COLLAPSES; 12 FIREMEN DEAD

Snow-Laden Section Falls During Fire In Old Building; 16 Injured

BROCKTON, Mass., March 10 (AP)—Twelve firemen were killed and 16 injured early today when the snow-laden roof of the 30-year old Strand theatre collapsed during a fire which destroyed the building.

Firemen and police, poking through the smouldering mass of metal, wood and plaster uncovered 12 bodies and continued searching.

**Dead Listed**  
The known dead were: Captain John F. Carroll, 32; William Murphy, 23; Daniel O'Brien, 45; Henry Sullivan, 45; Malcolm McNeil, 40; Matthew Geary, 48; Lieutenant Raymond A. Mitchell; Dennis Murphy, Roy H. Keraghan, George Collins, Fred Kelley and Martin Lipper.

Approximately 25 men were trapped when the roof over the theatre balcony caved in with a terrific roar. Most were released quickly and given emergency hospital treatment, but two bodies were carried out along with the living.

**Building Empty**  
Trapped firemen screamed as flames licked at their hands and faces while they were caught in the debris.

A catholic priest, the Rev. Lawrence Morrissette of St. Patrick's church, borrowed a fireman's helmet and rubber coat (Continued on Page Two)

## Anti-Aircraft Shells Greet Nazi Bombers

LONDON, Tuesday, March 11 (UP)—One of the heaviest and fiercest anti-aircraft barrages of the war aided British night fighter planes last night and early today in turning back waves of German bombers which roared up the Thames estuary a few hours after the Royal Air Force had raided the Nazi held French coast.

Reports from several districts along the estuary showed that the raiders dropped very few bombs as they sought to penetrate the screen of fire.

Several raiders reached the outskirts of London, causing three short alarms.

**French Coast Bombed**  
Several raiders reached the coast across the channel in a seemingly endless procession, blasted the Boulogne-Calais coastal area and spread a 30-mile path of flame.

Night fighter planes of the RAF met the invading Nazi bombers over the estuary and the battle of machine guns could be heard from the ground.

## Yugoslavia Must Sign With Axis, Germans Demand

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## BEN MITCHELL HURT IN FALL

Covering of Pump Shaft Gives Way Under High Official of Klamaths

Victim of a fall into a sump shaft at the Lost river diversion dam, Ben Mitchell, Klamath Indian tribal secretary, is in the Klamath Valley hospital with multiple fractures of both legs and other injuries.

His condition is said to be grave.

The accident occurred about 4:45 p. m. Sunday when Mitchell broke through the boards on top of the shaft as he approached the dam to observe fishing activities there.

He had stopped when driving by with Mrs. Mitchell and a ranch hand. Seeing a fisherman sitting across the sump shaft, Mitchell started across. Suddenly the planks splintered and gave away under his more than 280 pounds, and he crashed through into the pit.

He fell approximately 20 feet, landing on the metal lower half of a partially dismantled turbine pump in the bot- (Continued on Page Two)

## President's Son Free To Remarry

LOS ANGELES, March 10 (UP)—The divorce of James Roosevelt, 33, oldest son of the President, and Betsy Cushing Roosevelt today became final, permitting either party to remarry.

Rumors have circulated that Roosevelt, now on duty with the marine corps at San Diego, intends to marry Romelle Schneider, nurse who attended him at the Mayo clinic two years ago when he underwent a gall bladder operation.

"I have nothing to say about Miss Schneider," Capt. Roosevelt told reporters who telephoned and visited him at the marine barracks.

## Gayda Says U. S. Nearing War; France May Try Blasting of Blockade

By The Associated Press  
Authoritative Balkan quarters said late Monday that Germany has told Yugoslavia that she must sign the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance and that a non-aggression accord alone is not acceptable.

By signing with the axis, Yugoslavia presumably would let herself in for the entrance of German troops—thus providing Adolf Hitler with a highly favorable route for an attack on Greece.

**Aid Bill Hit**  
One of Premier Mussolini's editorial spokesmen asserted today that the British aid bill was "open intervention in the war against the axis" and threatened the possibility of "many disagreeable surprises to England and the United States in the Pacific."

This assertion, made by Fascist Editor Virginio Gayda, apparently referred to action by Japan in the far east.

Passage by the bill, he said, might eventually bring the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis into play against the United States.

Gayda declared "Roosevelt's gesture is a deliberate, unprovoked move toward war" in violation of the Hague convention, and he added:

**Greeks Gain**  
"The axis counter-blockade is more than ever determined to bar passage of all supplies to England... with quick, massive efficiency."

On Italy's central Albanian war front, the Greeks reported heavy losses among Il Duce's fascist legions in a smashing 3-day offensive by Greek columns.

Fierce aerial activity was reported over the battlefield; the fascist press predicted that big spring offensive by Italy was imminent; while in Athens, Greece's Premier Korizis declared Greeks were "determined to die rather than be subdued."

## Great Danger Facing U. S., Says Bullitt

By RUSSELL TURNER  
United Press Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, March 10 (UP)—Warning there is a "striking analogy" between the present attitude in the United States and that which destroyed France, William C. Bullitt Monday urged an awakening to the realization this country "now is in the greatest danger she has ever faced."

The former ambassador to France said he believed "this realization this country 'now is in the next few weeks when the German air and submarine attacks begin in force."

He appeared before the house judiciary committee which is in- (Continued on Page Two)

## City Council Votes Strict Enforcement of All Laws

Another declaration for strict enforcement of all law, a step in the direction of settlement of the pound master controversy, and a split vote on a taxicab question were incidents of a short and colorless session of the city council Monday night.

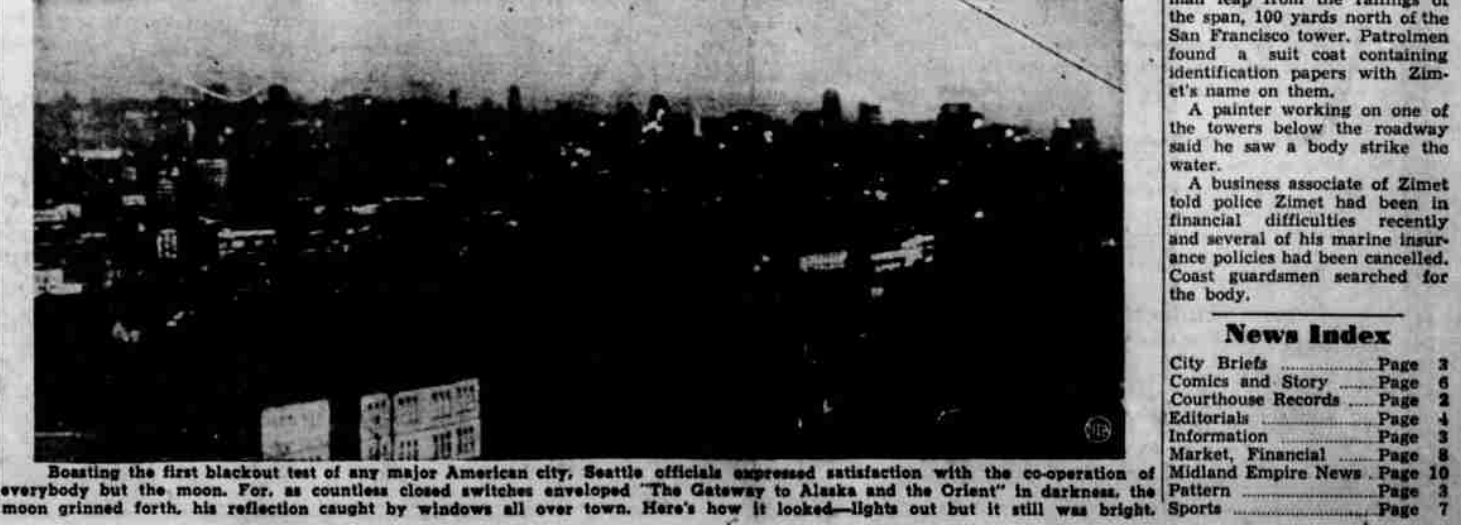
Mayor John Houston, reporting for the police committee on the current gambling discussion, said that the city's attitude is "decidedly against any working man being robbed" and "emphatically in favor of enforcing the laws."

He added that the committee is against community strife, believing it destructive rather than beneficial.

## 25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press  
March 10, 1916—Russians repulse German attempt to cross Dvina river at night.

## Seattle Blacks Out - But Old Man Moon Sabotages Test



Boasting the first blackout test of any major American city, Seattle officials expressed satisfaction with the co-operation of everybody but the moon. For, as countless closed switches enveloped "The Gateway to Alaska and the Orient" in darkness, the moon grinned forth, his reflection caught by windows all over town. Here's how it looked—lights out but it still was bright.

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