

**Weather**  
Showers today, rain Sunday; Max. Temp. Friday 57, Min. 41, river 3 feet, rain .79 inch, south-southwesterly wind.

**Basketball**  
Many important basketball games are played each weekend. The Statesman sport page brings you full details and scores hours ahead.

## Japanese Take Tsining, Drive on Railway

### Relief Office Discover Plummer Scene

### Plummer Held After Alleged Forced Entry

Assault and Battery Are Charged; Woman Hurt in Scuffle, Claim

Grocery Order Request Denied; Bail \$500, Hearing Planned

Alvin B. Plummer, 42, identified with relief and labor organizations here, was arrested by city police at 2 p. m. yesterday on an assault and battery charge growing out of a forced entry he allegedly made into the county relief offices in the Chambers building, 365 North High street, at 11:30 a. m. He pleaded not guilty in justice court and was held in jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Mae Welch, reception clerk at the relief offices, signed the complaint against Plummer. Plummer applied at her window for a relief grocery order and when she refused either to give it or to permit him to see Mrs. William J. Linfoot, head of the social workers' division, he scrambled over the top of the six-foot partition separating the offices from the reception room, Mrs. Welch said.

Woman Bruised in Trying to Stop Him  
Mrs. Welch, who ran ahead and attempted to block Plummer's entry to Mrs. Linfoot's office, suffered bruises about the left arm and shoulder when she said, Plummer brushed her roughly aside.

After Mrs. Linfoot also had denied the request for a grocery order, Plummer left, saying as he went, "I'll do more to you next time than I did this time if you try to keep me out," Mrs. Welch declared.

Chairman E. L. Wieder of the relief committee yesterday advised the office workers to call police hereafter at first sign of abusive tactics at the reception window. Plummer at that time was prominently identified with the Workers' Alliance here. Recently he was elected president of the Cannery Workers local union and last Saturday was named president of the Oregon State Council of cannery and agricultural workers unions at a meeting in Portland.

Plummer was sentenced to Polk County Jail. Before coming to Salem last year, Plummer served a sentence in the Polk county jail on a peace disturbance charge arising from an incident at the Polk county relief office.

The seriousness of the charge on which Plummer was arraigned early yesterday afternoon, with a maximum bail of \$50 and possible fine of \$50, was increased later when District Attorney Lyle J. Page moved under a special statute that Judge Miller B. Hayden sit as a committing rather than a trial magistrate. The motion, which will result in a preliminary hearing instead of a jury trial as demanded by Plummer, was allowed. The maximum bail possible as a result became \$500, as finally set.

### Oddities in the News

**BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 14**—(P)—L. H. Hackney, who left a sick bed to flag a train and avert a wreck, asked the train crew for a wave of the hand for his efforts.

Engineer J. A. Griffith said he thought it was just a prank last night when he saw someone waving a lantern ahead of the Norfolk and Western tracks near Carbo. But he stopped and found a boulder had rolled onto the tracks, twisting them like wire. "What can the railroad do to return?" Griffith asked.

### Leads in Pressure on John Lewis For Renewing Labor Peace Effort



John Lewis and Partner in Morgan Firm Among Roosevelt Guests

### Webfoots Win by Gift Line Tosses

**Defeat Orange 38 to 32; Oregon State Leads in Field Goals**  
EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 14 (P)—The tall, fast-stepping hoopsters of the University of Oregon triumphed 38 to 32, over a desperate crew of Beavers from Oregon State college tonight.

The Staters narrowed a 19-12 deficit with a last-period rally, but failed to close the gap. Carrying a decided underdog status to the floor of their traditional rivals at Eugene, the Beavers resorted to ring-around-the-rosy strategy to slow down (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

### Several Democratic Candidacies Told

**PORTLAND, Jan. 14**—(P)—Democratic candidacies announced at a meeting of Multnomah county precinct committees yesterday included: Judge Ashby C. Dickson, former state senator, for reelection. State Representative George Friede for reelection. State Senator Delmore Lessard, for district attorney. Gilbert Hamaker, attorney, for congress.

### Reorganization of Taxation Setup Proposed at Meeting

A tax setup reorganization in Oregon, rather than seeking out new or additional sources of revenue, was advanced at Friday's meeting of the interim committee on state and local revenues as a long step toward solving the financial problems which now face the state and counties. The commission was created at the last legislative assembly and will continue its meeting here today. Two meetings were held previously.

### Finance, Labor Leaders Study Nation's Needs

**John Lewis and Partner in Morgan Firm Among Roosevelt Guests**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (P)—Leaders of government, industry, finance and labor joined hands today in a common search for some means of bringing the current business slump to an abrupt and mutually welcome end.

Shortly after noon, the office of President Roosevelt was the scene of an unusual spectacle. Gathered there were the chief executive, Thomas W. Lamont, senior Morgan partner, Owen D. Young of General Electric, Charles W. Taussig of American Molasses, A. A. Berle, a former administration advisor, and John L. Lewis and Philip Murray of the CIO.

For an hour and a quarter they talked of the business situation, and of ways to improve it. When the president's visitors emerged from the White House it was the labor leader, Lewis, who was their spokesman to reporters.

"We attended this conference with the president," he said, "while the industrialists stood about nodding agreement," and discussed with him the gravity of the existing economic and industrial situation in the country.

"This group had had some preliminary discussions and were impressed with the desirability, if at all possible, of working out with the president and the administration some definite program of action by government, business and labor.

The discussions will be continued at the president's discretion. The newsmen peppered the group with questions, but beyond an additional statement from Lewis that the conferences covered a wide range and "endeavored to deal with the realities of the situation," they received no amplification.

Among the questions asked, an important one was whether the group presented a specific proposal to the president. This one Lewis and his colleagues declined to answer.

### Blockade Runner Is Believed Lost

**VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 14**—(P)—Wreckage found on the rocky west coast of Vancouver island indicated tonight the freighter Hal Da, which left Seattle October 24 with 27 aboard, may have gone down enroute to Hongkong.

A lifeboat and a splintered oar, both marked "Hal Da," were found by a lightkeeper at Garmansah, 60 miles northwest of Victoria. The merchants exchange at Seattle reported the Hal Da, carrying a Norwegian master, P. C. Norvick, and a Chinese crew, was last heard from between November 26 and December 4, asking "have you any message for us?" The vessel, loaded with 5,000 tons of sulphur, refused to disclose its position, possibly because of reports she was attempting to run a Japanese blockade.

The Hal Da, formerly the Burgeo Star, had a radio installed and minor repairs made in Seattle. Her registry was changed from Chinese to British before she sailed.

### Holding Firms Must Go Says FR Statement

**Bombshell Is Tossed by President; Involves Major Companies**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (P)—President Roosevelt started the business world today with an emphatic call for the abolition of holding companies in all lines of industry and finance.

He told his semi-weekly press conference in unmistakable terms that his ultimate aim was the elimination of such concerns not only among the power utilities, as now partially provided by law, but in banking and other business and industrial fields.

Experts on corporation finance were quick to say that more than half the companies whose securities are widely held are holding companies, in some degree at least.

Of the latter, they said, many actually are operating companies owned outright control of subsidiaries, and thus differ from the pyramided type of holding company to which Mr. Roosevelt has objected in the past in the utilities field.

So complex was the question posed by the president, in fact, that many financial men said they thought there might be qualifications which Mr. Roosevelt had not mentioned at his press conference.

### Ickes, Lundberg Book Under Fire

**"60 Families" Is Thrown on Senate Floor by Southern Solon**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (P)—Some southern senators fighting the anti-lynching bill turned their attack upon Secretary Ickes today and repeatedly hurled to the senate floor a book he had used in his recent speeches against concentrated wealth.

Senator Bailey (D-NC) called the secretary a "renegade republican" and described as "garbage" the book the secretary had mentioned in a speech last night.

With a gesture of anger and disgust, Bailey threw a copy of the volume into a nearby aisle.

### Typos Turn Down Wage-Hour Offer

**PORTLAND, Jan. 14**—(P)—Publishers of three Portland newspapers announced tonight that members of Multnomah typographical union No. 58 rejected two proposals submitted by employers in a dispute over wages and hours.

The first proposal, in essence, included a renewed contract for 18 months at a wage scale of \$9 per day and \$9.50 per night for seven and a half hours work, with conciliation or arbitration of wages and hours only at the end of six months. The vote was 111 for and 133 against.

The second proposal called for a one-year contract and immediate arbitration of a wage scale of not less than \$1.14 per hour for day work and \$1.27 for night work, nor above \$1.374 per day and \$1.48 per night. This was rejected 84 for and 141 against.

### Georges Bonnet Seeks To Form Government; French Crisis Serious

**Two Others Refuse Difficult Task; Strikes Still Spread, Foreign Affairs Add to Problems; Will Give Lebrun Answer Today**  
PARIS, Jan. 14 (AP)—Georges Bonnet, diplomat and financial expert, tonight tried to pull together the shattered remnants of the people's front and form a new government to solve the labor and economic problems that forced Camille Chautemps out of office.

Bonnet, finance minister in Chautemps' cabinet and like him a radical-socialist, promised to give President Albert Lebrun his answer tomorrow to the president's invitation that he form a new ministry.

Bonnet said tonight he would begin interviews tomorrow in his effort to set up a cabinet to succeed the Chautemps government which resigned early today.

The men he mentioned he would see all are former premiers—Leon Blum; president of the chamber of deputies Edouard Herriot; Edouard Daladier, minister of national defense in the Chautemps cabinet; Sen. Joseph Caillaux; Albert Sarraut and Joseph Paul-Boncour.

Bonnet added: "I have an appointment at 12:30 p. m. (7:30 a. m. EST) tomorrow with the president of the republic."

He declined to answer questions on whether he was maintaining a stand against exchange (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

### Radio Utilized to Find Complainant in Hit-Run Affair

Through instantaneous cooperation with the city police department, radio station KSLM was instrumental in finding the woman whom witnesses allege a car driven by Thomas A. Murphy, local contractor, hit while running through a red light on High and Court streets early last night.

Witnesses who saw the accident took down the license number of the car and informed police. Murphy was shortly arrested and booked on a hit-and-run charge, and his companion, S. E. Taylor, a Seattle CCG worker, held as a witness here.

Not knowing who it was Murphy was alleged to have hit, city police called Harry B. Read, manager of KSLM, and asked him to broadcast for the person struck while crossing the High and Court streets intersection. Four minutes after the broadcast went out, Lillian Kayser, bookkeeper for Bonesteel's Sales and Service, notified police that she was the woman. She stated the car hit her on the hip, knocking her down as it sped on by without stopping.

### Retirement Act Injunction Given Pending Miller Suit

Immediate enforcement of the Salem school board of the state teacher retirement act as to Edward A. Miller, Grant school principal, was forbidden in a temporary injunction order issued yesterday by Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling with the consent of attorneys for both Miller and the board. The act would require the board on February 1 to retire all faculty members who have reached the age of 65 years. Five in addition to Miller would be affected here.

A complaint in intervention in which Salem and Portland teachers who prefer to see the law enforced is expected to be filed soon, it was indicated in a telephone call to the court from an attorney named Venice. Attorney Skulason, representing Miller here, and teachers in the same classification in another suit in Portland, said he would not object to intervention.

### Chinese Are in Retreat After Fierce Battle

**Once Recapture City in Surprise Attack Upon Nippon Invaders**  
SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (Saturday)—(AP)—Japanese announced today their forces in Shantung province had driven through strategic Tsining southwest toward the Lunghai railway and had occupied Tanchiakuo.

They said the Chinese 25th army which had defended Tsining was retreating toward Kinshan, 27 miles to the south.

Chinese press dispatches conceded the Japanese were in possession of Tsining which was reported deserted by civilians and virtually destroyed by gunfire.

Earlier a reinforced Chinese army, fighting savagely to stave off Japanese conquest of the nation's bread basket, was reported today to have recaptured strategic Tsining by storm.

Chinese dispatches said the Japanese captors of the southern Shantung province city were taken by surprise by a furious counter-attack over the frozen surface of the historic grand canal and driven three miles from the city.

The tide of battle in the great agricultural region of central China apparently still was in the balance as the Japanese claimed slow but steady advances toward the vital Lunghai railway despite the heroic efforts of a southern Chinese army estimated at 400,000.

### Mae West Radio Skit Condemned

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 14**—(P)—Mae West's recent "Adam and Eve" radio skit drew formal condemnation today from the federal communications commission.

The commission said the feature by Miss West and Don Ameche, and the dialogue between the actress and Charlie McCarthy, "were far below even the minimum standards which should control the selection and production of broadcast programs."

Chairman Frank R. McNinch wrote Lenox R. Lohr, president of National Broadcasting Company, Inc., that "in view of your recognition of the objectionable character of the program in question and of your assurance that greater care and caution will be exercised in the future, the commission has decided to take no further action at this time than the writing of this letter in condemnation."

### Rainfall Heavy Again

**PORTLAND, Jan. 14**—(P)—Rivers and creeks swelled today as 1.47 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. Snow on Mount Hood was melted by the downpour.

**BALLADE OF TODAY**  
By R. C.  
In business and in politics men play peculiar games; when reading of their bitter strife, don't swallow all you see; in statements to the papers they may call each other names, but in private they confer, the chance is they'll agree.