

**The Weather**  
Unsettled today and Thursday with rains, cold Friday; max. temp. Tuesday 50.5, min., 23.5, wind 3 feet, cloudy, south winds.

**Don't Miss It!**  
Off the press Friday—The Oregon Statesman—Willamette Valley Progress edition, replete with photos of Salem homes, industries.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

# Strike Threatens Auto Industry Paralysis

## Crash Ends Brief Crime Wave; Radio and Ex-Griddler Assist

### Pair Captured In Wild Chase Through City

Burgess Aided by Former Football Player and Other Witnesses

### Ex-convicts Caught With Chief at Microphone Directing Pursuit

Rapidly-relayed police radio messages, equally prompt police activity, a wild automobile chase through downtown streets and the latent football ability of a couple of Salem residents brought a speedy end to a 33-minute crime wave in Salem yesterday afternoon. As a result William McClain, 25, Monmouth, and Elmer Adin Davis, 25, Marshfield, both ex-convicts, were in the city jail last night facing a charge of car theft. Davis, already twice convicted for car theft, had just completed a two-year sentence from Coos county in the penitentiary at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

### Godkin Handed 15 Years as Burglar

Man Recently Wounded at Olympia Has Record Here, Revealed

OLYMPIA, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Russell Godkin, 22-year-old convicted burglar who failed in an attempt to shoot it out with police in an escape attempt, was in jail here today pending removal to the state penitentiary.

### Bridges Endorsed

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The northwest joint maritime strike committee today unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the leadership of President Harry Bridges of the Pacific coast longshoremen's association.

### 17-Year Fugitive Finally Captured

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Seventeen years of stolen freedom ended for Harry Floyd Beal tonight. He sat in the county jail awaiting the arrival of officers to take him to Indiana where he said he escaped from the state prison while serving a life term for murder.

### Pope Sinks Gradually And End Feared Near; Suffering is Reduced

Absolute Quiet Ordered, Pacelli Only Visitor of the day; Disappearance of Blood Clot Viewed as Dangerous Factor

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Pope Pius XI weakened tonight in "slow but continual decline," vatican prelates said. Relatives were summoned to be within close call at all times.

### Winter Tightens Grip Upon State

SNOW, FREEZING PREVAIL IN MANY SECTIONS; PLOWS FIGHT PASS DRIFTS

### McGrady Goes East Also After Arranging New Parley on Coast

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Winter clamped down on Oregon tonight, scattering snow and low temperatures over the state.

### Fuhrer May Quit Council Position

LEGISLATIVE DUTY, HEALTH AMONG REASONS; ADOLPH MAY BE SUCCESSOR

WALTER FUHRER may resign Monday night from his position as city councilman from the second ward, he said yesterday.

### Government Jobs Fraud Is Charged

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The government charged two men today with posing as representatives of the social security board and collecting money for a course of instruction for prospective government jobs under the social security act.

### Bonding Firm Asks Revision To Cover Sheriff's Deputies

DECLARING that it was not the sheriff who had the opportunity to steal money handled by the tax collection department, but his deputies, Gaylor B. Eckles, state manager of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company, writer of Sheriff A. C. Burk's bond, yesterday advised the county court that a policy had been adopted by the bonding companies requiring that deputies actually handling the funds should be bonded.

### Justice Is Held Up

BANDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A masked bandit held up and robbed Justice of the Peace and Mrs. S. Ellis Scoville at their home here. He made off with more than \$260 in cash.

### Congress Held Only Hope for Closing Strike

Union Committee Will Go to Washington; Plans Are Not Revealed

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Maritime union leaders turned toward congress tonight for possible aid in breaking the ship strike impasse. All peace negotiations again halted abruptly.

### Brother Seized As They Watch

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Excitement over possible moves to pay ransom and explosion of another of many clues marked the Charles Mattson kidnapping tonight, 72 hours after Charles, 10-year-old son of a Tacoma physician, was snatched from the family home.

### Baby Burned When Yule Tree Ignites

A six-months-old baby girl was seriously burned and her father was badly cut in rescuing her at 8:30 a. m. yesterday when a Christmas tree in a second floor room at 1125 Nebraska street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kanteberg and their children, caught fire.

### Service Station Held Up, Dallas

STATE POLICE and Polk county officers were hunting last night for an armed man who held up a service station in the north part of Dallas about 7 o'clock last night obtaining \$31.50. The man took the money at the point of a gun from the station attendant.

### Dean Walker May Head Ways-Means

LEGISLATORS who were in Salem Wednesday indicated that Dean Walker of Polk county would be selected as chairman of the senate ways and means committee at the 1937 legislative session and that Henry Semon of Klamath county would receive a similar appointment in the house.

### Water Utility Is Apparent Aim of Theft Case Trio

WHETHER or not they intended to go into the water utility business in competition with Salem's municipal system, defendants didn't say. But the fact remains that three Salem men were committed to the Polk county jail yesterday upon failure to pay \$25 fines each imposed by Judge J. G. McIntosh of Independence justice court.

### Jane Withers Threatened

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Jane Withers, freckle-faced little star of the screen, has been threatened with death unless her parents pay \$50,000, her mother revealed here tonight.

### Education's Share in Public Leadership Convention Topic

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Modification of cultural aspects and the position of the school in developing community and political leaders offered fuel for debate at the closing session of the Oregon State Teachers' association convention here today.

### Quest of Missing Airliner Resumed

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Clearing skies permitted resumption today of aerial search in western Utah for an airliner missing since December 15 with seven persons on board.

### Ransom Car Is Ready to Make Trip, Believed

Machine of Type Which Note Specified Is at Mattson Home

SECRET TRIPS ARE MADE; ONE CLUE BLOWS UP, POLICE ANNOUNCE

SEATTLE, Dec. 31. (Thursday)—A half dozen state highway patrol cars sped through Renton near Seattle early today toward Issaquah, about 12 miles southeast of here, to investigate what appeared to be cryptic signals in a public spotlight in the wooded hills.

Issaquah was the town near where George Weyerhaeuser was released by his kidnapers in the dawn of a June morning in 1935 after his parents had paid a \$200,000 ransom.

Yesterday Mrs. P. C. Wiltats, Seattle reported to police someone entered a house near Issaquah and stole a mattress and some bedding.

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At 8 p. m. an automobile corresponding in year, model and body style to a machine the kidnapper ordered used in delivering the \$28,000 ransom stood in front of the Mattson home here.

A man and a woman who had arrived in the vicinity before were still in the house. The machine bore King County license plates issued to Mildred Mattson, Box 46, Portage, Wash.

In the kidnap note left on the floor of the Mattson home Sunday night, the family was directed to send the ransom money in five and fifty-dollar bills, to an unsuspecting rendezvous by a single person in a car such as that which stood by the house tonight.

Almost at the same time tonight the office of Sheriff John Bjorklund announced it had located a known underworld character sought for three days. The officer said tonight he had been unable to account satisfactorily for his activities this week.

As Home Watched

At the Mattson home lights blazed over the entire house and numerous persons not members of the immediate family were seen moving about.

Outside an increasing corps of newspapermen and photographers thrived as the thermometer dropped steadily.

Two trips by Dr. W. W. Mattson, father of the missing boy, and William, 16, his brother, were the chief activities at the home during the day. Their destination was not learned either time.

Two possible intermediaries between the family and the kidnapper also made various trips during the day. Lt. Col. Gus B. Appelman, U. S. A. R. visited the house this morning. Paul Seava, national park company executive, arrived at the home after making speedy trips to and from Seattle.

Mrs. W. W. Mattson, mother of Charles, was reported to have recovered greatly from her early hysterical condition.

### Brother Seized As They Watch



Above, Muriel, 14, sister of Charles Mattson, 10, who was kidnapped Sunday in Tacoma. She was in the room at the time and later described the kidnapper. Below, Billy, 16, Charles' older brother who was also a witness, and blamed himself for not fighting the intruder. He telephoned to police.—International Illustrated News photos.

### Shortage of Glass And New Walkouts Curtail Operations

Body Plant Sit-Down Causes Halt in Detroit Production; Large Firm Cancels Orders for Parts

COTTON FILLING WORKERS CEASE LABOR AND CONFERENCE IS CALLED FOR SUNDAY; LEWIS GROUP ACTS

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Spreading strikes and the pinch of a glass shortage cut further into automobile production tonight and extended the curtailment of operations into hundreds of automotive supply factories throughout the country.

A "sit-down" strike in the Fisher body plant No. 2 at Flint, Mich., left 1,200 idle and caused the Chevrolet Motor company to suspend operations in its assembly and delivery departments, sending 1,000 workers home.

The General Motors Corporation, whose units include both Fisher and Chevrolet, moved to stop or curtail the inflow of parts in excess of its production requirements, announcing "temporary stop orders" have been sent to hundreds of its suppliers scattered through many states.

Two hours after the Chevrolet assembly line halted at Flint, sixty workers of the day shift of the Standard Cotton Products company, which supplies cotton filling for automobile seats to the Fisher plant, began a "sit-down" strike. They demanded a 20-cent and hour wage increase, an eight-hour day and time and one-half for overtime.

Four Fisher body plants at Flint, Cleveland, O., Atlanta, Ga., and Kansas City, Mo., are closed by strikes and negotiations for settlement have been deadlocked. The plant at Cleveland, which makes body stampings, shipping from there to other Fisher divisions, is the only one of the four that has not interrupted an accompanying Chevrolet assembly line. Union officials refused to accept a local settlement of the dispute.

The united automobile workers of America, whose members are engaged in the various strikes, has called a conference at Flint, Sunday of union representatives from General Motors plants in ten states to approve a collective bargaining agreement which will be proposed to corporation officials. The U.A.W. is affiliated with John L. Lewis' committee for industrial organization.

### Lindbergh Ransom Money Said Found

CACHE OF \$21,650 CLAIMED UNSEARCHED; HOFFMAN'S HAND SEEN IN CASE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Record in a copyrighted story tonight said it had learned discovery of a cache of \$21,650 in goldback bills—"believed to be Lindbergh ransom money"—threatened to split the Bruno Hauptmann case "wide open once more."

The story said the money was found in "a bag" in New Jersey state troopers assigned to the case by Governor Harold G. Hoffman.

Hoffman was declared by the Record as a result of the discovery to be ready to name persons he believed to have been the actual kidnapers of the baby" son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles L. Lindbergh.

The governor "refused to deny" recovery of the money, the paper stated, and promised to "tell all about it" at a hearing tomorrow.

At Trenton, N. J., Col. Mark O. Kimberling, head of the state police, said his officers had not found any money and know of no one who has.

E. L. Richmond, head of the federal bureau of investigation in Trenton, said the case was closed as far as his organization was concerned.

### Lessard Case to Be Argued Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Arguments will open in circuit court tomorrow on Deltomre Lessard's action to restrain the secretary of state from declaring his seat in the state senate vacant.

The secretary contends Lessard violated the state constitution by serving as attorney for the World War veterans' state aid commission in addition to his senate post.

He automatically disqualified himself in connection with the commission post to sit in the senate.

He asserts his acts as commission attorney did not enter into the sovereign power of the state.

Dr. Henry Hodges of the University of Cincinnati favored a strong governmental program propagated through schools.

Dr. Flora M. Thurston of New York, authority on domestic relations, suggested cooperation instead of competition between schools. She said there was need for expansion of adult education.

Said Dr. William C. Jones of Willamette university on education:

"You and I know that much of our so-called research is just pure puff. Most of us bring out learned papers and studies to maintain our respectability in the profession with very little thought of advancing the frontiers of knowledge."

Appointment of department chairmen included:

George Birrell, Salem, adult education; Clarence A. Guderian, chairman, and Floyd L. Siegmund, secretary, both of Salem, vocational education.

### Bandit Is Killed After Abduction

PORT LAVACA, Tex. Dec. 30.—(AP)—A gunman who attempted to abduct three members of a family here was shot to death and Sheriff J. D. O'Neill, 63, of Calhoun county was seriously wounded in a pistol battle tonight.

The slain man was identified from papers in his pocket as Wade W. "Gunboat" Smith of Ohio. He was about 34 years old.

The gunman held up Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wasserman and their daughter, Bennie Mae, 32, as they backed their car out of their garage.

Mrs. Wasserman leaped from the car and called officers, while the bandit forced Wasserman to drive out of town.

About a mile out, Sheriff O'Neill and George Livingston, city marshal, overtook the car and forced it to a stop.

The bandit leaped from the car and opened fire on the officers. They answered the fire and the kidnaper was cut down. Sheriff O'Neill was wounded in the head.

### Quest of Missing Airliner Resumed

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Clearing skies permitted resumption today of aerial search in western Utah for an airliner missing since December 15 with seven persons on board.

"We'll keep up the hunt as long as weather permits," an official of Western Air Express company said.

However, hope has been abandoned by many that the big Western airliner will be found before spring. A storm this week left deep snow over much of the region between Salt Lake City and Milford, 180 miles south, where pilot S. J. Samson last reported on a flight from Los Angeles.

Five U. S. marine planes operating out of Milford will return to San Diego, Calif., tomorrow.