BUY

CHRISTMAS

Conference With Meier and Thomas is now Wholly Social, Revealed

Recent Developments Point To Possible Linking up Of Northern Lines

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD,

Associated Press Correspondent The recent conference at the state capitol between President Raiph Budd of the Great Northern railroad and Governor Julius L. Meier and Public Utilities Commissioner Charles M. Thomas has given new life to speculation concerning projects contemplated by the Northern lines in Oregon. Conjecture on the subject among those who are interested in development of the state and who are familiar with railroad history has relegated politics far into the background during the past week.

The visit, first declared a social one on the part of President Budd, proved to be more than asserted. it has since developed. The exact business discussed during the hour's session in the governor's office, has not been divulged by any of the participants, but it has been learned that Budd was anxious to ascertain the attitude of the new public utilities commissioner on railroad supervision. Rail Activities in Oregon Forecast

A friendly public utilities commission would prove a big asset to the Northern lines in the event new construction would be started. There are now no petitions of any kind before the commissioner by any railroad, which has led observers of railroad activities to believe Budd was here to pave the mind.

In connection with Budd's visit, four important events and situations during the past few years strengthened speculation concerning two proposals involving the northern lines as well as considerable new construction in the western part of the state. They are:

Common User Right May Utilized

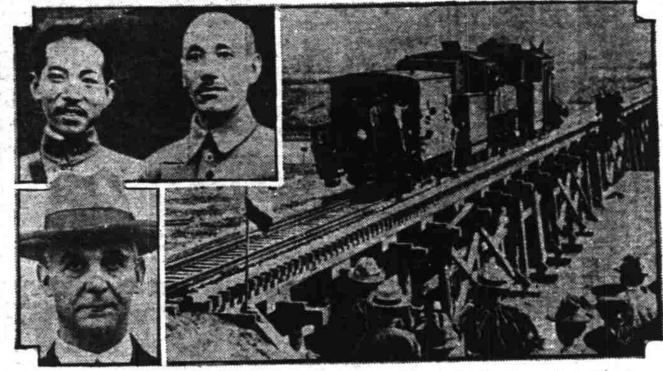
1. Common user with the Southern Pacific over the Natron cutoff. At the time the interstate commerce commission granted permission to the Southern Pacific to construct the route from Eugene to Klamath Falls, it was stipulated that common user privileges mus be granted to any other road if such were desired, or ruling to that effect.

2. Joint highway and railroad bridge across Coos bay. Several years ago the Northern lines proposed to the state highway commission that in the event a bridge be constructed at the mouth of Coos river or over Coos bay, that it be made a joint highway and railroad bridge. This proposal was made by the railroad. The bridge, however, has not been constructed or ordered. 3. The recent inspection of the

entire southwestern Oregon by Budd in the company of engineers and other railroad officials. 3. The present long route the

Northern lines are required to traverse from Portland to San Franeisco. In order to reach San Franeisco now from the north, the company must cross the Columbia river at Portland to Vancouver; go east along the Columbia river and cross it again to connect with (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

## Repair of This Bridge Cost 250 Lives



The Kiangchiag river railway bridge of the Taonan-Anganchi line, following its repair by the Japanese forces now in Manchuria, after the Chinese soldiers and engineers had failed to fix it. The first engine to cross the bridge since its destruction is shown. The repair of the span cost 250 lives, what with Chinese firing on the Nippon repair gang and Japanese troops retaliating on the Chinese. In upper left, Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang (left) de posed Manchurian governor, and President Chiang Kai-Shek, the national leader, are depicted. General Charles P. Sumerall (lower left), retired, former United States chief of staff, may lead the international commission which the League of Nations is suggesting as a solution of the Manchurian crisis.

# Colder, and

Seventeen Arrested Upon Charge of Assisting Alien Admittance

NEW YORK, Nov. 27-(AP)huge conspiracy which resulted in a steady, illicit parade of aliens into the United States, was believed by federal officials to have been smashed with return of 31 indictments today against 17 lawyers, consular employes and members of the immigration and naturalization forces. The indictments grew out of an

investigation begun four months ago by United States Attorney George Z. Medalie, assisted by ance in Silverton Wednesday that organization's complete in-Murray W. Garsson, special assistant secretary of labor. The inquiry spread to Chicago and other lake cities, where in-

dictments already have been re-Medalie refused to estimate how many aliens had been smug- the basement, if the depression gled into the country by the alleg-ed conniving of the 17 men, but 60 aliens questioned by the grand jury admitted they were 'clients' of the indicted group.

#### Stove Toted to Chilly Outdoors As Fire Starts

If an overheated stove causes doors to cool off in this chill

Such was the procedure of city firemen who last night at 10:10 o'clock were called to 936 Trade street, the residence of W. W. Clark and son. The overheated stovepipe set fire to woodwork around the flue. Because they could not get at the smouldering blaze from the attic the firemen were forced to chop away the woodwork from below. Damage other than this was nominal.

M. P. IS KILLED ST. PAUL, Alberta, Nov. 27-(AP) -John Francis Buckley, 40, a member of the Canadian parliamen' was fatally injured tonight in a collision of his automobile the Oregon short line to Bend, with a team of horses. The wagthen down to Klamath Falls and on tongue crashed through the over its recently connected link windshield and struck him in the

#### Isthmus Bridge Ready Plan Shooting Charge Noted Merchant Dies Back Columbia Report

Auckland, New Zealand.

Wash.

Sealy was a native of Bandon,

MUCH WORK PROPOSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27 -

(AP)-Directors of the Portland

chamber of commerce today

voted to support the United

States army engineers' plan for

development of the Columbia

river between the mouth of the

Snake river and Vancouver,

The chamber's resolution spe-

The "Series D" plan is said to

involve huge dams at Warrendal and at The Dalles. It pro-poses a 50-foot dam at Warren-

OPEN FLOORING PLANT

WILL OPEN DEC. 6 MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 27 Ireland. Surviving relatives in--(AP) -The new \$300,000 Isth- clude a brother, Tom Sealy, of mus Inlet bridge, spanning the apper harbor here, will be opened to traffic December 6. On the same day the county will discontinue operation of the ferry which has operated there more than 25 years.

The bridge was built by the county but will be operated by the highway commission as a state highway bridge.

MILLER DEFENDANT EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 27-(AP) Sheriff Harry L. Brown said the "Series D" project, one of today evidence against Ray Miller the plans understood to be conwon' be presented Monday to tained in the engineers' report the Lane county grand jury in its which will be presented to coninvestigation of the shooting of gress next month. Kramer Deal, Florence barber,

Tom Callahar arrested with Miller at Marshfield last Saturday, was released by Coos county dale, costing about \$67,000,000. officials today after authorities and a 275-foot dam at The Dalles became satisfied he had nothing at a cost of about \$344,500,000. to do with the shooting.

county jail until the grand jury has completed its investigation.

Portland merchant, died here to-Portland merchant, died here to-January 1. The plant will em-was fractured, but hepe was held for his recovery. day after an illness of six weeks. ploy about 50 men, he said.

## No Signs of **Moderating** Brrrr! And it's still getting

colder. More bedroom windows were closed in Salem last night, and more blankets were taken out of the closets and put into use as the mercury confinued to flirt with marks on the thermometer below the freezing point. Salem and its environs shiv-

coldest temperature of the winter. Early Monday morning the gaged in Portland. mercury dropped to 21 degrees. white flakes made their appear- fore the grand jury and to start night at about 6 o'clock, but not | vestigation of Empire's affairs. enough to be discernable on the streets.

The forecast for today is fair and colder. It might not be a bad idea to oil up the ice skates or get the old taboggan out of

# VALUES REPORTED

The assessed value of public utilities, as apportioned to counties for tax levy purposes is \$186,fire, just carry the stove out- 952,707.60, this year, as against \$184,342,817.38 in 1930. This was announced Friday by Earl Fisher, veteran member of the state tax Actual value of public utilities

in Oregon for 1938, as determined by the state tax commission, is \$329,491,629.18. In 1930 it was \$316,398,222.38. Principal increases in the ap-

portionment this year resulted through changes in the valuations of electric, power and telephone companies. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's increase aggregated \$3,500,000. The tax levy for 1932, based on

the valuations for this year, will be announced by the state tax commission early in December. counties, probably will be announced early next week.

# EUROPEANS KILLED

MUKDEN, Nov. 27-(AP)-An inconfirmed dispatch reaching Mukden tonight said at least six Europeans had been killed in Tientsin during the firing between Chinese marauders and foreign troops in the last two days. General Honjo's headquarters

were unable to confirm the reports and said the only message received from the Chinese city since this morning indicated the wireless outfit in the Japanese concession was out of order.

It was reported in other sources that every male between the age of 16 and 45 in the Japanese population of about 30,000 had been called out to assist in repelling cifically commended for adoption the Chinese attacks.

## Coaster Killed As Sled Crashes Into Automobile

KELLOGG, Idaho, Nov. 27 -(AP)-Jimmy Ladd, 7, was fatally injured and Billie Hayes, 11, was gravely hurt as their sled crashed into an automobile here

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 27 Mrs. Jack Simpson, driver of —(AP)—James H. Hailsey, gen-eral manager of the Evans Pro-ed to swerve out of the sled's SEALY IS PIONEER

duct company, announced today path, but it struck the right fena flooring department will be inder, Ladd's head was crushed, and

Investigation W.III Start Buildings Proposed In Earnest on Monday Carson Predicts

Review of extensive files regarding the Empire Holding cor- that he would immediately surporation was under way here yesterday in the office of District Atered Friday when early in the torney John H. Carson while Barmorning the mercury dropped to nett H. Goldstein, special prose-22 degrees above zero, the second cutor for the state corporation commissioner, was similarly en-

Carson said late yesterday that Snow has fallen on all high he would be ready Monday mornplaces in the county. Large, ing at 10 o'clock to appear bewhite flakes made their appearance in Silverton Wednesday that organization's complete in-The district attorney indicated

again that he would summon numerous witnesses to the hearing. No subpoenaes will be issued for any officials of Empire against whom there is any likelihood indictments might be issued. R. W. Clancy, one of the major stockholders in the Empire Hold-

ing corporation and its secretary, passed through Salem yesterday after a trip to Medford. Clancy cess. said he had been successful in obtaining proxies from virtually all the Empire stockholders in the southern Oregon city. Clancy intends to ask for reorganization of the Empire Holding corporation and intensively in Ameirca. when the December 7, meeting is

Carson said yesterday that when the grand jury reported on freighter to Copenhagen. Then the Empire Holding corporation it came a trip by motor-trailer would also report on the status of through Denmark, Prussia, Sax-Rhea Luper, former state engineer. Luper's conduct of his office is being investigated by the grand

Ten indigent family heads this morning will be added to the emergency highway employment payrolls in Marion county, according to Agent Sim Phillips of the A summary of the valuations of U. S. Employment bureau. The various properties, segregated by men will go to work on the Pacific highway further south of the present crew of 25 between Salem and Jefferson. This 10-man crew will be increased to 15 next Tues-

On Monday, entirely new shifts of men who registered at the local employment office will be sent to work, 25 in Polk county and 25 south of Salem. The 15 men employed by the county around Silver Creek falls state park will be retained for another week, giving them a total of 11 days' employment.

Application for the emergency employment at the office is grad-890 men have been registered, Agent Phillips reported last night,

MURDER AND SUICIDE DIETRICH, Idaho, Nov. 27 -(AP)-N. O. Neilson, 69, shot the police judge some time early and killed his neighbor, George in the week. Loden, 65, and then committed suicide by hanging today, the cli- clared Hofstetter last night, "and max of an old fued over water I can prove it."

#### Sunday Features in The Statesman

Watch\_for tomorrow's Statesman, @ Another contribution by

D. H. Talmadge, sage of Sa-lem, sketched "from the A letter from Upton Close reviewing affairs in Man-

churia-an intimate "close Colored comics; Farm and

Garden pages,
Pick up the new feature
on Contract Bridge by E. V. Shepard, a national author-

At newsstands, or call 9101 and subscribe.

# CREATING JOBS Japanese Halt Drive HIGHW Toward Chinchow; to HIGHW **GROUP FORMED**

Dancy Heads Committee of Community Service to Find Relief Work

One Proposal is Leveling Of Auto Park Ground. Filling big Hole

W. H. "Jack" Dancy Friday aight accepted the chairmanship of a new Community Service employment - creation committee when the members of the relief centralizing organization held a special meeting at the chamber commerce.

After being given full authority to sponsor any sort of employment activity and to appoint other members to his committee, Mr. Dancy outlined to the group a number of possible ways of creating jobs. One project, if the city park board will sanction it, that is needed and could be carried on for employment purposes, he said, is to set a number of men at leveling off the municipal auto park grounds and filling the hole excavated when the South Church street bridge was constructed. Tearing Down Old

Other projects considered were tearing down old buildings for the firewood in them, cleaning out of alleys and improving eye-sore vacant lots. Starting at once on his new task, Mr. Dancy stated vey the city to see what work was needed to be done and might be put to the Service's purpose of providing employment.

Following the employment discussion. S. Ellis Purvine, chair-(Turn to page 2, col. 5)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP)-Representative Ruth Bryan Owen, democrat, Florida, returned to her office today with a large sized record for distance covered during a congressional re-

Since March 4, when she helped finish up the last congress in traditional style by singing "Pack up Your Troubles," Mrs. Owen has traveled extensively in Europe With a party of young people,

including her son, Bryan, and daughter, Helen, she took a ony and Bavaria, and a flight across the Alps to Italy. She saw Scandinavia by train and passenger boat, and returned home with no attempt to calculate a diversified mileage.

A 1,500 mile political auto tour of her 550-mile long district followed — 62 speeches scattered from Jacksonville to Key West n exactly one month.

This particular trip was topped by an 8,000 mile lecture tour for the purpose of financing a trip to Washington next spring for one boy and one girl from each of 18 counties in her district-another yearly event.

## MISBRANDING MILK CHARGED TO CURLY RICKEY COMMUNITY

Curly's dairy, was arrested Friday on a warrant sworn out on information filed by J. E. Blinkhorn city milk inspector charging the defendant with misbranding milk offered for sale. The allegation of the complain-

ant is that milk of grades B and ually decreasing. Approximately D were mixed and pasteurized and labeled as Grade A Pasteur ized, which, it is asserted, is contrary to the city milk ordinance. The warrant was served Friday and Hofstetter will report before

"It is a trumped charge," de-

#### Child Despairs At Accusation Takes Own Life

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27 -(AP)-"I didn't take the dollar out of the purse—honest."
Writing this message to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Culver, and heading it "death note," Mildren Culver, 13, shot herself tical condition tonight.

Mrs. Culver wept as she told how day by a court here. her purse and reproved Mildren, pealed to the president of the high or a golf stick came in sight, believing the girl and a younger court for mercy. The trial was or a slight automobile accessory brother had taken the money to speedily conducted and details was viewed.

# Withdraw to Mukden FIGHT

Agrees to Neutral Zone Between There and Great Wall of China, With Proviso That no Outbreaks Occur

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Nov. 28 - (Saturday) - (AP) - The Japanese drive toward Chinchow has been halted, it was announced here today. The announcement said all Japanese troops will be withdrawn to the east side of the Liao river, 30 miles southwest of Mukden.

By JAMES P. HOWE (Copyright, 1931, By The Associated Press) TOKYO, Nov. 27-Japan's thrust at the last Chinese stronghold in south Manchuria has been stopped, it

was announced today, and she has agreed to the creation of a neutral zone between there and the great wall of Chinaboth with conditions. A spokesman for the war office said orders had been orelayed to Japanese troops ad-

vancing in a southwesterly direction along the Pelping-Mukden railway not to proceed farther toward Chinchow, and they probably would be withdrawn to Mukden. The advance guard was about half way between the two cities when the orders were issued. This concession was with the

have been nipping at its flanks.

was said to be centered at Chin-

The Japanese government

promised to observe the zone of

neutrality except in the event of

a serious clash between the op-

posing armies at Shankaikwan,

Tientsin or Peiping, all south of

the zone, in which case the right to transport reinforcements

NEW YORK, Nov. 27-(AP)

the stage and screen, whom

Broadway knew as an able lead-

was found in bed about 5 p. m.

Dr. Eugene Marcovici, who was

Fugitive Turkey

Chased by Boys,

A poor, frightened white tur-

key, released in connection with

the Salem Ad club's Christmas

celebration last night, took refuge

across the street on a marquee.

But the bird was not safe even

there, for a number of youths

In the heat of the fracas, they

broke a stairway banister, tore

down two hotel signs and shatter-

ed a neon sign, attendants at the

Belview hotel, 148 North Commer-

lice. No arrests were made.

scrambled madly after it.

through the area was reserved.

had been feared.

Washington Believes Japan reservations that the Japanese army would not be harrassed by Will be Unwilling to bandits, renegade soldlers and Quit Manchuria other disturbing groups which A large force of Chinese soldiers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP)-Hope that Japan intends to restore the captured province of Manchuria to Chinese sovereignty without long negotiations diminished rapidly in Washington tonight as the Japanese invaders launched a new thrust at Chinchow.

The southward march of the Japanese legions violates directly an unqualified assurance given the American government by Tokyo only three days ago. Japan is moving on this last remaining Manchurian stronghold fully aware that the development will be regarded here as casting seri- UINUL NIIU UU!!LLII ous doubt on the validity of her repeated pledges against permanent aggression in Manchuria. A swift American protest is expected to go forward. Its exact

form has not been determined and the action taken may be agreed upon beforehand in conferences with the League of Nations. Withdrawal of diplomatic represensation from Tokyo has been

suggested. FARM BOARD HEADS DEFEND THEIR ACTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 -AP)-Two farm board field generals today defended their tacties on the wheat and cotton battle fronts.

E. F. Creekmore, .\$75,000 year general manager of the cotton stabilization corporation and the American Cotton Cooperative association, told the senate agriculture committee the farmers' benefit from stabilization was worth its cost.

Before the same committee, George S. Milnor, \$50,000 a year general manager of the grain stabilization corporation and the farmers national grain corporation, testified to the financial success of the cooperative movement. Meanwhile another demand for

abolition of the board came from Senator Bulkley, democrat, Ohio. On his return to the capital today, he described the boards' stabilization operations as a "dismal fail-

Rickey community was first to respond to the appeal for contributions of foodstuffs by Community Service. A truck from Friday, fully loaded with potatoes, squashes, onions, cabbages, turnips, apples and other vegetables. The produce will be stored and

used to provide food for needy families this winter. The appeal has gone to other

communities and they are expected to respond likewise. The Salem charity organizations reach out into the country to extend aid where needed, so these supplies will help to meet the winter's requirements.

### Alleged Soviet Spies Must Die

BARANOWICZ, Poland, Nov. under the heart and was in a cri- 27 .- (AP) -Seven alleged soviet spies were sentenced to death to- "ahs" by men, women and chil-

but it's true," the note continued. which authorised "accelerated hundred people stood before a "Commandated before a courts."

Demand for 30-Foot Road To Oregon City Stressed Woodburn Meeting With big Crowd Present

Division of Association to Promote Improvement is Organized; Heavy Traffic On Route Mentioned

Opening barrages in what promises to be a determined drive to bring the state highway commission to adopt at least a 30-foot highway between Salem and New Era were fired in rapid succession at an enthusiastic meeting of interested leaders of nine highway points, held last night at the Woodburn armory. Delegations were present from Salem, Salverton, Mt. Angel, Gervais, Hayeschow and a sanguine encounter ville, Aurora, Oregon City, Canby, Hubbard and Woodburn.

The whole sentiment of the meeting seemed to be expressed in the semi-humorous declaration of Colonel William A. Aird of Canby that "Any engineer who recommends a 20-foot highway should be examined" His statement drew instantaneous response. **Highway Association** 

Division Formed Following several direct, factual speeches, the body unanimously Portland division of the Pacitie highway association, naming Dr. Gerald B. Smith of Woodburn president and F. S. Perrine of Oregon City secretary. An executive committee of one from each highway town and two "feeder" -Robert Ames, blende actor of

towns was named. The committee in brief session, named a committee of three to ing man, was found dead in a draft resolutions and arguments Park avenue hotel today of a thereto to present to the state hemorrhage of the bladder which highway commission at its meetphysician traced to a kidney ing in Portland Thursday, December 3. Colonel Aird is chairman of The 42-year-old actor appar-ently had been dead several Salem, and E. Moore, Hayeshours when his pajama-clad body ville, the other two members.

As large a delegation as possible will be mustered to go before the called by the hotel, expressed the highway commission on that date opinion that Ames had been ill in interest of the movement. for some time and suffered great | History of Highway

Moves is Recited

History of the highway moves and counter-moves which led up to the meeting last night was sketched briefly by Dr. Smith, Harry Crain and O. D. Eby, presi-Havoc is Great dent of the Oregon City chamber of commerce. Seldom did the discussion devi-

ate from the dominating themet A 30-foot or more highway. The question of manner of construconce or twice, but the consensus of the meeting seemed to be that the fight should be for the width, and to let engineers determine the advisability of five-foot shoulders, single strip or the whatnot of actual construction.

"If we can get the highway commission to accept a 30-fost cial street, complained to the po- road - and we can if we fight (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## Santa Claus Here; Opens Christmas Buying Season

Doors of Salem stores were open between the hours of 7 and 8:30 clock, and the public was received and shown about by the working staff of each business for remembrances for each person on the list of "those to be remembered for Christmas." With almost a month yet to go before Christmas is here, this idea of viewing the stock of available gifts offered valuable service, taken advantage of by many hundreds of Salem residents.

Table linens, dress accessories, household furnishings, gifts to meet personal and individual in literature, art, music, jewelry and many other suggested gifts were viewed with "ohs" and dren. Yes, the men did "oh," espe-Counsel for the defendants ap- cially when the price-mark went

Commercial street business house,

A clear, cold night with frost | impatiently awaiting the release of A clear, cold night with frost impatiently awaiting the release of nipping with persistence at toes a number of fat, well-groomed and fingers, brought realism to white turkeys, with the admoniand fingers, brought realism to white turkeys, with the admonithe first official visit of Santa tion of "finders keepers." Where Claus to Salem Friday night. The and how these turkeys were Salem Ad club was acting as host caught will in many instances rebut Salem's younger generation main unknown, for at the rate took charge and kept Santa so they traveled and the scuttling of busy with questions and sug- the crowd after them, there was that neighborhood was driven in gestions for its Christmas stock- no following the chase. The facts ing, that the oficfial hosts had to are that some citizens of Salem busy themselves lokiong after the there will be who have a turkey crowd which was looking after this morning who had none early Friday night.

It was a splendid opening and the enthusiasm developed for Christmas should be enough to make even the most reluctant shopper willing to go forth with house. Suggestions were given out interest and "do his Christmas shopping early in his own home

