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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Occasional light rain to night and Friday. Highest temp. for any Dec. 70; Lowest temp. for any Dec. 56; Highest temp. yesterday 56; Lowest temp. last night 43; Precipitation yesterday .03; Precipitation from Dec. 1 .93; Deficit from Dec. 1 2.27; Deficit from Sept. 1, 1944 4.17

In the Day's News

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whole allied world nervous. It, too, was stopped in time, and thereafter the Germans retreated steadily to their present lines on the eastern front.

WITH this pattern possibly in mind, our headquarters in Paris says that the "allied command is taking measures to deal with the situation and there is no cause for undue alarm."

But until we know what the Germans have in the bag this time there will be anxious days ahead.

THE nazis have launched their new V-3, and a bare announcement says they are bombarding our rear areas with it day and night. Whether the mysterious "ghostly silvery balls" mentioned several days ago are a part of it we do not know.

UNTIL events develop, we won't know whether this is a nazi version of the Jap "banzai" charge or something altogether different. We DO know that we'd like to see the Russians crash in with the big offensive they are supposed to have been preparing for months.

We still have faith in the Russians, but our minds have been unsettled by all the diplomatic mumbo-jumbo in connection with the POLITICAL warfare in Greece and elsewhere.

WE aren't eased on this point by Secretary of State Stettin's cryptic "announcement" that the U. S. government "would have no objection to an agreement on the future frontiers of Poland if the United Nations agreed upon them."

He adds: "It has been the U. S. government's consistently held policy that questions relating to boundaries should be kept in abeyance (delayed) until the termination of hostilities."

KEEPING such things secret until it is too late to do anything about them is the accepted diplomatic way. In normal times, and in strictly old-world matters, this method has something to recommend it.

But these aren't normal times, and these matters aren't now strictly old-world matters. AMERICA is concerned in them, and we Americans are a different kind of people. We feel we are competent to judge the policies by which we are to be governed in our foreign relations.

In a country such as ours, foreign policy, if it is to be successful, must have public opinion back of it. If American public opinion is to be back of American foreign policy, we must be told WHAT our foreign policy is.

That is something we haven't been told.

PRESENT secrecy arouses the suspicion that we HAVE NO FOREIGN POLICY and are just drifting along from day to day. That probably isn't true, but BELIEF that it is true will do irreparable damage.

THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED

By Charles V. Stanton

ACCIDENTS have a way of happening when you "least expect them most." And sometimes they take the most unexpected turns. Witness the annual roundup of freak accidents as compiled by the National Safety Council.

Paul Lewehick, of Coaldale, Pa., for instance, is one of those people who lay in a supply of coal each year. But few of them do it as literally as he did. He actually lay in—and under—13 tons of it when he and his car were buried beneath the contents of a coal truck that upset in a near collision. Dug out after hard work, Lewehick nursed only minor cuts and bruises—it was soft coal.

"So tough but, Oh, so gentle," was the experience of 2-year-old Margaret Morton of Groton, Conn. She lay sleeping in her home one October night when a Navy plane tore the roof off the house and whisked the blanket off the bed without touching the sleeping child. The plane tore out the opposite wall of the bedroom and eventually crashed into a schoolhouse. Lt. W. J. McCarthy, Toledo, Ohio, pilot of the fighter plane, and the blanket, were found undamaged in the wreckage.

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And then there was the case of 13-year-old Gregory Stingel of Chicago, who simply tingled with excitement as he prepared for the afternoon's football game in which he was to carry the ball for dear old Public School No. 60. In his excitement he put his jersey on backwards and, when he tugged fiercely to get it off, he broke his neck.

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Beaver Damage to Ranches is Eyed

REEDSPORT — Fred Sankey, inspector for the state game commission, and their expert on the handling of beaver, spent Friday and Saturday in this vicinity and, in company with State Officer Dick Miles, visited different sections of the lower Umpqua investigating complaints of damage done by beaver families.

The beaver population is growing quite fast in this section and the little animal builders have fallen many small trees and carried their stumps and branches into flood-gate openings of the Umpqua, Smith and Schofield rivers, blocking the gates so that the tide floods the bottom land and the gates are useless. The little animals have also built a number of dams that have flooded valuable fields. Officer Sankey states that arrangements are being made to move a number of colonies into sections where they will do less damage.

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Whether Nylon or bobby sock she'll hang for Saint Nick. You can always be sure of the rings she would pick.



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Washington News From an Inside View

Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—Most everyone thought at mid-week this congress would adjourn not later than tonight. Then the senate began kicking the state department appointments around.

The house has worked rapidly and smoothly this week. Everything previously scheduled has been acted upon. More than a week ago, the rules committee, which determines what measures shall come to the floor for debate (and when), ended its business for the session. Rules committee Chairman Sabath announced that the committee would not meet again. This action shut off any possibility of getting the O. & C. bill onto the floor. As the result of having no new business coming up, it was easy for the house to clear up pending and previously scheduled legislation.

The journey of a piece of legislation through the house to final passage is usually a long and complicated one. Any member may introduce the bill. The bill is immediately referred to a committee. The choice of the committee is determined by the subject dealt with in the bill. Before a committee considers a bill, it is the general practice to send it down to the administrative department—or sometimes to two or more departments—and get an opinion as to what effect the proposed law would have so far as the administrative departments are concerned.

When the reports from the departments are at hand, the committee may take the bill up for consideration. Minor bills are usually handled rather quickly. But, if a bill is at all controversial or if it involves large and important matters, it is customary to have committee hearings, sometimes last months. Then the entire record of the hearings, generally including the departmental reports on the legislation, is printed.

At long last, the bill is considered in a committee executive session and, if it is approved by a majority of the committee, is "reported out" and placed on the calendar for action. The "report" of the committee is a brief analysis of the bill and an explanation of what it will do when it becomes a law. The committees usually recite in their reports the reasons why they think the bill is good and should pass.

After the "screening" by departments and by the committee, if it is believed there can be no objection to its passage, a bill is generally brought up for passage by unanimous consent. If it cannot be passed by consent, the rules committee must give what is called a rule on the bill which brings it up for debate on the floor. The procedure of the senate is somewhat similar. All bills must be acted upon by both houses and signed by the president before they become law.

The 79th congress will convene January 3 (constitutional date), or such date immediately thereafter as may be named. The official count of the membership of the new congress by parties is as follows: Democrats, 243; republicans, 190; progressive, 1; American labor, 1.

This is my last letter for this year. I wish you all the very best Christmas and holiday season possible under the circumstances. Perhaps next year we can celebrate Christmas in a world at peace and enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

Deferment Rules On Farm Draft Unchanged

There has been no change in the procedure for consideration of the agricultural selective service deferments. Recommendations as to eligibility for agricultural deferments are made to local selective service boards by county USDA war boards. The standards used are those provided by the Tydings amendment. Because of the armed forces' need for younger men, deferments for registrants in the 18-26 age group usually can be approved only in exceptional cases.

DIAL-LOG

By SUSAN

What with special programs being scheduled—the rush and excitement of the holiday season—and a little Christmas shopping on the side we're fast approaching that slap-happy feeling that always means "Merry Christmas" to us. For tonight we have a special recording made by the cast of "Winged Victory," scheduled between 8 and 8:30, and at 8:30 you'll hear a new feature and you may ask for special numbers if you like. It will be Christmas and no foolin' around here to morrow—beginning with the 9:30 broadcast from the Indian theatre. The Rose School chorus (and they're exceptionally good) will sing Christmas carols. We know you'll enjoy them, so be sure to listen in. Then at 11 it's the staff party on the Wheel of Fortune, with everyone on hand to bring you our Christmas greetings and the traditional reading of "Why the Chimes Rang." From 2:15 to 2:45 the Junior High school will present their annual Christmas program, and along about 6:30 in the evening Santa Claus will take over the quiz-master's chore on Double or Nothing to hand out gifts. We hope you'll all have your Christmas shopping out of the way by tomorrow so that you'll be able to be with us for all these once-a-year programs. We always enjoy them, and we hope you will too.

No-Pollo Week Noted

PORTLAND, Dec. 20—(AP)—The state health board said today that for the first time since July a week had ended without a new case of poliomyelitis being reported.

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