

**The Weather**  
Cloudy today and Monday, continued low temperatures; Max. Temp. Saturday 34, Min. 15, cloudy, moderate south wind.

Eighty-sixth Year

## Legislators Arriving; Caucuses Set Today

### Merle Long Is Killed as Auto And Bus Crash

Wife Critically Injured and Two Others Are in Hospital in Salem

### Icy Pavement Causes Car to Skid Into Path of Heavier Vehicle

Icy paving and a snowstorm which together caused a private automobile to collide with a large bus north of Salem yesterday afternoon cost the life of Merle G. Long, 24, Salem supervisory station proprietor, sent his wife, Dorothy, 40, to Lower Level of Salem General hospital with critical injuries and the stage driver and one of his passengers to the same place with less serious hurts.

Mrs. Long's condition was described last night by the surgeon who attended her in the surgery for four hours as highly serious but a little improved. She had a slight chance to live, he added.

The fatal crash occurred at about 3:35 p.m. on the Pacific highway five miles north of Brooks, near Manning's corner. One bus passenger and driver hurt.

The bus driver, H. C. Hewitt, 43, of Oregon City, sustained cuts about the head and ears and a severed small artery in the neck. The passenger, Margaret Bain, 22, of Walker, near Eugene, suffered a flesh wound in the back and injuries to both feet. The physician who attended the two said, however, he did not believe their condition serious.

Two others of the 11 passengers in the California-bound bus reported minor injuries. Mrs. Edna Woodworth, Pendleton, was taken to a Salem doctor's office for attention to a sprained foot and Mrs. A. J. Ostrander, a physician connected with the Oregon burg veterans facility, was to be examined by a doctor upon her arrival in Eugene. She was suffering mainly from shock.

Skidding on icy pavement is cause.

From the numerous conflicting reports concerning the accident the following description took shape in evidence obtained by two state policemen, Loren Spaulding and Howard Benninghoff:

Long, driving a sedan northward behind a large Star canary truck, turned to the left traffic lane to pass, discerned the

skidding on icy pavement is cause.

### Amendment Drive On in Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Criticism of supreme court headed up tonight plans for a "conference on constitutional amendment," under the chairmanship of Senator George Norris, the veteran Nebraska independent.

An attempt will be made to organize such a conference as a clearing house for proposals to enlarge federal powers and curtail the jurisdiction of the courts, either by amendment or by a simple statutory action.

Norris himself, in an emphatic speech to a luncheon of the independent legislative bureau, advocated such a conference and pleaded for liberals to agree on some one plan.

It developed that a small group of lawyers and economists had been promoting the idea for several months past and asked Norris to preside. He was expected to give his formal answer within a few days.

### Damage to Citrus Fruits Extensive

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Some 16,000,000 workers resumed firing of citrus fruit orchard heaters tonight, guarding against further damage from a southern California freeze which may cost crop growers generally several millions of dollars.

Most of the damage from last night's sub-freezing temperatures, was confined to citrus fruits. Other crops, however, suffered extensively.

Orchard heating alone was believed to have cost around \$1,000,000.

Damage to the current orange crop was placed unofficially as high as 15 per cent.

In Imperial valley, inspectors for County Agricultural Commissioner B. A. Harrison reported after a survey today that crop damage there may reach \$269,000, including 15 per cent of the grapefruit and 10 per cent of the early cantaloupes.

### Dies as Result Of Auto Crash

Merle G. Long



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### Senators Helping On Strike Issues

McNary and Steiwer Urge President to Step in, Chamber Advised

Messages of assurance from both of Oregon's senators that they are doing everything possible to bring about presidential intervention to settle the Pacific coast maritime strike, were received Saturday by W. W. Chadwick, president of the Salem chamber of commerce in response to his recent communications urging such action.

"Have urged intervention by President Roosevelt in the matter of maritime strike. I shall use your letter to support my attitude," said Senator Charles L. McNary.

"I appreciate seriousness of conditions outlined in your communication and yesterday I urged president" (Turn to Page 11, Col. 8)

### Mattson Insisting On Further Proof

New Message Through Ads Demands Showing That Child Still Lives

TACOMA, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A reliable source said tonight Dr. W. W. Mattson, father of kidnaped Charles Mattson, 10, "positively would not" pay \$28,000 demanded ransom until sure he dealt with the "right party" and the boy is "alive."

The doctor is greatly confused by the attempt of at least two persons to "muscle" in and by hi-jackers, the source, who could not be named, declared.

A sudden dash by federal bureau of investigation agents yesterday morning was attributed by this source to intervention by hi-jackers.

"Federal agents will keep their promise not to interfere with payment of the ransom and return of the boy," the source said. "But" (Turn to Page 8, Col. 1)

### Father Leaps With Baby In Arms to Escape Fire

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Smashing a second-story window of his burning home, Floyd Sale, with his baby in his arms, jumped to safety here, escaping with cuts on his hands and arms.

The baby was unharmed. Zero weather hampered fire-fighting work and the home was destroyed.

### First Aid Car Order Goes in And Delivery Soon Expected

Salem Trades and Labor council representatives yesterday placed an order for the city first aid car which will be dedicated to the memory of Floyd B. McMillen, student call fireman who lost his life in the state capital fire April 25, 1935. Members of the council committee in charge said the car probably would be ready to be turned over to the city fire department late in February.

Although several Salem automobile agencies had offered to supply a truck chassis for the car at cost, the committee made its order through a Portland firm, which made a similar offer. The reason, it was explained, was that the large truck company to which the order was given has made a specialty recently of supplying light trucks especially equipped for use as emergency first aid cars. Such vehicles already have been placed in use in Des Moines, Ia., and Omaha, Neb.

Unusual Features Will Be Provided

The car will have several unusual features to provide effective

trifly for powerful floodlights, equipment which the fire department now lacks, the car will carry a radio. Both the motor and the body will be rubber-insulated from the chassis to minimize road vibrations. The roof of the enclosed body will have a fitted window in order that all wall space may be devoted to cabinets for first aid supplies and medical supplies and equipment.

The body, behind the cab, will be eight feet long and five feet wide to make room for cots on which emergency patients may be placed. The cot frames will be made of light weight airplane metal by Lee T. Eyerly of the Eyerly Aircraft corporation. They will be constructed to serve as either cots or stretchers.

The labor council has raised sufficient money to pay for the truck and to equip it in part. The committee plans to make up the balance by selling the car with physicians and other first aid experts in the near future to receive recommendations as to the type of first aid and surgical supplies and instruments to be carried.

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### Rights of Workers On Water Pipeline Now Clear

No Condemnation to Get Pipeline Through Is Necessary, Report

### Stayton People Assured Damages to Be Paid; Question Raised

Remaining needed grants of right of way for Salem's gravity pipeline to the coast were obtained yesterday afternoon by City Attorney Paul R. Hendricks, Water Manager Vuler VanPatten announced. Returning from the Aumsville district at 6 p. m., Hendricks verified the announcement, saying Henry Porter and A. C. Bates had accepted the assessment terms agreed upon.

Yesterday's signups obviated the necessity of the city's resorting to condemnation proceedings. The other seven property owners who had not accepted first offers of the city recently signed revised grant agreements.

The water department also yesterday received from the state board of control easements, yet to be accepted formally by the city, for the pipeline route across state-owned grounds. The board made no charge to the city other than the nominal fee of \$1.

Damages Will Be Settled, Declared

Coincident with closing of the right of way problem came reports that Stayton residents last week for a time were dissatisfied with the way the American Concrete & Steel Pipe company was proceeding with pipeline laying through their community. The matter was brought up at the town council meeting early in the week after the pipeline excavation had been extended 1 1/2 blocks eastward along Marion street from the Masonic park. There were complaints that fruit trees had been damaged, that Stayton men were not being hired on the project and that the Stayton Mutual Telephone company was being inconvenienced in moving poles and lines.

That the complaints arose largely through a misunderstanding of terms the city of Stayton explained last night by Harry J. Rowe, prominent Stayton resident and president of the telephone company there, who

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### Harvard Juniors Invite Debs to Tea to End Teas

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 9.—(AP)—John Hewitt and Cherwood King, Harvard college juniors, have a date for January 16—a debutante tea in their honor.

The tea is to be held at the exclusive Winslow house which has been mailed to a number of young women "debs" and "brother debutantes" at the college. The cards declare the affair a "debutante's tea dance to end all debutante teas. King is the "debutante's son" of Prof. and Mrs. Moreland King, of LaFayette college, and Hewitt's parents are Prof. and Mrs. Theodore Hewitt of the University of Buffalo.

The two have promised to carry debutante's bouquets, "if any, as thoughtful as to send any." Pourers at the tea will include some of the most popular of this season's feminine debutantes.

### Allocation Made For Farm Loans, Aiding Settlers

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Allocations totalling \$650,000 will be available for rehabilitation farm loans for Oregon, Washington and Idaho families who have definitely established themselves in this region either by lease, rental or ownership, Walter Duffy, regional resettlement director, said today.

Land utilized by those receiving loans in this category must be adequate enough to promise a livelihood, Duffy said.

He also announced a \$226,000 allocation for grants to families migrating to the northwest from drought regions.

### Building Pace Retarded By Cold Weather Here

Cold weather tended to restrict building operations in Salem last week with city permit values dropping to \$5250. Of the eight permits issued, one was for a \$200 garage, one for a \$1000 service station, one for a \$45 private garage and five for \$395 worth of business and residential repairs and alterations.

### Snow Follows Extreme Cold; Streets Icy and River Still Blocked

Sections of Jam in Willamette Break Away, Bridge Piers Under Little Pressure; Higher Levels Deeply Blanketed; 24 Is Low for Day

### SALEM yesterday enjoyed a respite from extreme cold weather but slid downtown and back on a layer of snow that melted slowly in midday only to freeze into a dangerous layer of ice toward nightfall.

No fresh snow was forecast last night for western Oregon. The weather bureau forecast "continued low temperatures" and cloudy conditions.

High sections of the ice barrier which formed across the Willamette river Friday broke away from the downstream end yesterday, leaving the inter-county bridge piers virtually in the clear. The jumbled sheet of jagged-surfaced ice, however, retained a firm grip on the city's waterfront houseboats, which lay partly submerged, their hulls caved in by the ice pack which closed in on them Friday.

While many children enjoyed coasting last night on the Super-sleds, however, a firm grip of the ice pack which closed in on them Friday.

Only the fringe of a heavy snowstorm which was in progress 10 miles north of the city was observed here.

The state highway department was sanding dangerous hills and curves and railway section men here sanded tracks through the city.

The conditions around Minto Island and along the Mill race made it necessary for the Salem water department to hire extra watchmen, Manager Cuyler VanPatten reported. On the island it (Turn to Page 11, Col. 7)

### Heaviest Snow of Winter Recorded

Temperatures Are Higher But Cold May Return, Forecaster Warns

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—The frost-bitten northwest found increase in snow tonight—the heaviest blanket of the season, extending from Puget Sound south into California. Temperatures generally were higher but forecasters warned that a return of cold weather would not continue.

Five inches fell in Portland, four inches in Seattle, and the community which escaped a mantle all the way from one to 10 inches was a rarity.

Hood and a 40-mile gale whipped huge drifts on the Columbia river highway. Motorists were warned (Turn to Page 8, Col. 1)

### Further Research Urged by Planner

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—A suggestion that the legislature provide the means for further research into the state's problems came today from Ormond R. Bean, chairman of the Oregon planning board.

In a report to the governor summarizing two years of work, the planning group asked \$51,000 to finance its activities the next biennium. Topics named included possible consolidation and simplification of the divisions of government within the state and the relationship between the tax base and resources.

Intensive investigation of improvement of the state's trade position also was recommended, as well as a study of taxation inequalities, school costs, economic unbalance in the dependence upon agriculture and lumbering and the need for developing opportunities for a growing population.

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### Labor Trouble Solutions Are Believed Near

Pressure for President to Intervene Gains New Adherents

### Oregon Senators Appeal to F. R.; Automotive Union Shows Hand

(By the Associated Press)

Anti-strike sentiment was manifested in several quarters yesterday as conciliators continued efforts to end disputes keeping more than 155,000 persons off the payrolls.

Workers in several automotive plants expressed a desire to work. The national cooperative council joined with other organizations in urging President Roosevelt to intervene in the protracted maritime impasse. A spokesman for the American Federation of Labor craft unions advised members to resume their jobs at the strike-closed Fisher Body plant in Cleveland.

These were the principal developments in the controversies between employes and employers:

1. The weekend shutdown by 95,848 General Motors corporation craftsmen in 15 cities because of strikes and short supplies.

The United Automobile Workers union, current speaker of the committee for industrial organization's drive to unionize labor by industries—listed their prerequisites to negotiations with General Motors officials. These included recognition of a written guarantee that the corporation would not renege on its "sit down" strikers holding them were withdrawn and cessation of anti-strike activity. The union promised to continue the struggle until it wins a collective bargaining pact.

3. William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors, announced the corporation would "meet immediately" with representatives of the United Automobile Workers of America in his opposition to the company's plan to evacuate.

4. General Motors sided with the American Federation of Labor in its opposition to the company's plan to evacuate.

### Trotzky Arrives In Mexico Haven

TAMPICO, Mexico, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Leon Trotzky came to Mexico today to the haven that European nations had refused him.

The 57-year-old Russian broke the silence of his past four months' internment in Norway where he had been living in exile until Mexico invited him to come here, and Norway expelled him.

He referred to the execution of 18 men in Moscow—including Gregory Zinovieff and Leon Kamenef, Trotzky followers—convicted of plotting to overthrow the Soviet administration.

He pledged himself to "complete and absolute non-intervention in Mexican politics and abstention, no less absolute, from acts that could harm the amicable relations of Mexico with any other country."

### Rod and Gun Club Elects

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—The Corvallis Rod and Gun club elected Thomas H. Cummings president, Thomas A. Allen vice president, H. M. Cummings secretary and W. J. Miller treasurer.

### Morocco New Danger Point; German Troops Arrive Today

(By the Associated Press)

Spanish Morocco, birthplace of the Spanish Civil war, loomed last night as the new danger zone in European war fears.

Highlights of the situation were:

PARIS—France heard that a new contingent of 8000 German troops will land tomorrow in Spanish Morocco. Native workmen were working feverishly to throw up barracks at Casablanca for the expected arrivals, reports reaching Paris said. In French Morocco, resident General August Nogues took over command of 100,000 troops, "ready for any emergency." A foreign office spokesman said France would go to any lengths to protect her North African territory.

LONDON—The cabinet met in special session and the Sunday before declared, approved a plan whereby the British navy will blockade the entire Spanish coast unless Germany, Italy and Russia agree "at once" to halt the

flow of men and arms to Spain.

BERLIN—Germany denied she had assisted the Spanish insurgents and officials said they had no knowledge of military and commercial activity by Germany in Spanish Morocco, as reported in France, but private advice said Reichsfuhrer Hitler had dispatched between 15,000 and 25,000 volunteers to aid the Spanish fascists and spent \$150,000,000 on the civil war.

CASABLANCA—French and German warships anchored off Morocco. Fortifications between French and Spanish Morocco were strengthened.

MADRID—Insurgents bombarded Madrid heavily as their troops pounded at the capital from the northwest. Socialist authorities declared all women and children must leave the city immediately.

ROME—The cabinet approved an increase of 15 per cent in military appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

### To Wield Gavel In Lower House

HARRY BOIVIN

### Telephone Office Robbery Success

\$5649 Taken, Paymaster's Headquarters; Masked Pair Make Escape

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—The hold theft of \$5649 from the paymaster's office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here today presented a new problem to officers already harassed in running down clues in the slaying of Patrick J. Kelly at Sylvan, four miles west of this city, last night.

Two masked robbers imprisoned three employes of the phone company and fled down a fire escape with their loot—all in currency.

Gordon G. Lundberg, treasury cashier, and his assistant, Miss Mary Buckley, were locked in a vault. A telephone operator, Mrs. (Turn to Page 11, Col. 1)

### Newcomb Dies of Smashup Injuries

Numerous Minor Accidents Result From Slippery Street Condition

The death of Merle G. Long of Salem in an automobile-bus collision on the Pacific highway five miles north of Brooks yesterday afternoon was the second motorist fatality of the week in the same locality. J. T. Newcomb, Portland, who was injured Thursday night in a collision two miles north of the scene of yesterday's accident, died at a local hospital at 6:12 a. m. yesterday. He had suffered a skull fracture.

In the same crash Clarence E. Sias, Portland, received cuts and bruises and Charles Tedesco, Portland, a fractured knee cap.

Snow and slippery streets resulted in a number of small accidents being reported to the city police yesterday. None resulted in any serious injuries, being confined mainly to bumped fenders and scratched bumpers.

The accidents reported included Harrison Lockley, 1111 Maple street, Chester Robertson, route 2, and Vera Feet, route 4, at the corner of Commercial and (Turn to Page 8, Col. 1)

### Students Calmer, Glen Frank Case

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 9.—(AP)—University of Wisconsin students, after Friday's wild protest demonstrations, returned to normal campus routine today, awaiting a formal statement from Glen Frank on his removal from the university presidency.

Frank, ousted by an 8-to-7 vote of the board of regents Thursday night, promised to reveal whether he would remain tonight, and the decision of the board, controlled by regents appointed by Governor Philip F. LaFollette, progressive party, chief.

The university president, who earlier indicated he would issue the statement tonight, said today he had postponed it until an unspecified time.

In a brief interview last night Frank said he endorsed the two-day hearing of charges that he was inefficient and extravagant, only because "certain principles were at stake."

Governor LaFollette denied accusations that politics dictated the ouster but said "any unbiased person" would concede retention of Frank was not desirable.

### BALLADE OF TODAY

By R. C.

The men and women voters chose to pass on Oregon's laws again in Salem once again and limber up their jaws; in the special session of some 15 months ago, the capital city greets them with a bit of ice and snow.

Morocco, scene of many wars, is focal point again as Hitler's forces head their way with many well-armed men; in labor strife with lines drawn up and both sides greatly vexed, the clamor grows for action; leaders tell F. R. "you're next."

Beards rest up from long hard trip and win in pleasing style; Bob Methews called to Portland U. which makes his friends here smile; the House has lost the Vandals and the week-end night a pair as their new hoop season opens and casbah fill the air.