

Stalled by West Coast Storm



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These autos, some of them hub-deep in mud, were caught in the grip of a storm and stalled in the western part of Los Angeles. Overnight, the city became virtually a lake as the terrific rain storm swept the area.

REVENUE BILL PASSES SENATE

Measure Sent Back to House for Concurrence in Minor Amendments; Flood of New Bills Introduced in Legislature.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Senate passed the revenue bill on Wednesday, Feb. 18, after 16 amendments were adopted. The bill is now being sent to the House for concurrence in minor amendments. A flood of new bills was introduced in the Senate on Wednesday, including a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act, and a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Bank Act.

Ambulance Driver

Mrs. Juanita B. Pagella, American-born Mrs. Juanita Brunton Pagella is one of the two American women in the American ambulance corps in Great Britain, voluntary outfit supported by American money. From Palo Alto, Cal., Mrs. Pagella married her husband, a British Marine officer, a few days before the outbreak of the war.



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Women Pray For Defeat Of Measure

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Knocking on the Capitol plaza and praying aloud, a group of women who said they represent various mothers organizations demonstrated "en masse" today against the pending British aid bill. The group, twice previously had been broken up by Capitol police when they sought to demonstrate outside the Senate chamber. Today they marched back and forth in front of the Senate wing of the Capitol, waving American flags. A Capitol police sergeant went inside, looked up the law, and warned them that picketing at the Capitol was unlawful. The marchers then walked across the plaza from the Capitol, knelt and prayed. "Don't send our boys to war," "Don't pass this bill" and "God bless America" were among the phrases heard.

Singapore Reinforced

Major War Explosions Feared

Japs Accuse Britain Of War Move

Reinforcement of Singapore Base Protested; In Balkans, German Munitions Trains Speed Across Yugoslavia; Other News.



Here are the men known as the "Big Four of Congress" conferring with President Roosevelt. They are, from left to right, John W. McCardell, chairman of the House War Relocation Authority, Allen W. Burdette of Kentucky, Senate majority leader, Vice President Henry A. Wallace and speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

Australians Backed By Plane Force

Malay Peninsula Made Veritable Powerhouse of Military Energy; Britain Believed Able To Meet Any Threat.

Singapore, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The fighting strength of British Singapore base was reinforced today by thousands of Australian and other troops, and planes that had landed in great numbers in the city. The arrival of the Australian troops made the Malay peninsula a veritable powerhouse of military energy and increased the strength of the British forces in the region. The Australians, equipped with modern tanks and heavy armor, are being used to support the British forces in the region. The British are believed to be able to meet any threat to the Malay Peninsula.

Was feverishly moving supplies in the Far East and the Balkans today, threatening new major explosions at any moment. In the Orient Japs accused Britain of committing "a heinous act" as thousands of newly arrived Australian troops filed into defense posts on the Malay peninsula to reinforce the empire's naval base at Singapore.

In the Balkans, long lines of motor trucks were reported speeding German war supplies across Yugoslavia en route to Bulgaria—gateway to a possible Nazi invasion of Greece.

Dispatches from Belgrade said Germany's axis partner, Italy, was apparently throwing all available resources into the conflict against Greece in Albania and a Greek spokesman declared Italian commanders were ordering counterattacks "with complete disregard of bloodshed" without gaining an inch of ground.

From these dispatches it appeared that Premier Mussolini's fascist legions were making a final desperate attempt to turn the tide before Germany makes her expected strike with the arrival of spring.

In Shanghai, the official spokesman of the Japanese military forces in China asserted the arrival of Australian troops at Singapore "cannot be interpreted as a gesture contributing to peace in the Far East" but other quarters declared this was Britain's answer to increasing Japanese demands.

National Unity Urged

Jap Message To Britain

Japan Offers to Mediate in War, Accuses U. S. and Britain of "Warlike" Moves.

Cold Wave Holds On

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Connally For Aid Bill

Texas Senator Says Democracies "Must All Hang Together"; Bailey to Speak.

London, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The government intervened the house of commons that it had received a special message from Japan offering to mediate in the war and also accusing the United States and Britain of "warlike" moves.

Temperatures remained above normal on the Pacific coast in Texas and the Rocky Mountain region. Maryland looked forward to its coldest weather of the winter as forecasters predicted a ten degree drop today.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, championed national unity in support of the administration's British aid bill today. Connally declared that the democracies must all hang together and that any failure to support the aid bill would be a disaster.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—William S. Knudsen predicted today that the All-Union strike and Milwaukee would be settled by Friday.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The House Judiciary committee today passed a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, which would give the National Labor Relations Board the power to issue orders restraining strikes.

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark told Congress today that policy in defense works for the Pacific island of Guam should not be dictated by any foreign power and that any protest from Japan on the score should be totally disregarded.

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Road Matters Spotlights In Committees

Highway matters held the spotlight in legislative committees today. The Senate roads committee unanimously reported the Brooks bill to prohibit alternate highway numbering after a spirited hearing. House committee reported the Porter-Ozell bill to limit to 1,500 gallons the lead of petroleum products a truck may haul on the highways.

Proverbial Mushroom A Slow-Poke Compared With Fort Bragg Growth

Fort Bragg, Feb. 19.—Yesterday just on old field with a few scrubby pines, brown sedge and maybe some cotton or tobacco stalks, today a lumbered mass of timber, tile pines and freshly turned earth from sewage ditches; tomorrow a row of finished barracks; ready for Uncle Sam's potential fighting men. That, almost literally, is the story of Fort Bragg. Driving along the main highways traversing or passing by the military reservation, one may see dozens of these new buildings with glistening white sides and gleaming red roofs; and if the visitor desires to drive off the main road and out onto the rough and bumpy drives of the new developments he will be amazed to find in

as many buildings on the other side of the little hill invisible from the highway. Your correspondent visited Fort Bragg Monday for the first time in several months. He had read the figures of how many men are working there, how many soldiers are now in training or expected during the early summer, how many miles of sewer line, and all such. Those figures meant little because of the difficulty of translating such statistics into a mental picture of the actual scene. Instead of saying that as many million feet of lumber went into construction of so many houses and barracks, let's say rather, that the reservation looks as if some mighty giant had carelessly thrown a handful of red and white blocks over a five-mile square playground—and laughed in glee to see how they fell

Strike To Be Settled, Knudsen Says

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The director of the Office of Production Management made the statement to the House judiciary committee during testimony in labor difficulties in defense plants. "We thought we had it settled Saturday night but they thought up another one on the way home," Knudsen said without elaboration. Knudsen said that the "job of production" was proceeding fairly well.

Farm Export Market Faces Little Change

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Njabara Falls To British

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The town of Njabara, in the northwestern part of British Somaliland, has been captured by British troops. The town is situated on the border of British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland.

Guam Project Seems Assured

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Because of the tension in the Far East, House approval seemed assured today for development of Guam as a naval aviation outpost—a project rejected twice since 1933.

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General Assembly's Jaunt To Bragg And Fayetteville Will Not Delay Its Work

Chairman Lumpkin of the appropriations group asked that a rain check be given on the bid until some later date so that his boys could finish their work on the big spending bill this week. That called for more conferences. Finally it was all settled, and Governor Harris observed: