

The Weather
Partly cloudy today. Sunday probably unsettled with rain; Max. Temp. Friday 57, Min. 41, river -2.5 feet, rain .19 inch, S. wind.

New Year Edition
The Statesman's New Year edition will present a complete picture of the notable progress made by the Salem district this year.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Lost Northwest Fliers May Be Found Alive

Turner You is Killed by Train

Corn Cargo to Be Handled Is Union Decision

Unloading Will Start at Once; Pleas for End of Strike Heard

Farm Bureau Here Joins In Demand; Control of Milk Upheld

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Portland maritime strikers approved release of 4700 tons of corn aboard the Norwegian motorship *Primero* tonight. Unloading will start as soon as arrangements can be made with the importing agent.

The general membership of seven unions involved voted almost solidly to move the corn, needed by the Oregon poultry industry, under "full union conditions."

The remainder of the 7400-ton cargo is consigned to Puget Sound.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Associations representing 30,000 Oregon farmers demanded adjustment of differences in the maritime strike tonight and resumption of shipping to stop losses already amounting to millions of dollars.

A unanimously adopted resolution of the Oregon cooperative council said "if these conditions are permitted to continue they can lead only to the bankruptcy of Oregon agriculture."

Speakers at the meeting, fearing permanent losses, said financial setbacks to producers would pyramid rapidly unless trade resumed immediately.

Elsewhere in Oregon anti-strike sentiment formed tonight. The Coos Bay citizens committee at Manilla, advised that peace still was far off, wired mayors of 25 coast cities asking mobilization for settlement.

The southern Oregon citizens said if agreement was not reached it was only a question of time until all shipping to the Pacific coast was suspended on the basis of governmental control.

Condemning the maritime strike for its effect in tying up feed and farm commodities, the board of directors of the Marion county unit of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, yesterday adopted a resolution urging "immediate steps necessary to bring the crisis to an end." The resolution (Continued on page 2)

Hawley Testifies On Claim of Gore

MEDFORD, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Testimony in W. H. Gore's \$88,000 suit against Jackson county will be concluded tomorrow morning and the case should reach the jury by mid-afternoon.

Wills C. Hawley, former United States congressman, was principal witness today in the county's defense against Gore's action for payment in connection with his services on behalf of the Oregon-California tax refund bill of 1924.

"It does not run in my mind that Mr. Gore played an important part in the passage of the measure," Hawley testified. The ex-congressman gave credit for the bill's success to N. J. Sinnott, former representative from the eastern Oregon district.

Hungry, Thirsty Burglar Sought

A burglar who broke into the J. A. Kappahn winery on the Pacific highway 1 1/2 miles north of Salem between 10:30 p. m. Thursday and 7 a. m. yesterday must have been both thirsty and hungry. He left behind 11 3/4 gallons of wine and three one-half pound sacks of shelled walnuts, Kappahn reported to state police.

Entry to the place was gained by "jimmyming" a window.

Office's Only Marine Union Unaffected by Tentative Agreement

Unlicensed Personnel Ready to Sign and End Long Strike Soon as Last Group Concur; Parley Recessed, Peace Terms Are Written

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Tentative agreements which may serve as the basis for a settlement of the west coast maritime strike were reported early today to Joseph Curran, leader of the strike strategy committee of the east coast seamen.

Curran said he was informed by long distance telephone from San Francisco strike headquarters that an understanding had been reached between ship owners and unlicensed personnel unions on which an agreement could be signed providing licensed personnel unions concur.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Shipowners and seagoing unions sought anew to reach agreement today on major issues in the Pacific coast maritime strike but recessed conferences until tomorrow without announcing results.

The 10th day of the tieup saw the house flag of the Dollar Steamship lines disappear from the high seas for the first time in the company's 36 years of round-the-world service.

Offshore shippers and the marine firemen recessed a further discussing a written document which observers believed was a tentative draft of peace terms heretofore gone over verbally.

Death of Former Alderman Sudden

Paul V. Johnson Native of Salem; Heads Pioneer Clothing Firm Here

Paul V. Johnson, 48, for many years proprietor of a men's clothing store in Salem, member of the civil service commission and former city councilman, died suddenly of a heart attack shortly before noon Friday.

Although he had been in poor health for several months, Mr. Johnson's death was a shock to his relatives and friends. It was believed that over-exertion while stoking the furnace in his store on State street was directly responsible.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Salem had always taken an active interest in civic affairs and served on the city council for several terms. He was chairman of the police committee and his interest in this function of city government led to his selection as a member of the civil service commission when the civil service went into effect in the police and fire departments. He was the first chairman and remained a member of this commission up to the time of his death.

Born in Salem June 19, 1888. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Young F. R. Recovering

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt jr., underwent a sinus operation today, and attending physicians said his condition should permit him to spend Christmas at the White House with his family (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Job-Creating Movement is Launched by State Agency

A campaign to create jobs that will minimize unemployment in Marion county will be conducted during the next few months as a result of action taken at a meeting yesterday of the advisory committee for the Salem agency of the Oregon state employment service.

"Make a Job," will be the campaign slogan, which it is planned to repeat with emphasizing explanations before all civic organizations, in the press and by all other available means of reaching the public. D. D. Dotson, manager of the employment office stated.

"According to the committee's investigations, the Salem office is putting proportionately more people back to work than many other offices throughout the state but the staff finds itself particularly limited at this time of the year because very few jobs are being offered," Dotson said. "Today's registration in this office shows about 3500 Marion county men and women available for employment."

Citizens of the county will be urged to have odd jobs done during the slack winter months and will be invited to make suggestions as to where and how the unemployed may obtain work.

Advantage seen in some types of work.

"It is recognized that the weather may limit some types of employment," Dotson stated, "but the committee points out that there are many types of work which can be done at an advantage at this time of year."

The advisory committee which ordered the campaign to proceed consists of Sheldon F. Sackett, chairman; Senator Douglas McKay; Judge J. C. Stegmann; Harry Levy, F. J. A. Boehringer and Mrs. George Schon. The first three named, who were unable to attend the meeting, gave their approval of the plan previously.

The employment office is located at 355 North High street and its telephone number is 3754. Dotson pointed out. His staff includes Walter Spaulding and Cecil Scudder, interviewers; Marie Baker, statistician; Fay Lemmon, assistant; and John E. Cooter, state farm placement supervisor, who is assisting during the campaign.

Eugene Mellis Dies When Car Hit by Shasta

Tragedy Similar to One Recently; Light Auto Wholly Demolished

Victim Tossed in Field; Trainmaster Assists in Investigation

Eugene Murl Mellis, 20, of Turner, met apparently instant death at 6 o'clock last night when his light automobile was struck by the northbound Southern Pacific Shasta passenger train on a sidetrack crossing of the mainline three miles east of Turner. The car, rolled into a ball of wreckage, was thrown 150 feet down the tracks and the Shasta's timbers from a shattered cattle crossing and Mellis was pitched into an adjoining field.

Aside from trainmen in the locomotive cab, there were no eye-witnesses to the crash. Trainmaster J. M. Trefren of Portland, who happened to be on the Shasta, took charge of the investigation after directing the conductor to take the train on northward, with an emergency stop at Turner to telephone the coroner's office here.

Similar Accident Few Weeks Ago The accident was virtually a repetition of a fatal crash that occurred in Turner a few weeks ago. There was little grade and an unobstructed view from the road. Trefren declared the engine. (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Reservoir Plaque To Honor Leaders

Officials in Office When Water Program Started to Have Names There

City officials who were in office last spring when the Salem water construction program was undertaken will be honored by having their names on a bronze tablet to be set in a wall of the new Fairmount hill reservoir, it was revealed at a meeting of the water commission last night.

There probably will be no formal dedication ceremony in connection with the placing of the tablet, Cuyler VanPatten, water department manager said.

The commission decided last night to ask the council to authorize a committee to recommend names to be honored by the water department \$462.45 per month for extra expenditures in the form of salaries and equipment depreciation entailed by the construction program. The payments would be retroactive to July 1.

Informed by VanPatten that the prices of copper and brass fittings and pipe were rising, the commission directed bids to be called for a maximum of \$4000 during 1937. VanPatten estimated 10 per cent could be saved by ordering ahead of an impending price rise and another 10 per cent through quantity buying.

McKenzie Route Is Opened Again

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Snowplows aided by higher temperature and clearing skies opened the McKenzie pass highway today.

The route between Bend and Eugene was blocked yesterday by a blizzard. The State Motor association advised the road was slippery in only a few places.

The highway to Government Camp and the Wapinitia cut-off were free of snow tonight. Reports said a heavy fog hung over the Siskiyou mountain section of the Pacific highway and a light mist fell in the Rogue river valley.

Weather observers sighted a new storm from the ocean and warnings went up from Tatoosh Island to Marshfield.

Keep Crater Roads Open

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Roads to Crater lake from Medford and Klamath Falls will be kept open all winter, David H. Canfield, superintendent of Crater lake park, said today. He said "public reaction to the winter scenery in the park is astounding."

Ultimatum to Chinese Rebel Sets Deadline

Nanking Force to Attack Unless Chiang Freed By Early Tonight

Letter From Dictator Is Plea That Hostility Cease, Assorted

NANKING, Dec. 18.—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Chinese government today gave rebel Marshal Chang until 6 p. m. tonight (5 a. m. Saturday, E. S. T.) to deliver Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek alive, or face the fury of Nanking's armed forces.

Calling a few hours' halt in the drive on Sianfu to rescue its leader, the government notified rebel captor Chang Hsueh-liang that its ultimatum demanding Chiang's release was final.

Chinese officials said this action was taken after receipt of a letter signed by the generalissimo, himself, saying he might "be back in Nanking Saturday."

The official (Chinese) central news agency published what is asserted was the text of the generalissimo's letter, in which he asked cessation of infantry and air attacks on the Shensi rebels who hold him prisoner with several of his ranking generals.

The date of the letter was not revealed. Despite their declarations of a truce, government leaders were represented as convinced that further delay in the military operations, in which several of Nanking's finest divisions have been tightening a cordon around the rebel city, would be futile.

Some high Chinese interpreted the generalissimo's reference to the date of his return to Nanking today, not as expressing hope or hope that this would come true, but as General Chiang's indirect method of telling his colleagues that unless the mutineers submitted by the time set, he desired the government to resort to force, disregarding his personal danger.

Townsend Asserts He'll Pay No Fine

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Townsend surrendered today on a warrant posted against him in Washington for refusing to testify before a congressional committee.

He appeared before U. S. Commissioner David B. Head, posted cash bond of \$1,000 and said he had not surrendered sooner because he wanted to know officially that the warrant had arrived from Washington.

The founder of the old age pension movement bearing his name declared: "I'll never pay a fine. If they come in on Washington I'll go to jail. They can't give me much more than 30 days and I need a good rest. I can get it then and at the same time do a lot of work."

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Sweet Home Man Believed Suicide

ALBANY, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The body of Horace R. Moss, 35, was found hanging in an unoccupied barn tonight between Sweet Home and Holley. Deputy Coroner Kropp believed the body was there since Monday, the day Moss was last seen.

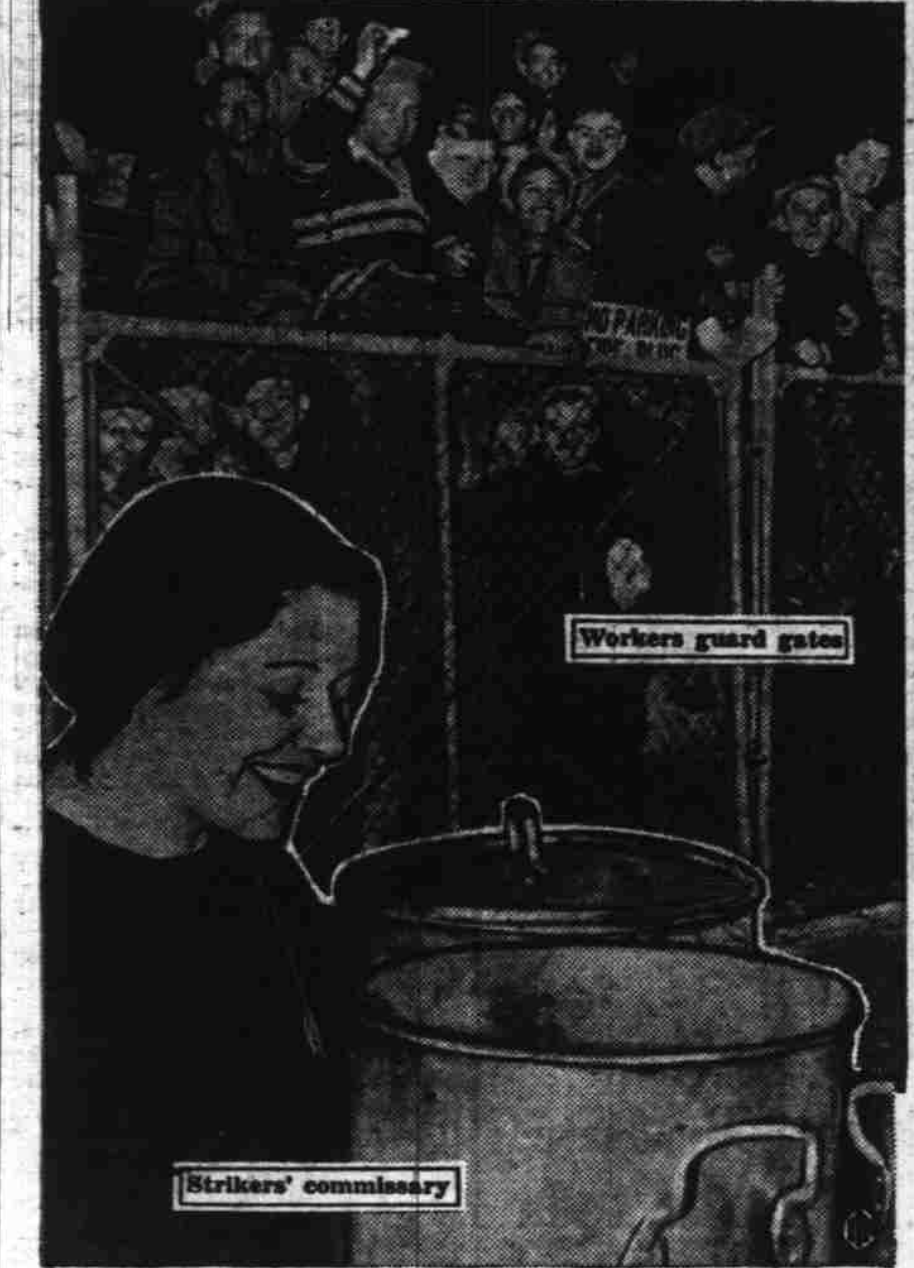
Kropp said the death apparently was a suicide. Moss was the son of Jess Moss, democratic sheriff candidate at the May primaries. His parents and two sisters live at Sweet Home.

Late Sports

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Southern Oregon Normal school scored an easy 44 to 28 basketball victory over San Diego State college here tonight. Cliff McLean, normal's Indian star, scored 10 points.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 18.—(AP)—George Theodoratos, Sacramento heavyweight and former Washington State college athlete, knocked out Butch Rogers of Los Angeles in the fourth of a scheduled six round bout here tonight.

Industrial Union Move Threatens Auto Industry; Plants Shut Down



Spreading strikes in industries affecting automobile manufacture headed toward a shutdown as the Automobile Workers union, affiliated with the "C. I. O." industrial union group headed by John L. Lewis, decided to insist on a collective bargaining agreement with General Motors. Above, scenes at the Midland Steel company "sit down" strike in Detroit.

Shutdown Sought In Auto Industry

Collective Bargaining Is Demanded; Spread of Strikes Watched

(By the Associated Press) Labor Leader John L. Lewis, spearhead of the movement to unionize the huge mass production industries—sought a shutdown yesterday in the automotive field.

The United Automobile Workers union, affiliated with the Lewis committee for industrial organization, decided to demand a collective bargaining agreement with the General Motors corporation.

Lewis announced the decision after a Washington conference with Homer Martin, president of the union, and claimed "many thousands" of auto wreckers had enlisted under his banner.

The motor car industry already felt the effects of strikes sponsored by the union in Detroit, Atlanta, Kansas City, Canton, Ohio, and Racine, Wis.

Storage of brakes curtailed production at the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor company. Men on the night shift—estimated at 20,000 by the union and 10,000 by the company—were sent home. The brakes had been supplied in part by the Kelsey-Hayes wheel company in Detroit before "sit down" demonstrations in two of its plants left 5,000 employees idle.

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Valuable Prizes Announced, Yule Illumination Contest

Valuable prizes for the Christmas illumination contest have been announced by Reynolds Allen, chairman of the Ad club committee which is conducting the contest. A \$10 award is offered for the best illuminated house in the city among the large houses; and a similar \$10 prize for the best illuminated small house. In addition electric merchandise prizes are offered for the winners in the two classes in each of the six districts. Such prizes are electric toaster, lamps, clocks, silver sets, sandwich grill, waffle iron.

Friday the Ad club announced important changes in the rules, to make the contest open to all without restriction as to whether they have won in previous contests or not. The response to date has been slow and a telephone campaign was directed to stir up interest.

Wide Participation Is Sought by Club "We are anxious to have a wide participation in the contest," said Allen. "We invite people to take part even if they

Call For Help Arouses Hope, Kootenai Area

Pend Oreille Region to Be Combed; Store Man Brings First Word

Hundreds of Men, Score Of Planes Aid Quest Of Liner in Utah

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Sheriff's officers of Kootenai county, Idaho, plunged into a wild region of the north Idaho panhandle late tonight after what they thought might be the first clue to the exact whereabouts of two missing aviators in a Northwest Airlines transport plane.

A report that a man heard a cry "help" tonight as he walked with his family along a forest trail gave the first definite hope that Pilots Joe Livermore, Spokane, and A. A. Hald, Seattle, might be alive. They disappeared over north Idaho's wilderness after a last radio report at 3:19 a. m.

Two deputies left the Kootenai sheriff's office, not expecting to get back until after midnight, possibly not until dawn. The report came from Bayview, on Pend Oreille lake, about 25 miles north of Cour D'Alene.

Men Didn't Know Of Missing Fliers The report came from the Bayview storekeeper, Mr. Wilson. The sheriff's office said neither Wilson nor the unidentified man who reported the incident to him as soon as he reached the isolated store, had heard that the fliers were missing.

Wilson told the officers the man called back to the distant voice and received an answering "help" call; then he could not arouse another answer. He told Wilson he did not leave the trail because his wife and children were with him.

The Kootenai county report aroused new hope at Felts field here where Northwest Airlines employes and executives have maintained a constant vigil.

The report came after Nick Hamer, well known Northwest Airlines pilot, received information from two residents of the Mica Peak region of an airplane's roar in that region at about 4 a. m.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The west's greatest air hunt was pressed tonight for two transport planes missing with nine persons.

The lost craft are: 1. A twin-motored, ten-passenger ship of Western Air Express. It disappeared with crew of three and four passengers Tuesday morning en route here from Los Angeles. It is believed down in Utah mountains, all aboard feared dead.

2. A Northwest Airlines all-metal, low wing transport. It vanished early today in the snow-drifted timberland of northern Idaho near the Washington state border. Spokane-bound, two pilots were the only occupants.

Planes numbering upwards of a score, and men in hundreds, were sent into the hunt for the big airliner lost four days in Utah. Four planes flew above searching ground parties in the north Idaho hunt.

The searching ships flew a total of 50,000 miles today, using 3,000 gallons of gas.

Watchman Ninth Victim On State Super-Highway

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—I. S. Holton, 58, Portland WPA worker, lost his life tonight on the super-highway.

On duty at a traffic checking station, Holton was hit by the rear end of a truck and buried in front of another car.

His is the ninth death on the super-highway this year.

By the Way
5 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
TIME TO ORDER YOUR TREE
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS