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In addition to regular news, The Statesman carries daily cartoons and other features for its readers.

The Weather  
Unsettled, showers today and Saturday, cooler. Max. Temp. Thursday 58, Min. 47. River 6.7 ft. SSE wind.

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## Security Board Sets Hearing on Picket Law

### Franco-Italian Tension Over Tunisia Mounting

#### Mobile Guards Quell Rioting In Tunis Area

Order Restored, but one Person Badly Hurt; Guard Kept

Arrest Sixteen Rioters, Including two Italian Party Leaders

TUNIS, Tunisia, Dec. 8—(AP)—The French administration brought in mobile guard reinforcements, ordered troops to remain in barracks, and posted heavy police patrols tonight to put down rioting over fascist claims to Tunisia.

Throng of Italians, French and Arabs seethed through the streets of Tunis in demonstrations, but order was restored shortly before midnight.

After a day of disorder officials announced one person had been wounded gravely and three slightly.

Heavy Guard Is Maintained

A heavy guard was maintained to prevent new outbreaks Friday, an Arab day of prayer. It was feared the native population might rise in violent demonstrations against Italians.

Appeals came from both Italian and French sides for an end to rioting. The fascist newspaper *Unione* called upon the Italian colony to remain "calm and strong," but accused the French and Arabs of provocation.

Three platoons of mobile guards, totalling 100 men, arrived tonight from Algeria and more were expected shortly to attempt to maintain order.

Two Frontiersmen

Police announced 16 persons had been arrested up to tonight, including Vestri Licinio, a member of the staff of the Italian consulate general, and Ubaldo Rey, head of the Italian war veterans in Tunis, and president of the fascist *Popolare* society.

The two were charged with having attempted to start one demonstration by crying "Tunisia for us!"


The Italian consul general, M. Silimbani, protested against the anti-Italian outbreaks and was understood to have been assured the French police had been commanded to restore strict order.

Italian residents were reported to have warned that they would draw up a self-defense corps if the anti-Italian disorders continued, but French officials denied this was true.

Many demonstrators—Italians, French and natives—were arrested today, but demonstrations continued tonight with rioting bands colliding intermittently with the police.

The strains of rival songs, the French "Marseillaise" and the fascist "Vioinezza," sounded through Tunis streets.

#### Retired Diplomat Called to Beyond



CYRUS E. WOODS

#### Report Troops Mass in Spain Across Border

French Students Battle Police, Cry "We Want Venice"

Daladier Still Worried by Domestic Troubles in Parliament

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

PARIS, Dec. 8—(AP)—Something like a European crisis has risen over Italy's "unofficial" clamor for French-protected Tunisia.

Italian and anti-Italian demonstrations and disorders in the French North African protectorate, heavy reinforcements of the mobile guard there and reports that Italians in Tunisia were planning to defend themselves were the newest factors of the near-crisis today.

Italian Troops Massed in Spain

Reports from the French-Spanish border that Italian troops were massed in insurgent Spain just across the Pyrenees from France emphasized fears that Italy might be preparing to transmute agitation into military action.

In the style of street demonstrations in Italy which followed Foreign Minister Iano's November 29 speech on Italian "aspirations," thousands of French students demonstrated today against Italy and battled police in Paris.

French Students

Where Italian students and young fascists had shouted, "Tunisia for us!" the French demonstrators cried, "Venice for France!"

Ethiopia for the negroes!" Similar manifestations occurred late yesterday in several cities of France.

In the midst of this resurgent colonial rivalry between France and Italy, French Premier Daladier went before parliament in an attempt to strengthen his government's position at home the better to meet Italy's clamor.

Debate Is Opened On Policies

The chamber of deputies and the senate started general debate tonight on a vote Saturday on Daladier's domestic and foreign policy.

Daladier was confronted by a long list of demands for explanation of his decrees laws for "economic mobilization," his smashing of protest strikes, his post-Munich good neighbor accord with Germany and his efforts toward a similar understanding with Italy.

Despite the open hostility of his socialist and communist former allies, Daladier appeared assured of a vote of confidence from a new conservative majority in the chamber.

### Slaying Story Held Revealed By Mrs. Smith

#### Prosecution in Bassett Murder Case Claims Letter Valid

Intercepted Notes Are Said to Have Been Woman's Writing

SEATTLE, Dec. 8—(AP)—Over defense objections, Prosecutor B. Gray Warner today was permitted to read a first degree murder trial jury two letters he said prison authorities intercepted after they were written by Mary Eleanor Smith, 73, a defendant with De-castor East Meyer, 44, in the 11-year-old mystery disappearance of James Eugene Bassett, 35, Annapolis, Md.

The defense forced deletion of parts of the epistles referring to other crimes.

One, Warner said, was written to Meyer, serving a life sentence as an habitual criminal, just prior to Mrs. Smith's release from state's prison last spring after a five-to-eight year term for larceny of Bassett's automobile.

Other Letter To Sweetheart

The other letter, he said, written last February 24 to a man described as a former sweetheart, was addressed "my darling sweet gentle Wheeler."

It referred to "Ruth," said to be a former wife of Meyer.

It said in part, "I would have been glad and happy to have opened my heart and told you long ago about the Bassett case, but I had no way of doing it. Now, for fear Ruth has told you wrong and I not knowing how much Earl has told her, I am going to tell you the truth.

"An automobile was advertised for sale by Eugene Bassett who was on his way from Maryland to take a position in Manila, P. I."

Cays Earl Saw Bassett at Home

"Earl answered the 'ad' and went to see Bassett at his sister's home (in Bremerton). It was on Sept. 5, 1928, but being Labor day did not transact business until the next day.

"It was a most beautiful car and he wanted it as he had two very good positions offered by him and told me this. He came home and told me this. He told me he was going to bring Bassett to our house the next day and do away with him.

"We took the Dr. Clark house for this kind of a purpose, as we

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### GERMANY, FRANCE AGREE TO BE FRIENDS



Signatures of the foreign ministers of France and Germany here pledged the two historic enemy countries to meet at a conference table instead of resorting to war for settlement of their disputes. At the signing of the historic document were, left, Joachim von Ribbentrop, left, Nazi foreign minister, and French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet.—(Acme Radio-Telephoto).

### Jobless Funds May Be Denied If Board Wills

#### CIO Complaint Is Basis for Query Into State Jobless Law

Meeting Today to Choose Commission Delegate to Hearing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)—The social security board today offered a hearing December 10 to determine whether the Oregon state unemployment compensation law conformed with the federal social security act.

The inquiry will be centered on the initiative petition adopted by Oregon voters November 8 which regulates the activities of labor unions and defines the term "labor dispute."

CIO Complaints Standards Upset

The CIO complained that provisions of the petition upset labor standards prescribed by the board for state unemployment compensation laws.

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, told the board that the Oregon labor statute amended the state's unemployment, compensation law so as to require persons, otherwise eligible for unemployment compensation checks, to accept jobs made vacant by strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes.

The social security board labor standards for all state jobless insurance laws provides that unemployment compensation shall not be denied to any person who refuses to take a job made vacant by strike or lockout, or where membership or non-membership in a labor union is a condition of employment.

Federal Funds May Be Lost

Notice of the hearing sent to Governor Charles H. Martin indicated that if the board disapproved the Oregon unemployment compensation law, federal funds for administrative expenses of the law would be withdrawn.

The action also would affect Oregon employers social security tax payments.

The government levies a three per cent payroll tax and the state imposes a 2.7 per cent payroll tax.

Where state laws have the board's approval, however, the federal treasury credits the employer with an offset up to 90 per cent for social security taxes he pays to the state.

Thus if the Oregon law should be disapproved employers in the state would be required to pay both state and federal social security levies without any offset.

The Oregon unemployment compensation commission will send a representative to the Washington hearing, Administrator D. A. Bulmore announced last night. Final decision as to who the representative will be made at a meeting of commission members and state employers in Portland this afternoon.

Campbell May Make Journey

Later reports last night were that Ralph H. Campbell, attorney for the commission, would make the trip.

Withdrawal of federal unemployment funds would make it impossible to continue the state's compensation service under the present law, Bulmore said. The state act places the entire 2.7 per cent payroll tax in the benefit fund, with financing of administration left to federal aid.

Whether or not the state tax would continue to accrue against payrolls if federal approval of the Oregon setup were withdrawn is uncertain, Bulmore indicated.

### Former Diplomat Dead at Age 77

#### Was Envoy to Tokyo When Great Earthquake Hit in Year 1923

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8—(AP)—Cyrus E. Woods, 77, former diplomat and Pennsylvania republican leader, who was ambassador to Japan at the time of the great earthquake in 1923, died today after a long illness.

Woods, retired from the diplomatic service in 1924 to resume a lucrative law practice.

He held high office in Pennsylvania and received world-wide attention at the time of the Tokyo earthquake when he was head of the Red Cross relief. His effective work backed by the American government, endeared him to Japanese. He retired from the Tokyo post a year later.

President Taft started Woods on his diplomatic career in 1912, naming him minister to Portugal.

### Heavy Loss Found In Typhoon Wake

#### 21 Dead in Philippines After Storm Rips Over Five Provinces

MANILA, Dec. 8—(AP)—A typhoon raged across fifteen provinces of the central Philippines today, killed at least 31 persons, made thousands homeless, and was believed to have caused heavy loss of life and much property damage.

Prostrated wires in those areas blocked reports of casualties and damage as the hurricane passed 100 miles south of Manila, and out over the China sea.

Samar Island reported 18 dead, and Camarines Sur province one killed by the 75-mile storm that whirled in from the Pacific ocean, after threatening the islands since Monday.

Heavy property and crop damage was reported in Sorsogon, Albay and Camarines Sur provinces which felt the full fury of the storm. Two dredge boats valued \$169,000 were sunk in the harbor of Legaspi, Albay province, as that city of 53,000 reported the strongest typhoon in years.

Government relief agencies and the Red Cross immediately began to aid the people in the stricken regions, and authorities prepared to send relief expeditions to the hardest hit areas.

### Bank Is Thankful Checks Pictured

EUGENE, Dec. 8—(AP)—A Eugene bank was thankful today that it photographed all checks cashed. One hundred Southern Pacific railroad checks, valued at \$728 and cashed here by employees, were lost in the crash of the United Airlines plane at Point Reyes, Calif.

Today the company notified the bank it would be necessary to send photostatic copies of the checks to San Francisco to obtain payment.

### Mother and Child Have Death Pact

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 8—(AP)—Christmas apart from her husband was too lonely a prospect for Mrs. Peggy Mason, 38, so she took her youthful son with her in death here today, authorities reported.

The boy, 14-year-old Dale Mason, apparently agreed to be shot by his mother, who then put a bullet through her own head, coroner C. C. Spalding said after reading notes the woman left.

"Dale wanted David Duxberry to have his electric train and Brian Smith, next door, to have his bicycle," the mother wrote "This is going to be hard to do, but we are so unhappy."

Spalding ascribed Mrs. Mason's act to loneliness over the long absence of her husband, Walker, a railroad brakeman, who was believed to be either in New Orleans or Florida. He had lived here occasionally for 16 years, but had not visited his family since Thanksgiving, the official said he learned.

### Death Postponed For Child Slayer

REIDSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 8—(AP)—Gov. E. D. Rivers tonight granted a last-minute stay of execution to one of seven men awaiting death in the electric chair here tomorrow.

In a telephonic order from Atlanta, the governor granted a 30-day reprieve to Tom Dickerson, Ben Hill county farmer convicted of strangling his daughter's three-day-old child.

Dickerson is the only white man in death row at the state penitentiary.

Six negroes, each convicted of murder, will die in the 1428 chamber on the main tower of the penitentiary at intervals between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

### Martin Dies Denounces Bund In Presence of Nazi Leader

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—(AP)—In the presence of the German-American Bund leader, Fritz Kuhn, the chairman of the house committee investigating un-American activities today shouted a denunciation of the Bund, which is frequently criticized as pro-Nazi.

After an attack upon communism and all "un-Americanisms," Rep. Martin Dies (D-Tex.), sitting in the direction of Kuhn's table, cried out that the Bund was seeking to undermine the country by preaching class and religious hatred.

Dies spoke at a luncheon given in his honor by the New York state economic council. Kuhn, accompanied by eight persons, appeared at the affair with the explanation that he had come to "hear what Dies has to say."

Referring to all advocates of "un-Americanisms," Dies added: "If they don't like our form of

### Ambassador Dodd Held Hit and Run

#### Former Envoy to Germany Says He Thought Negro Child Unhurt

HANOVER COURTHOUSE, Va., Dec. 8—(AP)—William E. Dodd, ex-former ambassador to Germany, furnished bond tonight of \$2,000, returnable at Ashland, Va., Dec. 17, on a charge of hit-and-run driving in connection with an injury to a negro child.

Dodd, reiterating statements made in a telephone conversation from his home in northern Virginia earlier today, said he continued on his way because he thought the child had escaped injury. He said the girl ran directly into the path of his automobile as he was traveling about 45 miles an hour, and that he applied the brakes and swerved the car.

"It was not my fault," Dodd said. "The youngster ran into the path of my automobile about 20 feet ahead. I put on the brakes, turned the car, and drove on because I thought the child had escaped."

Hospital attaches said the child's condition was critical, and that she was suffering from a cerebral concussion, a fracture of the skull and lacerations.

A number of persons were named as witnesses.

Dodd served ambassador to Germany from 1933 to 1937.

### Predicts Direct Air-Mail Service In 30 Days Time

Prediction that Salem would have a direct air mail service within the next 30 days was made yesterday by Leo Arany, lessee of the Salem airport, who has been working on the matter with the chamber of commerce aviation committee.

The proposed service would be both pickup and delivery for connections with main airlines at Portland and Medford, Arany said.

The chamber committee consists of Clem M. Howard, chairman; Dwight Lear, Lee S. Ross, B. E. Sisson and E. H. Bingenheimer.

### Los Angeles Gets Overdose of Sun

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8—(AP)—There is nothing a southern Californian likes to talk about more than the weather—his weather—unless it is the kind he felt today.

Then it becomes distasteful to him. He can alibi the rain (and very successfully) and explain the wind, but when one of the year's hottest days comes along right smack in the middle of the Christmas shopping season, he is speechless.

Los Angeles sweated today for nearly two hours in an all-time December high of 92 degrees.

The mercury, between 1 and 3 p. m., was only three points lower than it was on the year's very hottest days, last August 1 and 2. Only eight other days this year were as warm.

Neither the artificial snow in the store windows nor the Santa Clauses helped to relieve perspiring shoppers, who couldn't have had their hearts in what is ordinarily a pleasant duty.

### Hopkins to Stick To Cut Down Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)—CIO criticism failed today to turn Harry L. Hopkins from his policy of reducing WPA rolls by not replacing workers absorbed in private industry.

Although the John L. Lewis organization had charged in its official news organ that reduction of the work relief rolls was a blow to recovery, Administrator Hopkins told a press conference that WPA employment probably would decrease about 150,000 a month from now on.

He said the \$1,425,000,000 fund voted by congress last June to carry the WPA until March 1 might possibly run out shortly before that date, but that he expected to comply with President Roosevelt's request that it be made to last through the specified period.

Hopkins disclosed that, as congress expected when it voted the current fund, he would ask for a deficiency appropriation to carry on from March 1 to July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. He has predicted reduced appropriations next year.

### Escapes Plaguing Portland Police

PORTLAND, Dec. 8—(AP)—Detectives were embarrassed last night for the second time in a week when Raymond C. Bashor, detained for state police for questioning about an assault and robbery, snatched out of the detective headquarters.

Bashor walked down two flights of stairs and out of the main entrance at 6 p. m. A few minutes before midnight he telephoned Detective F. D. Smith and asked:

"Are you looking for a red-headed guy?"

"Yeah," the officer replied.

"That's me," Bashor said. "I'll be right up."

A week ago another prisoner left the station by a third story window and was arrested an hour and a half later at Salem.

### Robbers Harvest Postoffice Loot At Jacksonville

MEDFORD, Dec. 8—(AP)—Postmistress L. A. Eaton said today that robbers entered the Jacksonville postoffice last night, rifled the safe, registered mail and Christmas packages, opened letters and stole the stamp supply.

Mrs. Eaton said an official check would be necessary to determine the loss.

The robbers also entered two stores, making a net haul of \$31 and a quantity of hunting equipment.

### Envoy to China Is Ordered Home to Consult With Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)—The United States, deeply concerned lest Japan close China's "open door" permanently, has ordered its ambassador to the latter country, Nelson T. Johnson, to return home for consultations with President Roosevelt and state department officials.

The announcement today of this step came simultaneously with further clarification by Japan of her intentions in East Asia, and directly followed Great Britain's declaration that she couldn't possibly subscribe to creation of an economic-political bloc there dominated by Japan.

Joseph E. Kennedy, ambassador to London, unexpectedly advanced his plans and announced he would sail for home Saturday. Whether this foreshadowed some parallel action by the United States and Britain in bringing pressure upon triumphant Japan to prevent her attempted hegemony over all Chi-

### Martin Says Nazi Aim Like Kaiser's

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 8—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon, addressing the Oregon State college faculty Men's club tonight said that Hitler had taken up "the Kaiser's march to Bagdad."

The "rule of might abroad," Martin warned, counsels the United States to prepare to protect itself and renounce some of the "soft and tummy doctrines" now prevailing.

He praised Oregon for neither yielding to the selfish rich nor to the labor gangsters.

### 35,649 for Towers

PORTLAND, Dec. 8—(AP)—The Lehigh Structural Steel company submitted a low bid of \$35,649 today for four steel towers to carry Bonneville dam cables across the Columbia river.

Six bids were entered.

### Eden to Get Fast Trip Through NY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—(AP)—Plans to whisk Anthony Eden from shipboard to a midtown hotel late tomorrow for a speech he is crossing the Atlantic to deliver were completed tonight by the National Association of Manufacturers.

The former British foreign secretary is aboard the liner Aquitania, delayed by heavy seas and now scheduled to reach quarantine at 3:30 p. m. (PST) tomorrow.

Eden will be met there by a special cutter, rushed to the nearest Manhattan pier, transferred to an automobile and sped with police escort to the hotel (Waldorf Astoria) for his speech.

It will be broadcast over three networks. (NBC and Mutual at 4:15 and CBS at 4:30 PST).

### Parents Give In, Boy Hospitalized

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 8—(AP)—Ben Whorley, 7, Jerome Prairie, was in a hospital today for treatment of injuries suffered when he was struck by a truck after County Judge Grant W. Matthews warned the parents they might be held liable if the boy did not receive proper attention.

The Whorley family refused at first to have the boy treated because of religious beliefs. Dr. E. B. Ogden said the boy rested easily last night, although his injuries were severe.

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