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By U. S. Weather Bureau

Roseburg, Oregon

Rain tonight and Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday.

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They're sources of important news these days as battles continue in an apparent seesaw fashion. Decisive victories still lie ahead. Watch NEWS-REVIEW dispatches for developments.

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ROOSEVELT ASKS JAPAN'S ENVOYS TO EXPLAIN FAR EAST MILITARY MOVES

President Steps Into Parley As Britain, Tokyo Continue to Strengthen Forces for War

By the Associated Press

President Roosevelt today asked the Japanese questions which were said to include requests for an explanation of Japanese military moves into Indo-China and toward Thailand. The disclosure was in a state department official's account of another visit there by Japanese Ambassador Nomura and Special Envoy Kuruu. This was taken by observers to mean that the president was intervening personally in the negotiations in order to get some satisfactory explanation of recent Japanese military steps. Nomura indicated to reporters before going to the state department that he and Kuruu were not bringing their government's reply to Secretary of State Hull's document restating the basis of United States policy in the Far East. Kuruu told newsmen he thought there was still a "fighting chance" of success in reaching a settlement, declaring: "I don't give up so easily." Nomura said "nobody wants war—war would not settle anything any way."

Both the Japanese stressed that Japan was anxious to continue the conversations and hold open the door for a resettlement. Japan Still Hesitates. While the United States stood firm in refusing to accede to Japan's demands for a "new order" in Asia as the price of peace in the Pacific, the Japanese cabinet devoted a long session to study of the Washington negotiations. Sources close to the Japanese government said any crisis in the Washington talks would probably be delayed three days or more, since the Japanese were understood to be seeking "clarification" of various points in Secretary Hull's statement on the American position.

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Strike For Wage Boost Closes 38 Schools in Tacoma

TACOMA, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Seventeen thousand school children of 38 public schools began a forced vacation today because of a strike by janitors, furnace and maintenance men. Several thousand pupils remained at home, but others who went to class were being sent home during the cold, rainy morning as rooms got colder. No fires were reported in schoolhouse furnaces. Tokyo newspapers splashed dispatches describing the gathering of "ABCD" forces in the South Pacific—the forces of America, Britain, China and Dutch East Indies—and a Domei report from

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Two Russian Soldiers Die in Clash With Japs. TOKYO, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Two Russian soldiers were shot dead when a patrol of five crossed the eastern Manchukuo-Siberia border some 40 miles northwest of Vladivostok yesterday, Domei reported today in a dispatch from Hsinking, capital of Manchukuo. The Japanese agency's account said the Russians clashed with a Japanese force. The three survivors fled back into soviet territory. This frontier, ill-defined and running through hilly, wooded country, has been the scene of scores of Japanese-Russian clashes in recent years.

These Far Eastern authorities think it isn't in Japan's character (ruled as she is by a military dictatorship that must fight

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Board Frowns On Cheap Use Of Myrtle Wood

The Oregon state board of forestry has gone on record as "opposing the use of myrtle wood for low commercial values which tend to exhaust the supply," and the state forester has been directed to take whatever steps he can to promote the use of this wood in the novelty industry, the Roseburg chamber of commerce was informed today. The announcement of the board's action, made in a letter from N. S. Rogers, state forester, is in response to resolutions from the Roseburg chamber of commerce, Pomona grange and various civic clubs, protesting the use of myrtle wood for keel blocks and other commercial uses. The resolution pointed out that the wood is limited in quantity and has a high value for novelty use, but a low value commercially. The state board was asked to take steps to protect the supply. Substitutes Advised. The board's letter reports that while the board has no legal authority to restrict sale of myrtle wood from privately owned lands, the state forester has been directed to suggest to commercial users

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Heart Attacks Kill 2 of Family on Hunting Jaunt

MOUND CITY, Kas., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Charles Besser, 77, and his son-in-law, Ward Rockwell, 54, each died after a heart attack while hunting rabbits yesterday. The county coroner surmised Besser collapsed first. Rockwell, running for aid, fell 15 feet away.

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Rail Strike Threat Ended By Agreement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The threat of a strike was lifted today from the nation's railroads, simplifying the problems of traffic chiefs who must accommodate the heaviest holiday business in two decades on lines already jammed with defense freight. Settlement of the dispute over wages and vacations was announced last night by Wayne L. Morse, chairman of an emergency board appointed by President Roosevelt. Morse withheld exact terms of the peace agreement until it could be submitted to Mr. Roosevelt today, but other sources declared the pact would add from \$300,000,000 to \$325,000,000 a year to the carriers' payrolls. The walkout had been set for next Sunday, and hundreds of thousands of soldiers, due for Christmas furloughs, had been wondering how they were to get home from camp. Long Negotiations End. The settlement capped two days and nights of almost continuous negotiations between the railroad brotherhoods and the carriers, with the president's board acting as a mediation agency. The same board, acting in a

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Graduated From Aviation School



Recently graduated from the naval aviation machinist school at Chicago, Bud Crumpacker, 18, above, formerly of Roseburg, has been assigned to an air crops squadron at Corpus Christi, Texas, according to word received here by his sister, Ruth Crumpacker. He enlisted in the U. S. navy April 3, 1941, and expressed a preference for aviation mechanics. Following preliminary training, he was sent to Chicago, where he was graduated early in October, being assigned Oct. 26 to his present place at Corpus Christi.

Socialists Facing Prison for Plot

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A possible federal prison term up to 10 years loomed today before 18 persons, members of or associated with the socialist workers party who were convicted by a jury here on charges of conspiracy to create insubordination in the armed forces of the government. Albert Goldman, New York attorney and one of those convicted last night, announced that "every legal step and every other resource would be exhausted for appeal purposes." He immediately made plans for filing an appeal before Judge M. M. Joyce in federal court here next Saturday. Judge Joyce set next Monday as the date for sentencing. Conviction of the 18 defendants was on one of two counts of an indictment returned last July after a raid on the socialist workers party offices here and in St. Paul. Bushels of literature were seized in the raid, and introduced in evidence at the trial, along with two red flags and several pictures of Leon Trotsky, communist leader who was assassinated in Mexico. Court attaches said the verdict marked the first convictions under the Smith amendment to the sedition act of 1940. That amendment, added to the law in June, 1940, makes it unlawful to advocate overthrow of the government.

Dynamite Shatters Rock, Would-Be Suicide Unhurt

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A prisoner at a Multnomah county quarry shoved a quarter of a stick of dynamite in a hole in a rock yesterday, lighted the fuse and sat down on the rock. The blast scattered the rock to all directions, but the prisoner, Ray Kennedy, 17, was uninjured, Deputy Sheriff Oswald Day reported. Kennedy, convicted on a petit larceny charge, was sentenced last month to a year in jail.

Portland Killer to Die in State Gas Chamber

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—William H. Wallace, 54, convicted of the murder of Dan Finkel, 32, was sentenced yesterday to die in the Oregon penitentiary gas chamber Feb. 27. The sentence, mandatory under the jury's verdict, was imposed by Circuit Judge Dobson. Witnesses testified that Wallace shot Finkel on a downtown Portland street Aug. 8 after Finkel, accompanied by a woman, had asked Wallace to stop swearing.

Rezegh Recaptured in Smash That Joins 2 Panzer Units; Nazi Losses in Russia Mount

Ukraine Rout At Its Height, Soviet Says

Invaders Unable to Gain Ground in Drive Against Moscow, Also Asserted. By the Associated Press. Soviet dispatches declared today that the retreat of Adolf Hitler's Ukraine armies from Rostov-on-Don had become a rout, with the nazis fleeing westward along the shores of the Azov sea after a defeat which "puts an end to tales about the invincibility of the German army." A British broadcast quoted Soviet Vice Commissar Lozovsky as saying that "the latest attempt of the Germans to take Moscow has cost them half a million men." Soviet dispatches reported that beside the German defeat at Rostov, red army troops had also put the Germans to flight through deep snow drifts around Stallnogorsk, 120 miles southeast of Moscow. Advice reaching London said that the German southern forces, commanded by Gen. Von Kleist, were heading back to Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov, to make a new stand around that city, which they captured on Oct. 7. The German high command said bitter fighting was continuing but gave no details. Nazis Report Gains. On the central front, a bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters asserted that German troops pressing the two-months-old offensive against Moscow had penetrated deep into the capital's defense system—how far was not stated—while a soviet spokesman countered with a statement that "the Germans can register so far only tremendous losses in all directions, without exception." Authoritative London quarters likewise reflected optimism over the battle for Moscow, declaring that the Germans had not made any progress during the past 24 hours. Dispatches to the soviet newspaper Pravda said red army troops had repulsed attacks by three German divisions, about 45,000 soldiers, in the Klin and Volokolamsk sectors, respectively.

Secession Leader Gilbert Gable Dies

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Gilbert E. Gable, 55, mayor of Port Orford and leader of the so-called Curry county secession movement, died at 9 a. m. today of acute indigestion. Gable had long been prominently identified with various Port Orford enterprises including the Port Orford Dock and Terminal company, the object of considerable litigation a few years ago. He sought to build a railroad from Port Orford to Grants Pass, Ore., but failure to start work cost the ICC approval certificate. He was instrumental in getting the town incorporated in 1935 and was its only mayor. Following the disastrous fire in Bandon in 1936, he headed the rehabilitation committee which directed the town's rebuilding. The secession movement of Curry county was instituted largely by him because of his belief that Oregon was not giving proper attention to development of mineral deposits in the county. Gable was from a Pennsylvania family which pioneered in the coal regions of the east. He was also publisher of the weekly Port Orford Post. His widow and a small son survive.

Navy Draws Fine Recruits From Douglas County

Douglas county has an exceptionally large number of young men of mechanical ability, judging from the applications for enlistment in the U. S. navy, according to B. J. Hall, navy recruiting officer, who arrived here today to remain through Thursday interviewing applicants. The navy has discovered that agricultural communities produce an exceptionally fine type of men, Mr. Hall states, and this particularly has proven true in Douglas county, where approximately 50 young men have been enlisted so far this year. By far the majority of these men, Mr. Hall states, have requested training in machinist, aviation machinist, or the naval air corps, and practically all have shown outstanding ability in the lines for which they expressed preference. Training on farms has in many cases been a valuable preliminary to navy schools, Mr. Hall asserts. Farms Yield High Type. "We have found in our recruiting service," Mr. Hall declared today, "that young men from agricultural communities are generally of excellent character, are ambitious and industrious and have a high degree of intelligence. The navy for several years has placed special emphasis in its recruiting department upon so-called rural districts because of the fine calibre of young men enlisted there. "Another factor in the present

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Roseburg Lumber Workers Organize Union, Join AFL

Electing to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor rather than the C. I. O., men employed locally by the Roseburg Lumber company have organized Local No. 2949, of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, an A. F. L. affiliate. The union, it is reported, has nearly 100 per cent membership from the men employed at the Roseburg plant and has approximately 50 per cent membership from the men employed by the company in its logging woods on the Calapooia, making a total of approximately 130 men who have signed the charter. Curtis Calkins has been elected president of the Roseburg local, with Ray Watson, vice-president; Cecil Harris, recording secretary, and Ralph Krohn, financial secretary. Meetings are to be held each first and third Friday. The meetings will be held at Sutherland as an accommodation to the men employed in the woods, making nearly an equal distance for each group of members to travel. Affiliation of the workmen with a labor organization was made advisable, it was reported, because of large scale boycotts by union carpenters and wood workers of products from unorganized mills. Representatives of both the C. I. O. and A. F. L. have been urging affiliation with their respective organizations, but the local workers, by a large majority, favored the American Federation of Labor.

Australian Sloop Sunk By Torpedo, Report

CANBERRA, Australia, Dec. 2.—(AP)—An Australian escort sloop, the Parramatta, was reported today to have been torpedoed and sunk. It was not stated where the Parramatta was sunk but it had been officially announced last May that she had joined a Mediterranean station.

British Plan To Annihilate Foe Thwarted

Australian Cruiser, Nazi Raider of Superior Size Both Destroyed in Fight. By the Associated Press. On the Libyan desert front, the British today acknowledged a damaging setback for General Cunningham's drive to knock the axis out of North Africa. Dispatches from Cairo said the Germans had slashed through the British corridor from Rezegh to Tobruk, joining trapped panzer forces northeast of Rezegh, and recaptured Rezegh itself and Bir El Hamed. A British spokesman said the nazis break-through meant that the newly-joined German panzer divisions now hemmed in along the coast east of Tobruk could probably break the British encirclement and escape to the west "if they wish to do so." The spokesman declared, however, that while the nazis success "may delay matters for a few days longer," it had not impaired British confidence. He said the link with Tobruk was not broken despite the axis thrust, and the communique declared the British retained air superiority for blasting axis tanks. "It may delay matters for a few days longer," he added. "It was just a down in an up-and-down fight." It could be termed a local German success, he said. Another Battle Imminent. Both sides now were stated to be reforming and regrouping their forces for another battle over the desolate, rock-strewn desert, and British reinforcements were said to be reaching the field in a steady stream. (London sources said the British "still appear to have numerical superiority in armored forces." They said German claims of destruction of British tanks were fantastic. (There was no evidence, the sources added, that the combined German force now could endanger the empire forces engaged in wiping out axis forces still resisting in pockets along the Egyptian-Libyan border, but it was admitted there still was no

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Britain to Declare War On Finland, Balkans Duo

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Informed sources today predicted that British declarations of war against Finland, Rumania and Hungary would come toward the end of the week. They said Finland had been given her last chance to cease attacking Russia. These sources indicated that British reluctance to declare war on Finland had been overcome to a considerable degree when Finland adhered to the anti-comintern pact, especially in view of Prime Minister Churchill's warning several months ago that whoever marched with Hitler was Britain's foe.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. W. E. SULLIVAN, Douglas county Red Cross chairman, as she made the first sale of Christmas tuberculosis seals of the season to Lester Wimberly, Roseburg postmaster. "It should be extremely gratifying to all who help in the seal campaign," Dorothy Hunt, secretary of the health association said to me, "to know how much good their donations accomplish. The fight against tuberculosis is of interest to all of us, and it is one which science, aided immeasurably by this public support, is slowly but surely winning." "I must buy my seals tomorrow, if one of these good looking gals will make the sale to me in front of a camera. I'll even buy, if they don't!"

"Over in Scotland, at the present time," Jim Cook, Wilbur rancher, told me yesterday, "folks in need of cheap milk have to make application for it on certain forms furnished by the government. Here is a list of some of the requests various forms contain as published in an Aberdeen newspaper." 1. Will you please send me a form for cheap milk. I have a baby 18 months old, and did not know anything about it until a friend told me. 2. Please send me form for cheap milk, as I am expecting mother. 3. I posted a form by mistake before my child was properly filled in. 4. I have one child two years old and am expecting an increase in November. Hoping this meets with your kind consideration and approval. 5. Please send me a form for supply of milk for children at reduced prices. 6. I am getting married in December. Please send me a form for cheap milk. I may not have any babies but you never know. Jim is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. His parents, and four brothers still reside there. "Yes," he answered a query of mine, "we receive each other's mail fairly regularly, although some of it of course is lost. The folks are having an eventful time. Bombings are of frequent occurrence, but so far they have safely survived them."

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. TIME TO BUY A TIE FOR JOE. Buy Christmas Seals.