otoff to Joseph A. C. Avenol, sec-

cretary-general of the league, in

reply to a diplomatic "invitation"

to Russia to take part in proposed

league mediation resulting from

"The government of soviet

Russia thanks you, Monsieur

President, for your kind invita-

tion to take part in discussion of

the Finnish question," Molotoff's

"At the same time the govern-

ment of the USSR brings to your

attention the fact that it can not

accept this invitation for reasons

outlined in its telegram on De-

cember 4, sent in response to Ma

In his previous communication

Molotoff said that Russia consid-

ered Finland's appeal "unfound-

ed"; that she did not consider

herself in a state of war with

Finland; that Moscow was main-

taining "peaceful relations" with

the soviet-sponsored, communist-

headed Finnish "people's" govern-

ment; and that the regular Hel-

sinki government had "resigned

its powers" and was not author-

Molotoff's telegram tonight ar-

rived more than three hours after

expiration of a "deadline" set by

Its reception on the eve of Ar-

gentina's scheduled formal de-

mand for Russia's ejection from

the league increased the odds that

this step would be taken. The sov-

iet action automatically killed

dor to Paris and Moscow's repre-

sentative here, received the soviet

reply at his hotel an hour after

t had been communicated to the

league. He received no separate

communication from his govern-

meanwhile, threatened to precip-

itate a race to see whether the

British-French allies or the sov-

iet union would be the first to

break off relations with one an-

French intentions of severing

Soviet representatives immedi-

Name Eley Head

Fred Eley was elected president

Wayne Doughton was elected

rice-president, Sue Sanderson re-

elected secretary, Jean Martin

was chosen as treasurer, Al Propp

ir., as sergeant-at-arms and Gene

va O'Brien and Win Jenks as additional members of the executive committee, of which Homer Smith, fr., is automatically a

Smith reported on his attendance at the northwest republicant conference at Spokane. The club

voted to sponsor a Community Playhouse production late in Jan-

member as retiring president.

of the Marion county Young Re-

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Young Partymen

relations with Moscow were indi-

cated by French sources.

Part of Report Adopted

Before Adjournment

chamber of commerce.

Jacob Surits, soviet ambassa

league efforts at mediation.

ized to make representations

behalf of the Finnish people.

Expulsion From League

the league for a reply.

Appears More Likely

Avenol's communication."

Finland's appeal to Geneva.

telegram said.

Weather

Unsettled with rain today

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

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Russia Rejects League of Nations Offer

-Paul Hauser's Column

Anthony X. Plink died quietly at his home in Neotsu, Fla., in the fall of 1936 and no one ever

suspected that his death was the direct result of a pinch of arsenic slipped slyly into his eggs vienna by his ever-loving wife. She couldn't

known to his friends as Tony Paul H. Hauser, jr. was the last recorded person to sing when one of those "Everybody Sing" films is flashed on the screen at the cinema. Mr. Plink acquired the habit during the bouncing ball days and never recovered, unfortunately for him.

Hollywood paid little or no attention to Mr. Plink's demise as did few others. Hollywood is still making community sing shorts despite the unlamented departure of the last customer.

It was our unhappy privilege to be present at a theatre the other day when a phony college boy flickered on the screen and tried to get the audience to sing away its cares with a rousing version of that number dear to the heart of every red-blooded American, the Slippery Rook Teacher's fight song. The whole-hearted response, reading from left to right, was (1) forty-three coughs (2) seven yawns and a stretch (3) a slight humming noise, possibly from the ventilation system.

Before launching himself on the immortal strains of the Tufts college alma mater our college boy friend, whom we shall call Joe, urged the audience, which had kept the silence of the tomb, to "sing just a teeny mite louder, especially the ladies."

By the time Joe was shaking his toupee off with the heartrending words of the Vassar vicsong the sepulchral silence from the audience was broken only by an occasional snore and the mild and soothing rustle of popcorn bags in the wind.

We breathed a sigh of relief. No one had broken the sacred trust and again Mrs. Plink had been vindicated. Tony Plink has been three years dead and no one has come brashly forward to take

Mayhap he did not die in vain.

Nazis Place Full Blame on Britain

Von Ribbentrop Says War Not to End Until **Enemy Beaten**

BERLIN, Dec. 12-(A)-Joachim won Ribbentrop, nazi foreign minister, in a second white book on war causes, today accused Great Britain of being "exclusively responsible for the war by which she desires to destroy Germany."

ment was included in an introduction to a lengthy document which covered European diplomacy from the Versailles peace conference that ended the first World war to the outbreak of the war of

Von Ribbentrop shattered any notion that peace might be near, by asserting that the German people would not lay down their arms antil their objective is reached, that is: "The military destruc-tion of the enemy and the making secure against every future threat of the vital living space which be-

longs to the German people." Nazi commentators said the \$44-page book fixed the war's origin in the Versailles treaty which gave "2,100,000 Germans to Poland." A memorandum from David Lloyd George, British World war premier, to the Versailles conference was cited as warning what

Russ Casualties 'Steady Stream'

MOSCOW, Dec. 12-(AP)-Red army casualties were reported arriving in a steady stream tonight in Leningrad from the nearby Finn-

Unofficial advices from the port city on the Gulf of Finland said its churches had been requisitioned to aid hospitals in caring for the wounded.

red army communique said the invaders pushed forward "in all directions" during the day and occupied two villages and railroad



In One Ear. Finns Mu Look To Othe. Nations For Armament Aid

US Supply Inadequate for Speedy Shipment to Relieve Situation Of Present Invasion by Russ

Finland Is Ready to Pay Cash, But American Factories Cannot **Meet Immediate Demand**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—(AP)—A round of official conferences produced indications today that Finland must look to European neighbors rather than the United States for

The Finnish minister, Hjalmar Procope, and the military attache, Colonel Per Zilliacus, handed a list of Finland's munitions needs to sympathetic army and navy officials with mostly discouraging results, although Procope indicated that Finland had the funds to pur-O

hells and other arms are not believed to be available in quantity from commercial sources for quick shipment, officials reported. Any proposal to transfer surplus American stocks or to permit firms under contract with the army and navy to fill Finnish orders first would involve decitions on basic neutrality policy.

There were indications, however, that a substantial order for military type gas masks, an item the Finns need urgently, might a magnificent career. be filled with a minimum of de-

Finland, President Roosevelt said only \$16,000 has been applied to the purchase of medicines in London for the Finns. Mr. Roosevelt, who is president of the Red Cross. said it has appropriated \$1,000,-000 for war relief in Europe, including Finland.

In answer to a question, he said he thought former President Hoover's undertaking to raise Finnish relief funds was fine and that he understood Hoover had been cooperating with the Red

The \$10,000,000 Export-Import bank credit for aid of Finnish civilians, Mr. Roosevelt said, will come pretty close to scraping the bottom of the bank's cash till.

Salem Man Dies When Truck Hits

Antone Clemenson Killed Instantly in Accident North of Capital

Antone Clemenson, 58, route seven, was instantly killed last night when he was struck by a truck driven by Francis Scheckla, Tigard, as he was walking south on the Pacific highway with his brother, Charles Clemenson, about one-quarter mile north of the Chenawa four corners.

Captain Percy L. Clark of the Salem first aid car, called to the scene of the accident, said Clem-enson died of chest injuries and head wound. He received a sewere cut on the head, but Clark was not sure that it was fatal. Scheckla was not held, state olice said.

The accident occurred about

American war planes, guns. Famed Film Star Dies Unexpectedly

Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., Is Victim of Sudden Heart Attack

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12.-(AP)-The last reel unwound for Douglas Fairbanks, sr., today, finish to

The great Doug-he of the lay. Orders for about 1000 masks thrilling screen acrobatics and the to protect horses already have once-great real-life romancedied unexpectedly at his Santa For civilian uses the American Monica beach home, at 12:45 a. Red Cross has sent \$25,000 to m., of a heart attack. He was

The time of the funeral was set tentatively for Thursday afternoon at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, in Forest Lawn Memorial park. Final arrangements were withheld pending Mrs. Fairbanks' approval, which was to be sought

Douglas Fairbanks, jr., the actor's son, remained with the griefstricken widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, throughout the day. She was prostrated.

In Chicago Fairbanks' former wife, Mary Pickford, shut herself away from visitors in a hotel suite. She left Hollywood only a few days ago to visit her husband, Orchestra Leader Charles (Buddy) Rogers.

Throughout the film colony here was sadness. Comedian Charles Chaplin, long a close friend and beach neighbor of Fairbanks, was "too overcome vith grief to make any comment." Fairbanks, ruddy and active as always only Saturday when he was part of the mass of 103,000 cheering fans at the USC-UCLA foot-(Turn to page 2, col. 6)

District to Buy Of Salem Agents

The Salem school hereafter will orchase all school insurance through the Salem Insurance lgents' association, the directors decided at their meeting last night. The question was raised in connection with insuring band instruments.

Aside from establishing the insurance policy and voting to send Superintendent Frank E. Bennett to an educators' conference in St. Louis, Mo., early next year, little board business of importance was

DeWitt Suggests Repair of 'Pump' by Republican Party

Taxes, now absorbing 25 per county organization but it inspired cent of the average individual's the formation of a statewide income and about the same pro- league which will have 16 counportion of business income, are tion, members of the Marion county Republican club were informed by O. K. DeWitt, secretary of the Marion county Taxpayers' association at the GOP organization's meeting Tuesday night at the Marion hotel.

"Toughest" of all present taxes is that for social security, because even in the simpler operations such as a woolen mill the tax pyramids as many as five times, DeWitt added. He assailed the "pump priming" policy of the present national administration and suggested that the republicans ought to get possession of the pump and repair it. The spread of taxpayers' or-

ganizations was not sporadic but a sales tax in addition to the pro-perty levy which has been re-duced by more than half.

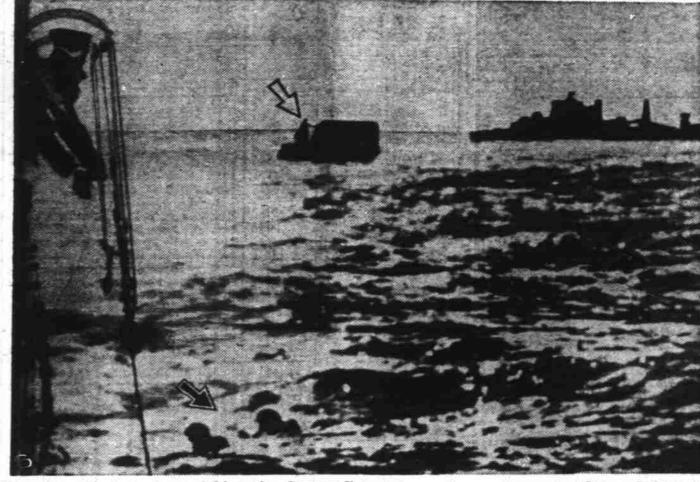
ty groups affiliated when the final organization meeting is held in Portland next month, the speaker

Nebraska in nine years has saved \$175,000,000 to its taxpayers and retired all of its \$45,-000,000 bonded debt, DeWitt said, describing some of the methods, including that of sending several officials of one county to the penitentiary.

Tax reduction need in Marion county is attested by the foreclosure for taxes of 1050 real proper ties, a number which would be doubled if the foreclosure program were brought up to date, the speaker said.

The Republican club's business meeting was featured by discussion of dues resulting in a vote year. Entertainment included group singing led by William Mo-Gilchrist, sr., numbers by the Republican club band and by Rose Meadows, accordionist, and tap

GERMAN OFFICER STAYS WITH DOOMED U-BOAT



Exclusive radiophoto shows sinking of a German U-boat "somewhere on the sea front" by a British destroyer and the rescue of some of the stricken sub's crew. Upper arrow indicates conning tower of the sinking submarine. Going down with it is pictured one of her men, presumably the commander. Lower arrow points to two nazi survivors swimming to the destroyer. Silhonetted against the horizon are two other British destroyers which participated in the sinking. (IIN.)

FRANK L. BALLARD

Placed in Record

Son-in-Law of President

Criticizes NLRB on

Strike of Guild

cused the national labor relations

committee investigating the

The document, written by El-

wyn J. Eagen, the board's region-

al director at Seattle, also said

that Boettiger had accused a

board examiner of unfairness and

had indicated that he would see

that information at his disposal

"reached the proper authorities."

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Postpones Meet

Monroe Sweetland will speak

on "A Pro-War Foreign Policy

Versus an Intelligent Domestic

Program" to the next meeting of

The council is omitting its De-

cember meeting, but will meet

early in January, date to be an-nounced later.

Shops Open Extra Hours

Retail stores affiliated with the Salem Merchants' associa-

tion will remain open until 8:30 p. m. on the last two shop-ping days before Christmas, Fri-day and Saturday.

22 and 23, it was announced Tuesday by the association's re-tail committee, Numerous in-quiries on this point have come to retailers and to The States-

Merchants' Association

the Salem Peace Council.

Council on Peace

Boettiger's View

Man Who Worked Way | Playgoers Enjoy Through Is OSC Head

Frank L. Ballard Chosen by 5-to-4 Vote of State Board of Higher Education to Succeed Dr. George W. Peavy

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Frank Lewelling ten to Leon" in the lodge audi-llard, 48, who got his education the hard way at Oregon torium last night and probably State college, was named president of his alma mater today. none went away disappointed un-The state board of higher education split, five to four, on the selection. Ballard succeeds Dr. George W. Peavy, re-

signed, who will assume emeritus status on July 1, 1940, the date the new president will take

Ballard, a native of New Hamp-hire, enrolled at Oregon State in 1912. As he studied agronomy, agricultural economics and agricultural chemistry, he paid his way by doing odd jobs about the

After graduation, Ballard returned to New Hampshire to open his professional career in the field that occupied most of his time until the present-agricultural extension work. Since 1923 he has been professor of extension methods at Oregon State, and since 1936, in nominal charge of the extension service. He re-

turned to Oregon in 1917. Dr. Peavy came to Oregon State rom the US forest service in 1910 as dean of the school of forestry. Four years ago he was elevated to the presidency of the college. He resigned last August upon reaching retirement age. It was thought possible that he might resume the

Hostilities flared among members of the board of education after the announcement of the vote. E. C. Sammons, of Portland, one of the four who opposed Ballard's election, said he was motivated not by dislike of Ballard, "whom I admire very much," but by opposition to "political gangster methods used on the state college campus" to bring about Ballard's election. He did not expand on his statement.

C. A. Brand, of Roseburg, who also voted "no" said he did not believe "in taking a fine and (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Savant Proposes Single Candidate

rnaud C. Marts, president of Bucknell university, today suggested that the two major principal parties agree on one 1940 presidential candidate to be picked by a "non-partisan" comnittee of 15.

He proposed this as part of a "political truce for the duration of the European war." Under the proposal the republican and democratic national committees would appoint a committee of 15 "responsible for finding a suitable coalition candidate."

Roosevelt Scores Dies Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-(P)-President Roosevelt made it clear today that he did not ap-prove of the procedure used by the Dies committee in issuing a report linking consumer groups with communism.

total levies, even though there is a sales tax in addition to the property levy which has been reduced by more than half.

The recent address here of Frank G. Arnold, president of the Nebraska federation of taxpayers' leagues, was intended only to promote interest in the Marion

Meadows, accordionist, and tap dancing by Beverly McMillan, Delpha and Norma Jean Loewen with Mrs. St. Claire as acompanist.

The report, prepared by J. B. Mathews, the committee's research director, said t

Draws Laughs From Big Audience A near capacity house accepted

the Salem Elks' invitation to "Lisless he or she had come expecting to keep a straight face and spend a laughless evening.

The lodge's annual Christmas enefit show, produced by the Salem Civic Players, lived up to its advance notices as a highly entertaining comedy. The sponsors looked forward to tonight's and Thursday night's performances to repeat the experience of other years-brought overflow houses. Relating the tortuous but com-

ical path of Leon (Victor Wierzba, jr.,) first away from the girl he thought he didn't want to marry and then back again, with surprise endings for all the cast, (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Finish of Stalin Seen by Kerensky

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.- (P) sian premier who released Joseph W. Stalin from a living death in Siberia in 1917—and wishes he hadn't—predicted tonight that the invasion of Finland will advance the end of the Stalinist dictatorship."

Kerensky and Oscar Tokol, who were the first premiers, respecter the fall of the czarist regime, were principal speakers at a mass meeting held by the Social Democratic federation in protest against the red invasion of Fin-

As a leader of an anti-bolshevist movement among Russian "democrats" which has had head-WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-(A)-A memorandum stating that John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, had vehemently acquarters in Paris for the past 14 years, Kerensky said in a pre-pared address that "the shameboard of making a decision based on "a distortion of the facts" and "illogical inferences" was read to-day into the record of the house

'Listen to Leon'

Annual Elks Production

fore our positions."

Ladoga, the Finns said.

in the Gulf of Bothnia by a subinsisted the submarine was Russian although there was no posi tive identification.

the war started. "The enemy launched a power ful attack today along several sec-

Bremen Slips by

many's \$20,000,000 adventurer, the Bremen, raced swiftly through the long fingers of the British fleet again today and slipped safely into a German port, writing 'home" on her three-and-a-half

The Bremen reached an unidentified "safe zone" in the hands of Commodore Adolf Ahrens, the skipper who sailed his ship from New York 36 hours before Ger-many invaded Poland, disguised ful, barbaric action of Stalin has her at sea and outwitted the Britagainst the Russian people to Murmansk, soviet Russian Arc-

Break by France, England Expected To Follow Action

Soviet Withdrawal May Come Before Expulsion; Final Vote to **Come Early Today**

By CHARLES S. FOLTZ GENEVA, Dec. 12-(AP)-Russia tonight rejected a League of Nations proposal to mediate the Russian-Finnish war and opened the way for league condemnation of the soviet union as an aggressor and possible banishment from

The rejection was included in a telegram from Soviet Premier-Foreign Commissar Mol-Finns Stop Big Russian Drive

Three Soviet Battalions Claimed Wiped Out By Northerners

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12.-(P)-Half a million troops of the ninth soviet Russian army were reported concentrating their attack on the Tornio-Rovaniemi railway just north of the Arctic circle today and endangering Finnish communications,

By LYNN HEINZERLING HELSINKI, Dec. 12 .- (AP)-Finish troops and airplanes smashed a large scale Russian offensive today, a Finnish communique reported, wiping out "three enemy battalions" and leaving "hundreds of the fallen enemy lying be-

with "tremendous losses," in hard fighting on a 200-mile front from the Karelian isthmus to Tolvajarvi. about 75 miles north of Lake

At the same time, a report from the Finnish port of Mantyluoto said the 2,217-ton German freighter Bollheim had been sunk marine. Several of 29 survivors

The captain, second officer and adio operator were killed by shell fire. Survivors said the submarine tossed 15 shells into the

The Finnish military commun ique indicated today's fighting was some of the most severe since

tors of the Karelian isthmus, the communique reported. "Hard fighting took place (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Navy of Britain

publican club for the coming year, at the election held at Tuesday night's meeting at the Sale nonths log of war.

Finland Day Observance Is Asked by Governor, Mayor

Governor Charles A. Sprague | Marion county chapter, Red Cross Tuesday issued a statement designating next Sunday as Finland day in Oregon. The proclamation was requested by ex-President Herbert Hoover, chairman of the

nouncements," Sprague's statement read.

Governors of all other states were expected to issue similar

of Governor Sprague, that Sunday, December 17, be designated as "Finland day" in Oregon, Mayor W. W. Chadwick has released the following statement: "As

generously and quickly with funds to aid in meeting the mounting demand for hospital, medical, and clothing supplies, which is being made on the Red Cross." Mayor Chadwick continued that

ish relief fund there is no con-

Cross, which had just reached his desk and which stated that "as The good time? Attend the special motion picture show being arranged by Carl Porter, Warner Bros. Salem manager, This show benefitting the Sal-

do call upon its citizens to appeal for divine protection of Finnish noncombatants. And further in my dual capacity as mayor of Salem and as chairman of the Salem and at any one of the three banks in Salem and as chairman of the Finnish war relief committee of ty banks.

In a constant of the canned goods for Christman baskets will be charged.

"I ask all mayors of the cities of the state to make similar an-

"On this day citizens are requested to appeal for divine pro-tection of the Finnish noncombatants. They are also urged to contribute toward the relief Finland's war sufferers."

proclamations. In accordance with the request

mayor of the city of Salem, in ccordance with the request of

I do urge all citizens to respond in regard to the Red Cross Finn-

flict with other funds being collected by reputable organizations He pointed out that in war relief the Red Cross emphasizes, first, medical and hospital aid, and in addition the work of thousands of volunteers in chapters in the United States who are producing surgical dressings and making warm clothing in large quantities, which is being shipped as rapidly as tonnage is available. Mayor Chadwick referred to a release from Norman H. Davis, national chairman of the Red

inevitably greatly increase and the governor of our state, I here- the best efforts of all will be reby set aside Sunday, December quired, if our country is to play 17, as Finland day in Salem and its part in mitigating the suffer-

Want Fun? Do a Good Deed for Old Saint Nick

Want to do a good deed and get a good time out of doing it?
That, boys and girls—and grownups, too—is just what you can do next week, on Friday morning, December 22.

The deed? Bring one or more tins of canned food to the Santa Claus gift matinee at the Capitol theatre. The food will given to the Salem post of the Salvation Army to help provi-sion the Christmas baskets the army annually distributes to needy families who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas din-

vation Army and the needy