

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Occasional rain tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature. See page 4 for statistics.

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HIGHWAY

What will be the state commission's action on the urge of western Oregon to have the Pacific highway given a military status? We may know tomorrow. Watch for the information in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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BRITISH AID TO FACE SENATE OPPOSITION

Wins First Place in Light Contest



Pictured above is the outdoor Christmas lighting display at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morgan in Laurelwood. This display was awarded first place by the secret judging committee in the contest sponsored annually by the Lions club.



By FRANK JENKINS
ON this 1940th anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, the thinking of the entire world is centered on WAR.

It isn't as if the world lacked the recipe for peace. For 19 centuries, men have had a PERFECT recipe for getting along with each other.

Why has it not been followed? The fault, as this writer sees it, lies not with the common, ordinary men who do the fighting and dying in war and advance in comfort and well-being in times of peace, but with AMBITIOUS LEADERS.

Yet, oddly enough, we common people, who suffer in war and prosper in peace, have glorified these ambitious leaders and have FORGOTTEN the countless millions of commoners whose lives have been darkened.

ALEXANDER led his Macedonians down around the eastern end of the Mediterranean to conquer the world. (It was a very small world then.) He did a lot of conquering and died in his early thirties of drunkenness.

The greatness of Greece died at about the same time.

JULIUS CAESAR conquered a large part of the then known world for Rome. With Augustus, his successor, he put an end to the Roman republic.

The empire followed, with its centuries of blood and vice and treason. Beginning its decline shortly after Julius and Augustus, Rome ultimately fell and the Dark Ages followed.

NAPOLEON, little and pompous and boundlessly ambitious, came on the French scene shortly after the Revolution. He throttled the ideals that were back of the blood and the terror of the Revolution and led France back to the mummy of absolutism.

DOWN through the centuries these leaders have been ship-

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Coast Guardsmen Rescued From Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—"Eats" and shelter from driving rain—the two things all hands craved—were supplied in quantity today to 10 coast guardsmen whose rescue mission through gale-lashed seas nearly cost their own lives.

Hoop Star 2nd Accuser in Hit-Run Driving Case

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A former basketball star for the University of Oregon last night accused Robert Patrick Sinnott, 31, petty officer of the U. S. S. Oriole, of a second hit-run violation in one evening.

Priest Waives Hearing in Fatal Auto Mishap

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Rev. Bertrand Leo McLaughlin, 33, Mount Angel, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury yesterday on a charge of failing to stop at the scene of a fatal accident.

Jail Term Started for Defrauding Innkeeper

Elmer Lampinen, recently arrested at Eugene and returned to Roseburg on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper, was convicted in justice court here today and committed to the county jail in lieu of a fine of \$10.

High Seas Batter California Coast

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Giant waves, born on extremely high tides, continued to pound southern California coastal sections for miles today after collapsing numerous beach houses and commercial shops and causing many families to flee.

Draft Dodgers Get Year in Road Camp

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Rev. Paul Ackerman, Portland minister who recently pleaded guilty to refusing to register for the draft, was sentenced to one year in a federal road prison camp by Federal Judge Fee today.

Mark Jones Dies Here At Age of 90

Mark Ashbury Jones, 90, a lifelong resident of Douglas county, died in Roseburg early this morning following a long period of illness.

Tangent Preacher Killed in Train-Auto Crash

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Rev. C. W. Cronk, 51, minister at the Tangent Methodist church, met death in a railroad crossing accident today.

South Pacific British Island Shelled By Raider Believed Nazi in Disguise

Attacker Of Nauru Flew Japan's Flag

Nitrates - Bearing Atoll Deal Heavy Damage by Raider But No Casualties; Ruse Regarded Reprehensible.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A sea raider sailing under a Japanese name and flying Japanese colors heavily shelled the British-mandated island of Nauru shortly after daybreak today, it was announced by Prime Minister Menzies.

Why a raider should single out this 5,000-acre atoll near the equator for a bombardment was unexplained. However, as a Guano Island, Nauru is valuable for its phosphates.

Buildings and a plant on the island were said to have been damaged heavily. (The type of plant was not specified, but Nauru is known to have a radio station.) No casualties were reported, however.

Island Undefeated "Nauru is entirely undefeated against such an attack," Menzies declared in a statement, "and must be so under the league of nations mandate."

The enemy knows this fact which removes any justification for his action which is a greater crime because it was made under neutral colors. The raider attacked under a Japanese name and Japanese colors—those of a country with whom we are at peace.

Nauru is an atoll surrounded by a reef which is exposed at low tide. It lies in the Pacific about 2,200 miles southwest of Hawaii and only 26 miles south of the equator.

Nauru is chiefly valuable for its phosphate deposits of which it exports nearly 1,000,000 tons a year.

Its population in April, 1939, was 187 Europeans, 1,651 Nauruans, 25 other Pacific Islanders and 1,516 Chinese.

Nauru is a former German island which was surrendered to Australian forces in 1914 and which has been administered by Britain under a mandate approved by the league of nations in 1920.

Greeks, Reinforced Italians Locked in Fierce Battle in Snowstorm; Captured Italians Admit Heavy Losses in Drive

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—One of the fiercest battles of the Greek-Italian war was reported raging today in the Kilsura sector of Albania, where the Italians were said to have concentrated huge reinforcements in an effort to defend a vital mountain pass gateway to the north and west.

A heavy snowstorm and bitter cold weather severely handicapped military operations, but reports from the front said fighting was developing on an increasingly broad scale both before the pass itself and to the north of Kilsura, where the Greeks were declared threatening to cut a highway to Berat, farther north.

In the coastal area, where the Greeks are fighting toward the vital Albanian port of Valona, the Greeks reported a continuing advance but acknowledged that there too the

Italians were putting up stiffer resistance. They said there were indications the fascist forces were preparing an elaborate defense of Valona.

Captured Italian officers, talking with correspondents at the front, said strong Italian defenses still lay in the path of Greek forces battling up the coast toward Valona.

They estimated that the Greek campaign which began October 28 had cost Italy 45,000 wounded soldiers but made no estimate of the number of dead, saying only that the toll was high.

The royal air force reported it had carried out an attack on the coastal town of Krienero, about five miles south of Valona, bombing warehouses, buildings and railway lines. All British planes returned safely, despite a 10-minute encounter with nine "enemy" fighters, a communique said.

British, Germans Again Trade Blows

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Small forces of British bombers hammered at targets in the "invasion port" of Bordeaux, German-occupied France, last night and attacked several airdromes in daylight yesterday, it was announced officially today.

The revival of the air war after a Christmas truce which was called for Britain yesterday only by a one-plane bombing of the island of Sheppey was followed by a burst of activity by German long-range guns.

Nazi big guns fired for two and one-half hours at the Dover area but the press association said there was "no damage or casualties."

A Berlin dispatch asserted shipping in the English channel and the port of Dover were shelled "effectively."

The press association reported a German warplane reached an area near London in mid-morning today but was driven back by anti-aircraft fire.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Authorized German sources charged today that the royal air force bombed Bordeaux, in Nazi-occupied France, last night in a way that had no military or practical meaning.

"While the German air force undertook no war operations against the British Isles on the second Christmas holiday (Dec. 26), British planes on that day and in the following night bombarded airports, port facilities and towns in occupied France," the high command said.

Several French civilians were reported killed and some wounded. German anti-aircraft fire, these sources said, drove the raiders away immediately and some bombers were reported so badly hit they undauntedly failed to return.

One bomber was shot down, killing one of the crew of four, these sources added, while the other three bailed out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—MacKay radio picked up a distress call from the British freighter Ardabhan which reported she had been torpedoed at 1:22 p. m. today.

The steamer gave her position as approximately 600 miles west of Scotland.

Netherlands Warships Will Soon Aid Britain LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A Netherlands naval officer announced today that several unfinished Netherlands warships brought across the channel when the Germans invaded the low countries last May are being completed in British harbors and would "soon" go into action.

He added that the Royal Dutch navy, which is cooperating with the British navy, also would be ready by one of the destroyers British received in the naval base deal with the United States.

The spokesman said also that The Netherlands fleet air arm now has been equipped with "modern machines."

Cyclones in Cuba Deal Death and Destruction

BECCUJAL, Cuba, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Beccujal and neighboring towns counted 11 dead and 150 injured today in the wake of a series of cyclonic disturbances which swept across western Cuba last night, and officials feared later reports from outlying districts might swell the toll.

Beccujal, a town of 10,000 inhabitants 25 miles south of Havana, and the surrounding area were placed under martial law as army officers directed relief workers.

Approximately 200 homes were demolished in Beccujal alone.

CCC Canteen Manager Faces Larceny Charge

Accused of larceny of funds from the canteen at the South Umpqua Falls CCC camp, Elijah Milsap, 21, was in custody in the county jail today, Deputy Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported.

Milsap served briefly as manager of the camp canteen and was accused of withholding some of the funds for his own use, Thornton said.

Port Bardia Still Under Heavy Fire

Commander of Besieging Army Defers Final Smash to Avoid Sacrifice of Men; Italian Planes Battled.

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Fall of the beleaguered Libyan port of Bardia awaits only the go-ahead signal of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, military circles declared today as British planes and big guns continued their steady bombardment of the estimated 20,000 Italian troops encircled there.

These sources expressed belief that the town could have been taken at any time within the past few days by direct assault but said the British commander was unwilling to sacrifice more troops than necessary.

Sir Archibald has been conducting his entire campaign in north Africa, during which the Italians were cleared out of Egypt in a lightning thrust that yielded more than 25,000 prisoners, on the policy of achieving the greatest gain with the least expenditure.

Mickey Rooney Heads Movie Money Makers

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27.—(AP)—That little barrel of cinematic dynamite-tousled haired Mickey Rooney—heads the 10 biggest money making movie stars for 1940 as selected by the Motion Picture Herald, a trade publication, while his nearest feminine competitor is Betty Davis, in ninth position.

Judy Garland, in 10th place, is the only other actress on the list. Spencer Tracy placed second to Rooney, while following in order came Clark Gable, Gene Autry, Tyrone Power, James Cagney, Bing Crosby and Wallace Beery.

Selection of Autry, the singing cowboy, for fourth place was one of the highlights of the poll which declared that not since the late Will Rogers headed the 1934 list has a cowboy been voted into the 10-best list.



SHAM TACKERRY—forgone it all, I mean Sam Tackerry, in Myrtle Creek yesterday afternoon, as he awaited the afternoon mail at the postoffice; doing his waiting, however, in the warm confines of Reynolds & Adams store, next door.

Foes Start Organizing For Battle

Restoring of "Real Neutrality" To Be Demanded Along With Urge That Administration Try to Establish Peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Increasing senatorial demands that the administration seek to bring peace in Europe coincided today with efforts to organize congressional opposition to President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain policy.

Senator McCarran (D., Nev.) declared that "there will be a decided move in the senate for restoration of real neutrality."

"Real neutrality does not result from furnishing the implements of war," he told reporters. "It will be possible to organize a sufficient group, which, working independently, will support a positive policy against war."

Both McCarran and Senator Johnson (D., Colo.) commented that if the warring nations could cease hostilities on Christmas, "they ought to be able to stop for all time."

Talk of peace proposals came at a time when 163 men and women, many of them prominent in various fields, telegraphed President Roosevelt "to do everything that may be necessary to insure defeat of the axis powers."

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) declared in a statement that if the time has come for "unlimited American underwriting of British war objectives, then certainly the time has come for these objectives to be authentically declared."

Demands from senators that the United States inquire into the prospects for a negotiated peace in Europe brought no comment today from President Roosevelt.

Asked about these suggestions at a press conference, the chief executive said the easiest way to answer was to say he had no news.

He repeated this when queried whether that implied he would have something later on it. Asked whether the subject might be touched on in his Sunday night radio address, he replied he could not say because he had only reached draft number 2 of the speech.

Stephen Early, white house press secretary, said yesterday the speech would be very clear and specific on aid to Britain, but would not contain any figures or information that any other government might like to have.

The president said today that there might be several more drafts of the talk and it was a question of boiling down into one-half hour (the speech will be broadcast from 6:30 to 7 p. m., PST) what he would like to say in two hours.

Plane Output Boost Eyed President Roosevelt told the conference that the CIO proposed designed eventually to produce 500 pursuit planes a day by pooling the entire facilities of the automobile industry was being seriously considered by the administration.

The plan was submitted to the white house by CIO President Philip Murray several days ago.

Legal Adviser Is Named by Sprague

SALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Ralph S. Hamilton, Bend attorney and former legislator, will be Governor Charles A. Sprague's legal adviser during the legislative session which begins January 15, the governor announced today.

Allan A. Bynon, Portland attorney and a former member of each house in the legislature, was the governor's legal adviser during the 1939 session. His salary was \$2,000 for the session.

Hamilton was a member of the Portland law firm of Bronaugh, Hamilton, Bynon and Hough, the same firm with which Allan A. Bynon is associated. He moved to Portland after his legislative service, returning to Bend two years ago.

He represented Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties in the house of representatives from 1925 to 1931, being speaker of the house in 1929. He was president of the Portland chamber of commerce in 1935 and 1936, and also a former president of the Bend chamber of commerce.

The governor's legal adviser examines all legislation submitted by the executive department to the legislature, as well as all bills submitted by the legislature to the governor for his signature.