

O. & C. Bill Action Blocked in House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Representative Harris Ellsworth, republican of Oregon, said today house action was unlikely at this session on his bill to make the department of the interior sole administrator of the 13 million acres of the so-called Oregon and California land grant.

If the house should meet next week, Ellsworth said, there was a "slim chance" that his bill might again come up for consideration.

Storm Death Toll in U. S., Canada Reaches 81

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ed transportation facilities. Trains and planes operated far behind schedules while automobile and bus travel was seriously hampered by snow-covered highways.

Florida Crops Threatened

In the south, where snow measuring several inches fell in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, sub-normal temperatures prevailed today with little relief from the cold weather—in the 20's—expected before Friday. Florida truck crops were threatened and Miami

reported a low of 45. No snow was reported today.

Two Trains Stalled
A second rescue train was sent out today in an effort to reach a snowbound two-coach passenger train, lost since early yesterday in snow banks 45 miles east of Charleston, West Va.

A previous train, dispatched when location of the lost Grafton-bound train near Elkhurst was established early today, was also stranded in deep drifts, 10 miles short of the passenger train.

Temperatures in the midwest ranged from near zero to the mid 20's and were expected to rise slowly during the day. The lowest temperature reported was 11 below at Yellowstone National park.

Douglas Still Trailing Coos in Bond Sales

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night when 60 boys and girls, in an interclass contest, made bond sales amounting to more than \$20,000 in house-to-house calls. The students reported fine receptions in all homes. Cars were furnished by the Kiwanis club to transport the teams to their working sections. Students represented the junior and senior classes. They will continue their solicitation until Thursday. Prizes will be awarded the winning class. The Bond wagon toured the city to aid the high school workers.

Mrs. C. L. Branton, community chairman in the Idlewild district, reported sales amounting to \$600, in addition to her previous report.

The Umpqua Savings and Loan association, an issuing agent, reported sales of \$14,625 E. bonds; \$22, Series F; \$14,000, Series G, and \$200 in other types of bonds.

Rhine City of Bonn Now Goal of Americans

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hind shattered Duren. Canadian troops in Italy established and joined two new bridgeheads on the west bank of the rain-swollen Lamone river against violent opposition in 24 hours of fighting. This 6,000-yard front menaced the German hold on the Bologna-Rimini highway city of Faenza, since Eighth army forces already hold a bridgehead below the city.

Essen Hammered
In the air war, RAF bombers dropped firebombs on Essen, an armament center, during the night, bringing operations against Germany in a 24-hour period to four major attacks on eight cities by 4,000 British and American planes. The British lost 13 bombers, the Americans, 11 bombers and nine fighters, in the four attacks.

Some night fighters opposed the Essen attack, but five were shot down. Six German aircraft were knocked out of the air by British Mustang pilots during a daylight attack on Witten by RAF Lancasters.

All losses by the U. S. Eighth and 15th air forces were due to Nazi ground gunners who filled the sky with ack-ack particularly around Merseburg, where a synthetic oil plant was hit.

Wheat Price Increase Goes Into Effect Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—A four-cent per bushel increase in the ceiling price of wheat went into effect today, the OPA announced.

The increase, which affects all levels of distribution, was necessary, the agency said, to fulfill the requirements of the stabilization extension act of 1944.

Flour ceilings, however, remained unchanged because of a flour production subsidy payment of 19 cents a bushel. The payment remains unchanged until Dec. 31 and a new program will be announced later.

Housewives Urged to Continue Fat Saving

Full responsibility for the program of salvaging used household fats has been transferred from the War Production board to the War Food administration.

Housewives are urged to continue saving used household fats for which OPA will continue to allow two red ration points a pound. This patriotic activity is considered most important to the nation in supplementing its supply of fats and oils from other sources. A reduction of about a billion pounds in the 1945 supply compared with 1944 is indicated, principally because of lower contemplated yields in some of the domestic oil seed crops; a sizable drop in the expected hog slaughter this fall and winter;

Merton C. Cole Hospital Patient in Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cole of Portland, formerly of Roseburg, have received word that their son, Merton C. Cole, is a patient in a hospital in the Philippines, where he is being treated for a fractured arm and shoulder as well as a leg injury. He is reported to be steadily improving and recently was able to write his parents telling them that he was all right, that the weather there was fine and that he was getting good care at the hospital. However, he is particularly anxious to hear from his friends, as he had had no mail for 13 weeks. His address is Merton C. Cole, A.R.M. 3rd U. S. navy, U. S. navy fleet hospital No. 105, care fleet postoffice, San Francisco.

Seaman Cole is very well known in Roseburg, having attended grade and high school here, before going into the navy. His father, formerly in the carpenter business here, went to Portland at the outbreak of the war to work in the shipyards.

Hog Marketing Starts Its Seasonal Climb

Hog marketing is now in a seasonal increase, with volume at or near slaughter capacity at a number of plants around the nation. Labor continues to be the chief worry of the packing industry. Cattle and calf marketing is tapering off seasonally. Slaughter steers recently broke 25 to 50 cents on a number of markets. There has been little change in the lamb market, although lamb prices have strengthened in recent weeks.

Collision Sinks Tug

SEATTLE, Dec. 13—(AP)—The 120-foot U. S. army tug LT-239 sank within four minutes after colliding with the Alaska Steamship company vessel Victoria in the inland passage to Alaska, 90 miles south of Prince Rupert, B. C., Dec. 6, it was announced here yesterday.

The tug's 15-man crew was saved but all belongings lost.

Thomas Jefferson wrote his own epitaph, now on his tomb—"Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and father of the University of Virginia."

Berry Prices Retained

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13—(AP)—The Oregon cane fruits control board said today it would maintain the 12-cent price during the coming year for loganberries, youngberries, boysenberries and blackberries.

Flood Control Bill Sent To President Roosevelt

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works throughout the country. They are among the largest authorizations of their kind on record.

The flood control bill authorizes a \$400,000,000 integrated program for development of the Missouri river valley. A proposal to set up a regional authority to administer it was laid aside for the new congress.

Cop Has \$1. Culpit Has Cigarettes; Result: Bail

PORTLAND, Dec. 13—(AP)—Cigarette shortage note: A soldier, name withheld, got a parking ticket, and he didn't have the required \$1 bill. But he did have seven packs of cigarettes, for which he had paid 90 cents.

The policeman who issued the tag had a dollar, but had no cigarettes. You know what happened.

Peace Moves Fail to Stop Battling in Greece

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ammunition, field artillery and armor. By sunrise they had been driven into a corner after suffering heavy loss of life, but this battle continued.

Greek Rimini mountain brigade barracks at Gouli, three miles northeast of the city's center, were attacked again yesterday by reinforced ELAS troops.

British troops cleared Gallipolis peninsula, on which the main part of Piraeus town is built, and long-isolated Anglo-Greek naval headquarters was brought within British control. One hundred more ELAS men were picked up in cleared sections, and most were snipers in civilian clothes, authorities said.

ARMISTICE IN GREECE DEMANDED BY LABORERS

LONDON, Dec. 13—(AP)—The British labor party today adopted a resolution calling on the government to take steps to bring about an immediate armistice in Greece, but avoided any direct denunciation of Prime Minister Churchill's intervention policy.

Ernest Bevin, minister of labor, said the crisis developed because the left-wing ELAS broke an agreement reached with all parties in Greece to cooperate in keeping order until a free election could be held to decide

Congressmen's Pension Proposal Is Revived

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000 salary prescribed in 1923 was deemed adequate then—but times have changed.

The house already has voted a \$3,000-a-year overall pay increase for clerical help (to \$9,500) in each member's office, but the senate has not acted on the proposal.

The salary of the president would be boosted by Vinson's bill from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Vinson said the president's salary was last raised in 1909 from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

"When federal and state taxes are deducted, the president of the United States actually gets less than \$27,000 at the present time," he asserted.

Vinson complained that the president receives less than Frank Sinatra and other public personages.

B-29s Bomb Nagoya, Jap Industrial Center

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Gen. MacArthur announced today.

As in eight other attempts, the Japanese paid heavily in men and ships. Three destroyers and four large transports were definitely sunk while another destroyer and two freighter-transports were so badly damaged they were left floating without headway. Only a destroyer escaped unscathed.

An American convoy returning from a supply run to Ormoc at dawn Sunday, was assailed by 30 Japanese planes. American ships suffered damage and casualties while marine fighter planes downed 11 of the attacking Nipponese.

Leyte Mopup Slow
American ground forces, still battling the elements as well as the Japanese, are moving ahead slowly below Limon in the northern part of the Ormoc corridor while at the southern end troops of the 7th and 77th divisions are cleaning up isolated enemy pockets missed when they closed their trap, snuffing out thousands of some of Japan's finest soldiers. Emperor Hirohito of Japan and

Premier Koiso went to the Ise shrine to pray for victory because, Koiso said, the battle of Leyte "will decide the fate of the greater east Asia war."

Success In China
Nantian, 25 miles inside Kwangsi province, has been recaptured by counterattacking Chinese, the Chinese high command announced today. The Chinese are plun-

ing southward toward Hsueh, about 95 miles from Luchow, once an important U. S. air base.

British and Chinese infantry, supported by artillery directed by an American officer, have engulfed upper Burma towns about 155 miles north of Mandalay, in what the U. S. command today called a "truly amazing example of allied cooperation."

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