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# Storms Cover Northwest; Floods Battled

## Pres. Hoover Passengers All Removed House Favors

### **Vessel Is Grounded** On Hoishoto Island And Aid Is Speeded

Message Early This Afternoon Says Passengers Are all Landed; **Liner Badly Damaged** 

Two Destroyers Leave Manila Under Full Speed; one Report Says Removal Aim Abandoned

MANILA, Dec. 11—(Saturday)—(AP)—A message indicating all passengers aboard the grounded liner President Hoover had been landed on Hoishoto island, where the vessel struck early this morning, was received here today by Globe

The message, picked up from the vessel at 1:25 p. m. (12:25 a. m. Saturday, Eastern standard time), said: "All passengers safe. Landed on island. Latitude 22.40 north, longitude 121.3 east."

Landon Disclaims

for Service to Party He

Tells Newsmen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10-(AP)-

Alf M. Landon emphatically re-

while some other republicans

have clamored for a reexamina-

It was inevitable that Wash-

ington should bear these facts in

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Of "Red" Charges

Sisson Resentful

philosophy at Reed college.

who say it," he asserted.

I have one smell of communism

or. Sowing suspicion is one of

PORTLAND, Dec. 10-(AP)-The

proposed 15 per cent blanket

freight rate increase would drop

prices of Pacific Northwest pro-

ducts to "ruinously low levels,"

Arthur M. Geary, attorney for the

farm rate council of Washington,

Oregon, Idaho and Montana, said

He said commodity groups

would show, at an interstate com-

merce commission hearing here

January 11-15, that the increase

would shut out northwest indus-

tries from present price-control-

OREGON CITY, Dec. 10-(AP)-

The Clackamas county court ap-

propriated \$2500 yesterday to aid

the Molalla District Improvement

company in obtaining the army engineers' \$250,000 project. Its

support was withdrawn from the

The government requires spon-

Molalla flood control project.

Clackamas to Aid

ling markets.

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tion of party philosophy and new

blood in the leadership

the same thing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10-(P)-Rescue vessels sped to the aid of the grounded transpacific luxury liner President Hoover tonight amid conflicting reports concern ing the safety of 1058 persons aboard the vessel, ashore near Purpose Is to Clear Air

Two U. S. destroyers left Manila under orders to proceed full speed for the \$8,000,000 vessel, while two other transpacific liners, the Empress of Asia and the President McKinley, were report-

ed also rushing aid. News advices received in Manila from Hongkong said the big Dollar line vessel was pounding heavily with a hole forward in her hull and that efforts had been abandoned to transfer the 650 passengers and 408 crew to the German vessel Preussen, standing

Dollar line headquarters here said it was without information concerning the Hongkong report and refused to answer any ques-

tions concerning the vessel. "The publicity department has closed for the night," callers were

The liner, sailing a new course between Japan and Manila, grounded early today on Hoishoto island, described as 55 miles northeast of Formosa's southern

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10-(AP)-The \$8,000,000 transpacific liner President Hoover, sailing a new course between Japan and Formosa, ran aground early today on a tiny volcanic island near Formosa, but the 1058 persons aboard

were reported safe. Officials of the Dollar Lines, operators of the palatial vessel which struck while coursing the courts the person or persons through darkness, expressed hope the big ship might be pulled free by a tug now en route from Hongkong. The tug was expected alongside in 20 hours.

When the liner left San Francisco the passenger list included: Carl Johnson, president of Rasmussen Paint Co., Portland.

Roy A. Read, former owner of Blanket Freight the Twin Falls News, Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Read. Mr. and Mrs. John Cerny, The

Dalles, Ore. Chris R. Finnel, Beaverton, Ore.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10-(P)-Coach Fred Mesmer, of George town, gazed at a vacant gymnasium today and wondered what's come over the modern basketball player.

. . . in the News

"They've absented themselves to go to an art gallery," he snorted. "Last week it was lecture and a concert. I don't know what we're coming to!"

PAWHUSKA, Okla., Dec. 16

—(P)—Menu tonight at a ban-quet for members of the Ok-lahoma Poultry association:

Barbecued buffalo.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 10-(A)-Willis Van Devanter, retired supreme court justice, is taking no chances of running afoul Texas

He brought back a buck he sorship by an incorporated diskilled in south Texas and Gov. trict. tailing a game warden to take care of shipping it out of Texas. complex Texas hunting laws,"

### StressBattle Calipponese L'er Nanking

Foothold Gained in City by one Detachment, Others Battering

Chinkiang Said Captured and Wuhu Battle Is Still at Height

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11-(Saturday)-(P)- Japanese announced "grand offensive" against Nanking was launched at 10 a. m. today (6 p.m., Friday, P.S.T.) after their troops had gained a foothold within the abandoned Chinese capital.

The invaders were reported attering at key gates in the formidable walls of Nanking after detachment of infantrymen fought through Kuanghuamen, the southeastern gate, late yesterday into the city's streets.

(In Tokyo, the foreign office notified Japanese embassies and consulates that "the Imperial army has made a victorious entry into Nanking."

(Domei-Japanese news agency-reported in Tokyo from Nanking that street fighting was resumed at dawn Saturday and the Japanese had mounted machine. guns on the walls to sweep all

Following the breaching of the city's inner wall, Chinese and ancient gates. Japanese also officially an-

nounced the capture of Chinkimoved himself from the 1940 ang, 40 miles east of Nanking, presidential contest today with a and of Taiping, midway between statement which knowing ob-servers quickly interpreted as Nanking and Wuhu, which lies 50 miles southwest of the capchallenging Herbert Hoover to do

Capture of Taiping cut off Chi-For months, Landon and nese retreat from Nanking up Hoover have been engaged in pothe Yangtze river along the south lite but none-the-less strenuous sparring about republican policy.

Severe fighting was reported rogressing in the suburbs and treets of Wuhu. Although Japanese announced

the fall of Chinkiang fighting continued at the Golden island forts in the middle of the Yangtze river and at forts on the opposite shore. These drives, Japanese said,

followed the success Friday of Japanese infantrymen of the ni th division in gaining a foothold inside the massive walls of Nanking. The Rising Sun banner fluttered above the principal southeastern gate of the city.

#### PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10-(AP) -Resentment at his alleged inclusion in a list of persons sus-**Ask Modification** pected of communistic sympathies, compiled by the police bureau red squad, was expressed On Poultry Label before a civic club today by Dr. Edward O. Sisson, professor of

"I resent anyone saying that GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 10on me, I am angry about it, and P)-State Senator W. A. Johnson if too much is said I will sue in today carried a plea for moderation of coast labor officials' demands for union labels on the "I resent any person making Oregon poultry to Ben T. Ossuch a blacklist, it is dangerous borne, state federation of labor . . The man who made that list certainly lacked a sense of hum-

secretary, at Portland. Johnson feared union label demands would be extended to all farm products. He conferred yesterday with Stuart Horne, Medford, secretary of the AFL butchers' union local which has at-Increase Fought tempted to aid turkey growers. The California boycott on unlabeled Oregon poultry was called by M. S. Maxwell, San Francisco.

butchers' union.

## AFL Defiant Major Change Upon Opening Of Sawmills

EUGENE, Dec. 10 -(AP)- Delegates to the convention of the Oregon-Washington council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, meeting here today, Eaturday and Sunday, presented a united front in opposition to any peace moves or compromise with the CIO at the opening session of the convention this afternoon

The stand of the LSW was keynoted earlier in the day in a speech by Ben T. Osborne, Port-land, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, who told the convention "there must be no peace nor compromise with the rival labor group, the CIO."

Echoing Osborne's sentiments was James Taylor, president of the Washington State Labor Federation, also a speaker on the opening day's program. Taylor also scored the alleged misuse of the Wagner labor relations act, saying "Unless the Wagner act is changed to prevent use of it as it is new being misused, then it ought to be done away with.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10-(AP)-The AFL was steadfast today from President William Green to the northwest lumber units in its determination to fight for control of the sawmill industry despite an employe election giving preference at one plant to the CIO.

The threat of a national AFL

boycott of CIO handled products menaced a lumber trade already paralyzed by a 121-day closure at "Governor Charles Martin may open the mills but he can't open the markets," said Gust Ander-

son, secretary of the Portland Japanese reports said, the at- central labor council and the tackers drove against three other AFL policy committee, in a mesto the Oregon-Washington AFL sawmill employes convention at Eugene. The Governor, who called the election at the Imman-Poulsen

company yesterday, would not comment on the proposal to continue the boycott. He assured the firm, whose employes selected the CIO, protection when it reopens Monday for limited opera-

#### At Least 26 Die As Train Wrecks

CASTLECARY, Scotland, Dec. 10-(AP)-A crack Scottish express train, speeding through a blinding snowstorm tonight between Glasgow and Edinburgh, smashed into the rear end of another train and killed at least 26 persons.

Rescuers expressed the belief that between 30 and 40 were killed, making this the worst rail disaster in Great Britain since the Gretna Green wreck in 1915 when has a particular gracious man-

Working in the light of bonfires, made from the splintered coaches, rescue crews had removed 26 bodies from the wreckage late tonight. One of the rescuers clambered from the piled up cars and said:

"There are more bodies inside women, I think." Forty were known to have been injured and others were believed still en route to hospitals over

snow covered roads.

John Day Project Set PORTLAND, Dec. 10-(AP)-Ormond R. Bean, chairman of the state planning board, said today a conservation program to promote flood control, prevent fish destruction and provide water

#### international vice-president of the fowl refuges had been adopted for the John Day river basin, **Two More Forgery Suspects** Arrested by Salem Officers

more alleged forgers to the growcustody over a period of two the amount or who cashed it, weeks. Those arrested yesterday by Sergeant Don Nicholson and In Valley Project of Salem. Bashore and Wayne Kimple, both

men signed the name of Francis De Harpport, operator of a wood yard here and also affiliated with the Salem Shopping News print-ing concern, and former employer of the men arrested.

According to Officer Nicholson, Bashore and Kimple cashed forged checks here amounting to allegedly victimized by the pair forged checks on Salem businesswere the J. C. Penney company, men, was recently arrested in the Smoke Shop, Busick's Market | Shasta county, California. Indiana Ex-Governor Dies and Piggly Wiggly.

will J. Tucker, game commission secretary, said he would "not be surprised at a former supreme court justice being confused by Complex Texas hunting laws."

Albert Dunn was arrested here team deteated the St. Heleas PARTICLE IN THE ST. H

City police yesterday added two | \$12.70, cashed by the Smoke Shop. At least one other was passed, ing list that have been taken into Nicholson said, but did not reveal Yesterday's two arrests brings

the total of convicted and alleged charged with forgery were Merle forgers that have been apprehended in Salem or elsewhere for forgeries committed in Salem, to six. It is alleged that the two young | Earl McDonald and Harvey Novotney, who cashed numerous checks amounting to \$32.50 each, using the name of J. Bertelson of the printing firm of Bertelson & Mc-Shane, and were arrested by city police November 29, were sentenced to 18 months in the state penitentiary on December 6. Ben Benjamin, wanted here for

Capitola District Given 40-Minute Service in Future, Revealed Announcement of important

Announced in

in Service Monday, 2

Routes to Change

changes in street bus routings in Salem, effective next Monday, December 13, yas made last night by R. W. Lemen, president of Oregon Motor Stages.

street has been added; the North Commercial line has been extended to provide the Capitola district with 40-minute service, every other bus making that loop, which will extend out Highland and circle around Pine street.

The Market street route changed to go out Madison to 20th until January. and Market, and then over and down D street; it will also, in- things, provides for continuation bound, proceed south on Summer of present payments for "soil constreet 'to Court, then west on serving practices." Cotton, wheat Court, thus giving passengers to and corn farmers would get this

bus will leave on the hour, 20 of surplus production, the secreminutes past and 40 minutes past; | tary could impose marketing quoall the other busses will follow the tas on wheat, corn and tobacco old schedule, leaving downtown farmers, if two-thirds of produc-10 minutes past the hour, 30 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

#### McCormic Recital Pleases Audience

Kryl Orchestra and Choir of WU Also Features, **Notable Concert** 

a delightfully varied program last night with the appearance of the Kryl orchestra, Mary McCormic, soprano soloist, and the Willamette university philharmonic

Probably the most popular number among those played by the 50 piece orchestra was the symphony suite from Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov. Mary McCormic singing the aria "Pleurez Mes Yeux" from 'Le Cid" by Massenet and two encores thrilled the audience. She

ner on the stage, quite different from her sophisticated appear-Playing a fantasy for the cor-"Carnival in Venice" Bohumir Kryl stepped from his place as director of the orchestra and became a soloist. Barbara Le-Brun as harp soloist playing "A

### Tenants Evicted, **Gaming Suspicion**

Dream" and Irving Fink, violin

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PORTLAND, Dec. 10-(AP)-B. L. Metzger, chairman of the realty board's municipal affairs committee, said building owners and managers during the past week had evicted at least 50 tenants under suspicion of being gambling operators.

We may have committed some injustices, but were forced to take the drastic action as a matter of self-protection under the day by a bullet Patrolman Jack existing gambling ordinance." he

Metzger termed the ordinance, making owners liable for gambling on their premises, as "vicious, and in the hands of politicians a dangerous plaything.

### Late Sports

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 -(AP)- The University of Portland basketball team defeated Pacific university 46 to 12 tonight in a rough game, the first played at home by the

Led by "Wild Bill" O'Donnell, who scored 16 points, the Pilots were ahead, 17 to 5, at the half and were never headed. Pacific scored only one field goal in the between \$75 and \$100. Merchants allegedly passing \$300 worth of first half and two in the second.

> McMINNVILLE, Dec. 10.-(AP)-The Linfield college basketball Albert Dunn was arrested here | team defeated the St. Helens Pap-

## **Crop Control**; **Vote Decisive**

But Bill Is Almost Sent Bus Schedule Back to Committee in **Previous Contest** 

Lee Street Line Will Be Soil Payments Continue but Contingent Upon Limit of Acreage

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 10-(AP)-The house made good today its leadership's pledge to President Roosevelt and passed, 267 to 130 a bill to control the production of crops and the marketing of sur-

pluses The bill got through by a narrower squeak than the final vote indicated, however. Only a few minutes earlier, the house rejected, by the close tally of 206 to 197, an amendment by Rep. An-One complete new route on Lee dresen (R, Minn.) to send the measure back to the agriculture committee for complete overhaul-

> A switch of five votes would have thrown the bill right back where it started and possibly have prevented action on President Roosevelt's No. 1 recommendation

The measure, among other In the future the Market street | secretary of agriculture, in times ers voting in referenda agreed. Penalties would be imposed on farmers failing to comply with

> The bill now goes to the senate, where Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky forecast a roll call vote on a companion measure by Monday or Tuesday.

Administration democrats said the house action broke the legislative jam that for three weeks has tied up the entire program of the special session.

### Certainly the large audience at Leslie auditorium was treated to **Bids Are Scanned**

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10-(AP) -Builders of the nation's two greatest engineering projects -Grand Coulee foundation dam and Boulder dam-combined at the last minute to submit the low bid for completion of the \$126,-000,000 Grand Coulee high dam. The bid was \$34,442,240. The only other bid was \$42,185,-802.50, by an eight-company syndicate under the name of Pacific

Constructors, Inc., and headed by S. M. Griffith, Los Angeles, The \$63,000,000 foundation dam, on which the high dam will be constructed, will be completed

within the month. The two contractor combina tions which combined to submit the low bid were the Mason-Walsh - Atkinson - Kier company and the Interior Construction company. The M-W-A-K is the builder of the \$63,000,000 foundation dam which will be completed within a month on the Columbia river in north central

### Transient Killed By Officer's Gun smith.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 10-(AP An unidentified transient, ar rested for questioning about an Ashland burglary, was killed to Kearns said was accidentally fired from his revolver when he slipped and fell. The officer said he was wait-

and turned. The bullet struck the man in the head. An inquest will be held.

#### McNary Introduces Bill Enlarging State Parks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10-(AP)-Measures have been introduced by Senator Charles McNary to transfer part of the Umpque river lighthouse reservation to the state for a park, purchase private land at not more than \$445,000 for the Deschutes national forest and add Oregon and California grant land to the Siuslaw national forest.

McGowan Heads Realtors

## Hurricane Forecast North of Columbia; Ships Take Cover

Lakeview Streets Afloat With Rocks and Mud; Downieville, Calif., **Inundated, 400 Homeless** 

#### South Santiam, Willamette Highways Closed, Columbia Highway Has **Slides Blocking Traffic**

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Dec. 10-(P)-Fire sirens warned residents flood danger tonight as more than three inches of water covered Lakeview streets.

Rocks, weighing up to three pounds, and mud impeded affic Basements were flooded. Rain, totaling 1.86 inches in the past 30 hours, continued. Flood water receded as citizens aided city employes to clear

GRASS VALLEY, Calif., Dec. 10-(P)-Reports reaching here from Downieville said one man was missing tonight and almost the entire population of between 400 and 500 was homeless as the result of a flood that swept away 16 Downieville houses and

wrecked many other buildings. Downieville, historic mining community, is situated in a canyon through which runs the north fork of the Yuba river.

(By The Associated Press)

Heavy gales at sea, floods in inland valleys and additional suffering in snowbound New York state areas where and from the statehouse addition- money provided they agreed to 10 lives have been lost, accompanied a storm of enormous abide by acreage limits set by the proportions which lingered over the far west and the northastern Pacific ocean last night.

The weather bureau forecast 'whole gales' - winds of 55 miles

an hour or stronger-from the

Columbia mouth to Puget sound.

Forecasters said the storm em-

braced all the north Pacific from

the Aleutian islands and Hawaii

to the American mainland, and

most of the far west to the pla-

teau region just west of the

Ships remained in the Colum-

bia river at Astoria as the ba-

rometer dropped to 29.1 and

winds increased. The steamer

West Munham Maru, which broke

from moorings four times Thurs-

day night, was made fast yester-

The steamer Cotteneva, wreck-

ed at Port Orford last year, was

broken up by an 80-mile gale and

pounding surf. One fishing boat

was piled on the beach and coast

The barometer rose 14 points

Four inches of new snow fell

at Crater Lake yesterday, fol-

owed by heavy rain and a high

wind. Snow continued to fall at

Rainfall reached 1.36 inches at

Grants Pass, dissipated a threat of

snow at Portland, ruined skiing on

Mount Hood, melted an inch of

snow at Baker and was the heav-

Highways were ice-glazed at

Pendleton. The South Santiam and

Willamette passes and two Crater

Lake park entrances were closed.

The Columbia river highway was

blocked by slides at Shell Rock

mountain, near Viento, and travel

Flood threats appeared almost

immediately in portions of the

Sacramento valley in California as

the result of near-record breaking

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BALLADE TODAY

A hurricane threatens the

northern coast, a liner's

aground on a south sea isle;

the nation is playing unwilling

host to winter's rigors and

weather vile; those Russians

up at their arctic post, perhaps

sit cozy and warm-and smile.

Svery body

Christmas Seals

The

SANATORIUM

PATIENT

and 65-mile an hour wind at

Marshfield dropped to 45 miles

guardsmen labored to save oth-

ers anchored there.

high Oregon elevations.

lest this season at Bend.

in the gorge was slippery.

yesterday.

Ships ran for cover at the Columbia river mouth when - hurricane signals, presaging winds an Vlack Suicide of 70 miles an hour or more, were posted in that area for the first

Probe Is Started

Had Safety Razor Blade; Mother Fails to Aid Before Leap, Said

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10-(AP)-The finding of a jagged piece of safety razor blade concealed under the upper lip of Douglas Van Vlack brought tonight an investigation into the slayer's suicide a few hours prior to his scheduled death

on Idaho's prison gallows. Van Vlack, sentenced to hang for the murder of his former wife, Mildred Hook of Tacoma, Wash., broke away from his guards, climbed to a rafter above the third tier of cells and dived head first to a concrete floor 30 feet below. even as guards and his attorney pleaded with him not to jump.

He died 4 1/2 hours later and only a few minutes after he would have been taken to the gallows. Gov. Barzilla W. Clar headed the three-man prison board that met briefly this afternoon and inquired into particulars preceding the suicide and particularly how an Vlack obtained the razor blade.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10-(AP)-The deputy warden of the state prison disclosed tonight that Douglas Van Vlack's mother waved farewell to him as he was poised for the leap that saved him from the

"Goodbye sonny; I'll see you tomorrow," were the words of Mrs. Edna Van Vlack in saying goodbye to her son some minutes before his 30-foot suicide jump, Deputy Warden H. Rex Smith

"Van Vlack was out on the beam, and Mrs. Van Vlack disregarded our request to use her influence-to get him down," said

"I tried to get her assistance,

#### Robert Ragsdale Is Found in SF

but she paid no attention."

Robert Ragsdale of Rickreall 18-year-old Willemette student ing for a police car when he who disappeared December 2, was heard a movement behind him located yesterday in San Francis co, according to telegraphic word received by relatives here. The report was that he had an attack of amnesia which caused him to wander away. The Travelers Protective association put him on the train last night and he is exected to reach Salem today. His disappearance started coastwide search.

#### Medford CCC Man Dies When Accidentally Shot

MEDFORD, Dec. 10-(AP)-Charles Lund, 19, New York CCC enrollee, died today after being accidentally shot in the abdomen Wednesday by Victor Harrison

Shopping Days Lef