

# King Edward's Abdication Today Forecast

## Ship Peace Hopes Trade

### Soil Resource Of County Not Fully Utilized

### Challenge to Farmers Is Voiced at Conference Here, Closing Day

### Erosion Control Method Outlined; Growth of Irrigation Seen

Farming in Marion county shows a distinct trend to smaller farms and part-time farmers, and because of the latter, crops from these farms are not up to full quality. Are the real farmers interested in getting this condition reversed and better quality crops?

Approximately 50 per cent of the mapped agricultural soils in the county are improved. Are farmers interested in boosting this percentage?

Much of the Marion county bottom land now adapted to intensive cropping is not utilized to the full value. Are farmers interested in improving this situation?

These, briefly stated, are three of the pertinent questions left with Marion county farmers by A. S. Burrier of the state college extension division when he yesterday addressed the closing session of the two-day soil resource conference, held at the chamber of commerce here.

Soil Emphasized Burrier, talking on "Policy of General Land Use for Marion County," declared that this county has land resources of immense value, with agricultural land valued at \$24,000,000, minus improvements. The area of agricultural soils is 432,128 acres, divided into bottom soils, 69,888 acres; valley floor soils, 208,512 acres; and hill soils, 153,728 acres.

Farmers are about at the end of the rope in exploitation of land and are going to have to work out a policy of stewardship for future generations, he declared.

King said a great deal of land in Marion county which has never been irrigated can readily be, and is, and is being, irrigated on level land at least, as the cheapest and most practical. More and more farm land here will come under irrigation, he predicted.

Damage By Erosion Shown Pictorially Soil erosion was the general theme for the morning session. Ivan DeArmond, with the soil conservation service, and King both showed pictures depicting the inroads of erosion upon Willamette valley land.

King cautioned farmers to be more careful in timing farming operation, for over a period of years considerable soil is lost if land is plowed at such a time that it will be bare during the winter.

He also predicted a change in farming operation by which some of the trash, as from plowing straw under, will be mixed with the surface soil. Such procedure, he declared, will not cut down the yield and in time will increase it. He also predicted a change in cultivation methods, especially in orchard lands and said some slight experiment here pointed to success with the red-weeder. He cautioned against too frequent disking of orchard lands, thus laying them more open to erosion.

### Aid For Damaged Vessel Is Denied

ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Assistance in restoring the cargo of the Greek freighter Mount Atlas was denied today by the International Longshoremen's association.

The union said no emergency existed aboard the steamer which sought refuge in the Columbia river when its deckload shifted in a storm.

Agents asked for union carpenters to replace stanchions lost in the gale.

### High School on Strike; Shower Baths at Issue

REDLANDS, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Three hundred students of Redlands high school, approximately half of the student body, went on strike today — all because the basketball team was refused permission to use the girls' shower.

The basketball team went on strike last Friday. Members of the team claimed it was necessary for them to walk 800 yards across the campus from the new gymnasium to the men's showers. The players said they caught cold as a result of not being allowed to use the girls' showers, which are in the gymnasium building.

Last night the school board refused to reconsider its action in denying the team use of the girls' showers.

### Traffic Reforms Will Be Delayed

### Piecemeal Change Opposed by Mayor as Confusing to Motorists Here

No major changes in Salem's business district motor traffic will be made until after the first of the year, it appeared yesterday. The single possible exception may be the institution of a 30-minute parking limit in the congested area following the December 21 council meeting.

Highway department officials whom the city street committee expects to request to accept responsibility for painting the main arteries for the four-lane system and for rearranging parking spacings are at San Francisco attending the annual convention of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

Mayor V. E. Kuhn declared it would prove best to effect all major changes simultaneously in order that motorists would not be confused by week-to-week innovations.

The highway department's own suggestion that it might assume the entire task of marking off the streets to conform to its recommendations in the traffic survey report released last week probably will have first to be submitted to the council.

### Curb Upon Unions Plea of Growers

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Hood River Growers' club went on record today demanding the next session of the state legislature take action to control labor unionism.

The resolution, presented to the Hood River state capital delegation, proposed incorporation of unions and to make available to the growers the laws regulating corporations.

The resolution also made provision for the cancellation of the registration upon violation of any "properly made regulations, and arbitration of any industrial dispute which involves the transportation, harvesting or preparing for market of agricultural products raised in the state of Oregon."

The club expressed sympathy for all laboring men and said it had no quarrel with them. It requested support of organized labor "when properly conducted."

### Applicants for Capitol Jobs Register Downtown, Advised

Scores of men are applying for jobs daily at the state capitol construction site although the only way they may obtain assignments is by registering at the state employment agency, Henry M. Mason, general superintendent for the contractor, Ross B. Hammond, declared yesterday.

"I'm registered there, myself," Mason explained. "We are required to obtain all employees through the state employment office. All assignments are made from there."

While Mason was reluctant to estimate the number of men who will be employed on the capitol construction at the height of construction activities, he made a "rough guess" of 200. Forty-two laborers, mechanics and equipment operators were at work yesterday.

### Deport Officers Reject Terms By Huge Vote

### Proposals Held "Worse" Than Previous Setup by Union Leader

### Prospect of Settlement Dims; Telegraphers Also Sean Offers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Prospects of early peace between coastwise shippers and maritime unions in the 41-day coast strike were blasted tonight when the local of the licensed deck officers' union rejected "overwhelmingly" a settlement proposal offered by employers.

E. B. O'Grady, president of the local of the masters, mates and pilots of America said the proposals, made at a conference yesterday, were voted down 232 to 9.

"The proposals offered by the steam schooner operators were worse than those under which the men have been working the past two years," said O'Grady, who expressed hope another peace conference could be held tomorrow at which the union might submit counter offers.

O'Grady said he had not heard from other coast locals, which also voted on the employers' offer. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

### 'Calamity' Decree Issued by Quezon

### But Extent of Flood Loss in Philippines Still Is Merely Guess

MANILA, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Manuel Quezon proclaimed the existence of "a state of calamity" in the flood and typhoon stricken areas tonight and government agencies rushed relief preparations although reports varied as to the seriousness of the disaster.

"Thousands of persons are missing," reported Army Capt. Victor Bilbao after a survey flight over the inundated Cagayan river valley. His report was in line with first army advice saying thousands were dead and missing in the flood's low sweep.

National Relief Agent Rosalio Reyes said several thousand persons were reported missing. The (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

### Much Pneumonia Noted in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Ninety-one new cases of pneumonia came to the attention of the state department of health the past week, 20 in Multnomah county, 11 in Clatsop and 9 in Joseph.

The week's report also listed 73 new cases of chickenpox, 40 of scarlet fever, 41 of influenza, 27 of whooping cough and 22 of tuberculosis.

In Multnomah county recorded 13 of the scarlet fever cases and Marion county 4.

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When forms may be constructed and first concrete poured in the basement section will depend upon the weather. Rainwater which has formed a large pond in the excavation is at present interfering with but not halting operations, Mason indicated. He said the basement area probably would be staked out for foundation locations this week.

### Hull Declares Peace Scheme To Be Limited

### Strictly American, View on Neutrality Plan at Conference

### Europe, Sanctions Held Not Involved; Await Argentine Answer

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, head of the United States delegation to the inter-American peace conference, issued a statement tonight emphasizing the scope of his neutrality project was "continental and not world-wide."

Hull stated that the direction of the proposal in answer to some following afternoon-long conversations, seeking to harmonize the Argentine view on neutrality with proposals by the United States and Brazil.

"The American republics would only be called upon under the proposal," Hull said, "to consult through the suggested committee when the peace and safety of one or more of the nations of this continent is involved.

Informed quarters interpreted Hull's statement as a clarification of the Argentine non-isolationist viewpoint with the pact.

Authoritative sources interpreted the statement further as an indication such efforts for harmony were a matter of mechanism and detail, and not of fundamental principles.

### Progress Is Made On D Street Drain

The D street storm sewer project which is now well under way will be completed about next June 30 if construction schedules can be adhered to, it was reported at the city engineer's office yesterday.

Nearly three blocks along D street eastward from Mill creek at Fifth are virtually closed to motor traffic by the construction operations. WPA crews have excavated a trench ranging from seven to nine feet deep and started pouring concrete into the 42-inch square pipe forms along two blocks of this stretch.

The sewer will extend eastward with a few jobs to the city limits.

### 'Thumbing' Wrong Ride Disastrous

Maxine Frances Abernathy, 21, of 1624 North Fourth street, "thumbed" one too many automobiles last night as she stood at the edge of the Pacific highway in Brookside seeking a ride home.

The young woman was brought to Salem and placed in the custody of Mrs. Nona M. White, county probation officer, on a charge of being drunk on a public highway. State Patrolman Loren Spaulding reported.

### 'Army' Announces Receipts to Date

Donations of groceries as well as of money will be gladly accepted by the Salvation Army for its Christmas relief undertaking, Adjutant John Allen stated yesterday. The downtown street corner booths to date have produced \$32.50 for the Christmas fund.

"If the Army is to meet the need at Christmas, the public will have to remember this organization by contributions," Allen said.

### Suit Over Albany Accident Started

SPOKANE, Dec. 9.—(AP)—An automobile accident of last July 12 near Albany, Ore., resulted in an \$18,000 damage suit here today.

### MRS. SIMPSON POSES FOR PHOTO AT CANNES



For the first time since trouble started over her romance with King Edward VIII, Mrs. Wallis Simpson posed for a photograph with a party of friends at Cannes, France, where she retreated during the king's controversy with his ministers. Photo shows (left to right), Lord Brownlow, Mrs. H. L. Rogers, hostess; Mrs. "Wallie" Simpson and H. L. Rogers, host.—International Illustrated News radio sound-photo.

### Railroad Will Go Back to Old Line

### Undercrossing Tracks to Be Tested This Week, Regular Use Soon

Heavy locomotives will be driven over the new mainline Southern Pacific grade and across the highway undercrossing structure at the north city limits this week in testing operations which will precede abandonment of the temporary "shoo-fly" tracks now in use.

Representatives of the highway department on the job said there was no doubt of the ability of the concrete and heavy steel girder highway crossing structure to stand up under heavy railway loads.

Unless grade defects are shown up by the test locomotives, the new mainline probably will be put into regular service early next week. The temporary line will be torn out immediately at the point where it crosses the regular highway at the north end of the project.

Grading and paving of the north approach to the undercrossing then will be rushed.

### Charity Show to Wind Up Tonight; Patronage Heavy

Patronage of the Elks' annual charity show, which will be repeated tonight in the Elks' auditorium was ahead of previous records following last night's performance which played to a capacity audience.

The Elks' orchestra also played. Stage settings were arranged by Freda Tredup and Larry Boulier.

### Siletz Indian's Death At Gateway Is Probed

GATEWAY, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—John Dowd, Siletz Indian, died near Madras in a train accident, sheriff's deputies reported today.

An investigation was underway to determine whether foul play was involved. Deputies were informed five Indians boarded the freight but when the train reached Wishram none could be found.

### Late Sports

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Oakland's Clippers, using a borrowed goalie, knocked over the Seattle Seahawks, 1 to 0 here tonight and climbed to first place in the cellar into third place in the Pacific coast hockey league.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Harry Jeffra, hard hitting Baltimore bantamweight, defeated Sixto Escobar, world's 118-pound champion in a hard fought ten round bout in the New York Hippodrome tonight.

### Wallie's View Is Unchanged, Word From Spokesman

CANNES, France, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Wallis Warfield Simpson's offer to withdraw from the life of Edward VIII "if it will solve the problem" still holds good, her spokesman, Lord Brownlow, said tonight.

Asked whether any development in London or elsewhere had altered Mrs. Simpson's stand, Brownlow said "her position remains the same."

It was disclosed tonight that Mrs. Simpson enjoyed a half hour motor trip through the countryside accompanied by a bodyguard.

### Mt. Hood Highway Blocked by Snow

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—December's first major storm fell tonight but left the mountain ranges of interior Oregon capped with snow.

Both the Wapinitia and McKenzie passes, major travel routes over the Cascade mountains were blanketed. Road crews were successful in keeping traffic flowing. The state motor association said the Santiam highway was "not advisable for use."

The Mt. Hood highway, between the Wapinitia cutoff and Parkdale, was closed by the state highway commission Wednesday because of a heavy fall of snow.

The highway probably will remain closed during the remainder of the season, officials said.

The McKenzie highway may be closed within the next few days due to snow which was falling here last night. Officials said snowplows were at work and this road would be kept open as long as possible.

### Youth Extension Program Planned

CORVALLIS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A national extension program for older rural youth is expected to go into effect next year, said F. L. Ballard, vice-director of the Oregon State college extension service.

He recently returned from the convention of land grant college associations and the Four-H club congress at Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Oregon criminal syndicalism law was assailed before the supreme court today as an invasion of the right of free speech and defended as a measure to prevent the spread of communist propaganda.

The case reached the court on appeal by Dirk DeJonge, communist who presided at a meeting in Portland, Ore., in 1934 to protest against police activities during a seaman's strike.

DeJonge was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Osmond K. Fraenkel, retained by the international labor defense to represent DeJonge, told the court under the statute as interpreted by the Oregon supreme court, "anyone attending a communist meeting, whether or not violence was advocated there, could be prosecuted."

Check on Communist Propaganda, Defense The law enacted in 1930, provides for imprisonment up to ten years and a fine of \$1,000 for anyone who conducts or assists at a meeting of any organization which teaches or advocates the doctrine

### Injury Jinx Hits Same Trio Twice

### Man First Unhurt, Struck Down While Assisting Two Companions

Albert J. Metschner, 39, Portland motorist, escaped injury in a two-car collision at 9:15 a. m. last night only to be struck down as he was assisting Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Smith, Aurora, across the Pacific highway at the D street intersection in Hubbard to receive first aid for injuries sustained by the two in the first accident.

A Woodburn physician ordered Metschner sent to Portland by ambulance for examination of a back injury. The motorist whose car hit him; John H. Becker, Woodburn, was not held by state police who investigated the double accident.

Mr. Smith, 62, suffered cuts about the head and ears, severe bruises and shock and Mrs. Smith, 50, received a shoulder sprain and cuts and bruises about the face, arms and legs.

The Smith sedan, emerging from the side street, was thrown 30 feet by the collision with Matchiner's sedan. The former machine overturned and righted itself before coming to a stop in a ditch.

Neither Metschner nor Dr. O'Farrell, who was riding with him, was hurt in the collision.

### Roseburg Turkey Show Is Success

ROSEBURG, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Hundreds of persons visited the second day exhibit of the northwest turkey show at Oakland today to inspect more than 1100 birds.

The Northwest Turkey Breeders' association, sponsoring the exhibit, set the dates of next year's event for December 6 to 11.

All officers were reelected. The board of directors of the Oregon Turkey Growers' association, saying the organization had all the tonnage it could handle under existing facilities, voted to close its membership effective December 15. J. C. Leedy, manager, said the rolls might be reopened at the end of the present marketing season.

### Oregon Syndicalism Law is Aired Before Highest Court

of criminal syndicalism or sabotage. Criminal syndicalism was defined in the statute as any doctrine advocating physical violence to affect industrial or political revolution.

Several of the justices expressed interest in whether the state relied upon activities at the raided meeting in order to gain a conviction or whether DeJonge's mere participation at a communist gathering was sufficient evidence for a felony conviction under the state law.

Would Be Crime to Discuss Politics Chief Justice Hughes asked: "Is it your contention that an address before communists gathered in Oregon to discuss the elec-

### Nation Awaits Statement by Cabinet Chief

### People Largely Resigned to Situation; Status Still Kept Secret

### Mysterious Moves Made by Principals; King May Depart Early

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(Thursday)—(AP)—The British public early today was prepared for abdication of Edward VIII as the hour approached for the expected announcement in Commons of the historic choice between his throne and Wallis Warfield Simpson.

The announcement still rested with the king, but there was no indication as morning wore on that the monarch had made any move to forestall the "grave" declaration which Baldwin was to make before parliament when it meets at 2:45 p. m. (9:45 a. m. EST).

Unless the monarch at the eleventh hour contrives some hitherto unexplained plan to retain both thrones and the throne and the divorced woman he would marry, many sections of the British press and officialdom expressed belief abdication was his only solution.

Contrary Decision Is Still Possible There was always the possibility, however remote, that he might accept Mrs. Simpson's avowal to sacrifice her love if such a move alone would save Edward's throne.

His friends, however, said the king gave no indication that he would countenance such a finale to a romance which shook the world's largest empire.

The king's unofficial parliamentary opinion was that the deadlock between the king and his ministers over Mrs. Simpson still was unbroken, and that the government delivered what it considered an ultimatum demanding his decision when the halls of parliament open in the afternoon.

London newspaper offices early Thursday endeavored to check rumors, wholly without confirmation, that Edward planned to fly from England before Baldwin speaks in Commons.

The motive for such an act, it was said, would be to prevent popular demonstrations.

Edward himself apparently remained aloof with his thoughts in heavily-guarded Fort Belvedere.

He was up well past midnight after a day of momentous conferences with his ministers—a day of grave-faced conferences with his family and a poignant visit of the sorrowing Queen Mary to bid her son what many considered her farewell to the boy who became England's king.

From Belvedere a royal conveyance loaded with baggage wheeled toward London just before midnight. It was not disclosed whose baggage was in the vehicle of what was its destination.

Notables Confer With Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, foremost opponent of any sort of union between the king of England and Wallis Warfield Simpson, held an evening cabinet session in a private chamber in commons, and then repaired to historic No. 10 Downing street to receive many influential callers during the night.

Sir John Simon, the home secretary, Malcolm MacDonald, dominion secretary, Walter Monnet, the king's personal legal adviser all went in to see the man who has said the king shall not marry Mrs. Simpson as long as he is king.

The London Daily Herald reported the prospect of abdication "regarded a few days before with dismay is now regarded with resignation and with feeling that perhaps, after all, in all circumstances it is the best way out."

These and other developments, including the summoning of the Irish free state cabinet into special session, were cited by informed quarters as indicating abdication at least was a possibility.

By the Way

13 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BABY WANTS A PRESENT TOO

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS