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Unsettled, cloudy today  
and Sunday. Normal tem-  
peratures. Max. temp. Fri-  
day 50, min. 36. River 5.6  
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EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

## Tighten Relief Restrictions as Shortage Seen

### Body Votes That No New Grants Be Made Until Load Lightened

### Explained County Would Deplete Funds Before Close of 1939

Facing a potential shortage in funds for 1939, the Marion county relief committee yesterday decreed that as of December 1 no more grants should be made to new applicants for old age assistance or aid to dependent children and direct relief given to employable persons should be restricted to emergency aid. The status of unemployable persons on the general assistance rolls was not changed.

The curtailment program will continue "as long as limited funds, heavy case loads and the delay in WPA assignments make such action necessary," the written committee order said.

Request Approved of Budget

The committee also requested the state relief committee to approve the county's January general assistance, or direct relief, budget at \$10,550, approximately the amount asked for last January but \$550 more than allotted for the current month. Of this sum, \$9200 is set up for resident and \$1350 for non-resident assistance.

With no increase in load, the county would run out of old age assistance funds before the close of 1939, M. E. Holcomb, county relief administrator, said in explaining the committee's order. The 1938 fund has lasted through the year only because the added burden created by the reduction in age limit to 65 years built up gradually following last January 1 when it went into effect.

### Aid To Be Given in Emergencies

As to unemployable persons who are able to work, the committee will step in only when food is needed to prevent starvation or in other emergencies such as a threat of eviction for non-payment of rent, Administrator Holcomb pointed out. The committee order emphasized that "emergency aid would not be limited to food alone."

Immediate reinvestigation of all active old age assistance and aid to dependent children cases also was ordered to determine present needs. The investigations may lead to decreases or discontinuance in grants but not to increases.

The committee directed its staff to take particular pains to ascertain "the ability of relatives to assist and the development of hitherto unused resources." It also asked for closer working relationships between staff members and clients "than in order to help the recipients to become self-sustaining sooner than they might otherwise."

The relief office will continue to accept applications for old age assistance and aid to dependent children but will place them on waiting lists along with those already accepted but not accepted upon. When funds are sufficient to warrant adding to the county's case load, the waiting applications will be investigated "in order on the basis of length of time the application has been pending but with due regard for apparent need." No further requests for transfers into Marion county will be approved for payment.

Applications for certification to the WPA will continue to be accepted by the relief office and certifications made for applicants found eligible, as in the past.

## Pickets on March On Underpass Job

### KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The first labor dispute here since passage of Oregon's anti-picketing law saw pickets placed on the Esplanade underpass project today.

The \$18,000 PWA-aided job was continued with a fresh crew of laborers obtained through the Oregon state employment office. C. D. Long, business agent of the building and trades council, AFL, said workers were called off the job because two non-union truck drivers were employed. He declared the strike was legal because all members of the 21-man crew, except the two drivers, agreed to walk out.

G. I. Stohlin, contractor, declared the men were bound by contract to refrain from striking on any public work financed by the United States.

## Death Skips Trio In Unusual Crash

### ST. HELENS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Three enlisted men from Vancouver barracks escaped death today when their automobile crashed into an electric light pole, over-turned and came to rest right side up on the front porch of the C. F. Howard home here.

A pillar on the porch was torn off. The three men, Ralph Mooers, 19, driver, R. T. Arell, 20, and A. D. Comstock, 18, escaped without serious injury.

## Japanese to Denounce Nine-Power Pact Soon In Wake of Conquests

### Reported Full Statement of Japanese View Given American and British Ambassadors by Foreign Minister Arita

### TOKYO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Actual denunciation of the nine-power treaty, already pronounced by the Japanese press, will be by new Chinese government under Japanese protection in the wake of Japanese conquests, it is understood in Tokyo.

This, it is felt here, probably will be the final step in the Japanese view of Manchoukuo, and the Japanese-occupied areas of China into a solid politico-economic unit putting into effect Japan's new policy of "Asia for the Asiatics."

### Capitol Body Will Drop Patton Case

### Decision After Kimmel's Explanation of Case Is Given Group

The capitol reconstruction commission voted Friday, subject to the approval of the state board of control, to abandon its appeal of the jury's award of \$45,000 as the condemnation price of the Patton property, now a portion of the enlarged state capitol grounds.

The commission's decision was made following an explanation of the status of the case by Rex Kimmel, assistant attorney general assigned to the commission as its legal counsel. He said Hal D. Patton before his death had offered to sell the property to the state for a much smaller sum. The commission's original offer was approximately \$15,000.

Kimmel explained that the judgment order entered by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan was not sufficient as a basis for appeal, but the judge denied his request for a second order and was upheld by the supreme court in denying the writ of mandamus asked by Kimmel. He mentioned that the order had been prepared by J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general who had conducted the commission's case.

## Roosevelt Seeks Battle on Spies

### President to Ask Money to Enable Agencies to Fight Espionage

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today that a war on foreign spies, to be waged without setting an army of secret police upon the American people, was included among his proposals to bulwark the national defense.

## Reckless Autoist Held After Crash

### Sixteen School Children Injured as Bus Swung Into Phone Pole

### TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(AP)—An automobile-school bus crash which injured 16 students resulted late today in the arrest of Ralph Hermonson, 24, on a charge of driving his automobile after having his driver's license suspended.

State patrolmen blamed Hermonson for streaking out suddenly from a side road, forcing the two-ton bus off the highway north of Tacoma and overturning it against a utility pole.

None of the students were injured critically, although 11 were taken to hospitals. The bus driver, Wilbert Krebs, was pinned to his seat. Freed by rescuers, he hobbled about on an injured leg helping the injured pupils and refusing to go to a hospital until the last of his charges had been safely removed from the wreck.

## Card Is too Late To Avert Tragedy

### SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A post card from Walker Mason inviting his wife and son to spend Christmas with him arrived today at the home where the two died yesterday rather than spend the holidays separated from Mason.

Coroner C. C. Spalding said Mason used endearing terms and his card showed no indication of the estrangement about which his 28-year-old wife wrote before shooting their 14-year-old son and herself.

## Injuries Prove Fatal

### KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Injuries suffered when he was struck by a CCC truck a week ago were fatal today to Jeremiah V. Sullivan, 77.

## Martin States Labor Chiefs Rapped for Back Income Tax

### PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin told delegates to the Oregon district attorneys and sheriffs associations today that 12 labor unionists some of whom were taken in the Oregon terrorist roundup had been forced to pay state income tax on "unreported 'gray' income."

Among those named were Al Rosser, convicted of participation in an arson plot. The governor asserted that a prominent north-west labor leader, whom he named, wrote a check for more than \$2000 to discharge Rosser's tax bill.

"When the papers of Rosser were examined we discovered there were 19 of these union gangsters getting some of the

## Arab Leaders Ready to War To Aid French

### Arab Council Sends Word to French Heads of Its Loyalty

### Large Forces of Police Guard Against Fresh Outbreaks

### TUNIS, Tunisia, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Arab chieftains of Tunisia proclaimed their readiness today to fight for France, if necessary, to beat off any Italian attempt to seize this strategic North African territory.

"Tunisians are ready to defend to the last man the integrity of their land and respect for treaties which unite them to France," Ahmed Chenick, vice-president of the Tunisian section of the Arab grand council, declared in an interview.

"To confuse Tunisia with Ethiopia or the Sudanland is a bad error of psychology," Assurances Sent French Chiefs

He said the Tunisian section of the Arab grand council, the name of more than 2,000,000 natives, had sent assurances to French Resident General Erick Labonne of their loyalty and desire "to live as free men under the aegis of France."

Similar messages came from the other Arab organizations. Imposing forces of French police, mobile guards and troops remained on watch to check any new outbreaks like yesterday's rival demonstrations by French and Italian sympathizers but the day, a Moslem day of worship, passed in tense quiet.

Mobile guard reinforcements were the only fresh forces brought in and they numbered only a few hundred, but a strong army of occupation spread throughout the province was considered able to cope with any difficulties. Men Under Arms Kept Secret

The exact number of men under arms was kept a military secret, although the army is known to number about 15 peacetime regiments, or 45,000, including militia.

Police and mobile guards protected the Italian consulate here, the offices of the fascist newspaper L'Unione, the Italian Aerial and Navigation company, and the Italian library and bank.

Mounted and motorized police patrolled all main roads and searched all automobiles and trucks entering the city.

Conditions along the 300-odd mile frontier between Tunisia and Italy's Libya were reported officially to be normal. If there was any unusual activity in manning of the "African Maginot line" or fortifications and pillboxes along the border, it was a closely guarded military secret.

Characteristic gesture of loyalty to France was the sending of a telegram to Labonne by the municipal council and the War Veterans' association of Moknine, stating "the Moslem population is ready to shed its last drop of blood to maintain the absolute integrity of the French empire."

## Philippine Deaths From Typhoon 56

### Days Must Elapse Before Full Count of Costs Is Revealed

### MANILA, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Over-ripe communications came reports today of 56 deaths, scores of thousands of homeless and uncounted injured in the path of the vicious typhoon which swept the central Philippines and whirled away over China sea yesterday.

Days must elapse before the full extent of the disaster can be known. The tropical hurricane tore down wires and wrecked roads in fifteen provinces as it passed in a zigzag course 100 to 250 miles south of Manila.

12,000 Homeless  
Relief workers counted 12,000 homeless in one district of Samar island alone.

Deaths, mainly due to falling trees, drowning, smothering in winds of unmeasurable intensity, probably will mount with reports from areas still isolated.

Albay, Sorsogon and Samar provinces were hit hardest. Apprehension was keen for Sorsogon which still had not reported the extent of its loss.

Both coastwise and deepwater shipping apparently escaped heavy damage because of ample warnings of the storm.

## Students Injured In Bus-Car Crash

### McMINNVILLE, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Three McMinnville high school students and a bus driver were injured and several others shaken up when a school bus and a car driven by A. S. Hubbard of Toppenish, Wash., collided near here late today.

## French Deputies Vote Backing To Daladier's Domestic Plans

### YOUTH CONFESSES MURDER OF BEAUTY



Rodney Greig, 21, railroad clerk, who readily confessed to the mystery murder of beautiful Leona Vlight in a remote region of the Oakland, Cal., foothills. Greig declared he did not know why he killed the attractive beauty operator saying, "I just did it, that's all." The girl's body was discovered in the hills by a mushroom picker. She had four stab wounds in her throat and on her breast. Photo shows at left Greig and at right the slain girl, Leona Vlight.—(I.N.)

## Two More Killers Die in Gas House

### San Quentin Chamber Is Better Operated for Second Test

### SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A "more humane" execution in San Quentin's new gas chamber snuffed out the lives of two more murderous Folsom prison convicts today.

Improved operation of the chamber killed Wesley Eudy and Fred Barnes more quickly than it did their companions in an attempted prison break. Albert Kessel and Robert Cannon, whose execution a week ago was the first "death by gas" in California.

A fifth convict convicted of murdering Warden Clarence Larkin in the attempted Folsom break two years ago will go into the gas chamber alone next Friday. He is Ed Davis, leader of the break, whose confession of an \$11,000 robbery may free a man he says is innocent from the Oklahoma penitentiary.

Barnes, nervous but smiling, died in 10 minutes. Grim 34-year-old Eudy, six years younger than his companion, lived two minutes longer. It took 12 minutes for Cannon to die and 15 1/2 minutes for Kessel.

Death was sped today by the apparent eagerness of the convicts to meet their inescapable death, and to the creation of a partial vacuum in the gas chamber.

## Hoover Returns To Capital City

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, scientist, returned to Washington today to help the Carnegie Institution begin its new era of scientific research.

He uttered a fervent "thank goodness" that his visit was non-political and highly praised the accomplishments of Dr. John C. Merriam, who retires as president of the institution Dec. 31, and Dr. Vannevar Bush of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the new president.

Mr. Hoover, who has been a member of the institution's board of trustees for seven years and usually attends its meetings, usually declined to discuss the recent congressional elections, the budget, the Pan-American conference at Lima, Peru, or other political questions.

## Early Music Prof Succumbs to Age

### PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—William Herr Boyer, 77, Portland public schools music supervisor for nearly 25 years, died here yesterday.

Boyer began directing and organizing choral societies when he came here 50 years ago from his native Ohio. He was professor of music at the University of Oregon extension division for 25 years.

A number of his books are widely used in school work.

## McDonald Is Held Mentally Balanced

### LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Charles E. McDonald, held by a jury today to be sane when he shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Emila Krueger of Kansas City, will be sentenced Monday. He faces a one to ten year penalty on last week's conviction. The charge was assault with intent to commit murder.

Today's verdict made no apparent impression on the 29-year-old electrician.

McDonald contended his mind was cracked when he shot Mrs. Krueger in Hollywood boulevard last August. He alleged she broke up his home through an unnatural affection for his wife.

## Probe Into Death Of Charred Body

### Officers Believed to Be Questioning Suspect in Mystery

### LONGVIEW, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Officials here tonight awaited results of investigations being conducted in Seattle and Olympia into the mysterious death of Ed Killian, 42, whose charred body was found on a pile of smoldering logs along the highway north of Castle Rock early yesterday.

Pros. Shirley R. Marsh, Sgt. A. B. Little of the state patrol and Sheriff's Deputy Ray Schiwe had not returned early tonight from a clue-hunting trip on which they left yesterday afternoon.

Officers here said they believed the three were questioning a suspect taken into custody at Seattle yesterday by state patrolmen in connection with Killian's death. The suspect was said to be the driver of a truck which swerved and left the highway Tuesday evening at the point where Killian's body was found.

Officers advanced one theory that Killian might have been struck and knocked from the highway onto the logs. They said a 2 1/2 inch cut was found in Killian's scalp, but it was not serious enough to have caused death. An autopsy is being delayed until Marsh's return.

## State Facing Possible Loss Of Federal Social Security

### PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Oregon faced the possibility today of losing federal social security aid because of a new law regulating picketing and defining labor disputes.

T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the Oregon unemployment compensation commission, and Ralph H. Campbell of the attorney-general's office, will represent the state at the social security board's hearing on confirmation of the Oregon law Dec. 19 in Washington.

The hearing was ordered after officials of the congress for industrial organization charged that the anti-picketing bill amended the unemployment insurance law to the extent that the latter statute is no longer uniform with provisions of the social security act.

Dunne, who will leave for the national capital Saturday, said he and other members of the commission felt the state unemployment compensation law still was in conformity with the national act and the question of the interpretation of a "labor dispute" moot point in the controversy, was purely a legal one.

Lee Pressman, attorney for the CIO, contended the Oregon unemployment compensation law, which conformed with the federal statute, had been amended in effect by passage of the anti-picketing bill. Pressman asserted the state law forced unemployed persons to take jobs vacated by strikers, in violation of the federal law.

If the Oregon law should be disapproved, employers in the state would be required to pay both state and federal social security levies. The 90 per cent offset now given under the federal law would be discontinued.

## Fiery Session Gives Decrees Full Approval

### Vote of Confidence Is Also Support of Firm Foreign Stand

### Vote Believed to Sound Death Knell for Party of Leon Blum

### PARIS, Dec. 10.—(Saturday)—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today voted confidence in Premier Edouard Daladier by 315 to 241, approving his decree laws and strike-smashing methods.

The vote came after an unrelentless session in which the premier had sought parliamentary support for a stiff stand against Italian-colonial expansion at French expense.

By the vote the premier obtained the chamber's approval of his methods of governing France, which many of his enemies had called dictatorial.

Decree Dictatorial  
Next on Slate  
Whether rightists, on whom he relied for support in the early morning vote, would back the premier when he asks for decree powers to continue his "strong man" government remained a political question in the chamber.

There was little doubt, however, that Daladier had gone far in this first vote, in which socialists and communists stood solidly against him.

His plea for support Daladier had declared that "the integrity of France depends first on the French" and added that only through strength could France protect her territory.

Warns Nation Needs Strength  
His words were a warning that the nation had to be strong at home to defend her colonial empire successfully. This warning was delivered against the background of an insistent but unofficial Italian clamor for Tunisia and other French holdings.

Twice during the debate Edouard Herriot, president of the chamber, put on his hat ceremoniously and stalked out, thereby suspending the session.

Frequently, while Herriot furiously rang his bell and banged the rostrum for order, leftist and rightist deputies stood before him screaming insults at each other.

At one point the chamber fought political differences for a moment to howl in delighted laughter at a comment by Leftist Deputy Xavier Vallat on Italy's ambition at France's expense.

They Got a Boost  
Out of This  
"Just because Italy is shaped like a boot," he said, "it does not mean that France is shaped to receive a kick."

The vote was accepted in the chamber as marking the official death of the leftist people's front which ruled France under the Leon Blum government after the 1936 elections and was more or less active in power until Daladier took office last April 10.

The premier clearly had swung his government as well as his own radical socialist party—a former member of the people's front with socialists and communists—into the rightist ranks.

## Closing on Sunday May Be Ruled out

### PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Pressure from grocers and unemployed union members appeared today to be near forcing S. M. Gray and holiday closing of union grocery stores from the Portland scene.

The situation will be discussed at a meeting of the grocer clerks' union next Tuesday. Meantime, one chain store held several departments open 1 1/2 Sunday.

Some union members, now working only three or four days a week, favor Sunday opening. The agitation followed closely a California supreme court decision ruling out Sunday closing forced by unions.

The practice went into effect here with the signing of the first union contracts on May of last year, and holiday closing on November 1, 1937.

13 More days to BUY and USE  
CHRISTMAS SEALS  
PROTECT YOUR HOME  
They emphasize that every case of tuberculosis comes from another.