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Weather
Unsettled; rain today and Monday; snows over mountains; no change in temp. Max. temp. Saturday 56, min. 47. South wind. Cloudy.

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Battered Battleship Points Nose Toward Sea

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

'Twas the week before the night before Christmas, so we started out to survey the happy scene. Down Commercial street we went a-trailing and found in particular evidence of the holiday spirit on that part of the gay boulevard known variously as the Bowers, Rue de Brew or the Beer Barrel Boulevard.



Paul H. Hauser, Jr.

We crossed the street under glow bell and proceeded on a course nor' by nor'east until we hit the corner of Commercial and State, where we again were reminded by a slight trickle from overhead that there are a lot of marquees in this man's town that could stand a bit of tinsmithing.

At the corner grocery store we sighted off the port bow a fat woman leaning against a six foot high pile of sacked onions. We negotiated the corner without further incident and began to pick up speed as we proceeded up Court street.

Court street, since the street department gave up its efforts to find buried treasure there, was back to normal and was a little too normal for our taste.

Moved into Liberty street where the Liberty Street Merchants association was busily wringing its hands in keeping with the Christmas spirit. We went into a department store to make a special call on S. Claus.

Here we found an electric train which was operating and stopped to watch it. It was being engineered by two more moppets, one of which should have been on calling his parents.

Reversed our field and went down other side of Liberty street. Stopped in at the Fred Meyer store and had a coke from A. Beld.

Walked down to the Police department and talked to Sgt. J. Cutler, who told us there would be a meeting of the Missouri club December 22 for election of officers.

Foreign Agents' Roundup Started
First Indictments Brought In by New York Jury After Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—In the first indictment returned in the justice department's broad campaign against foreign agents, three men were charged today with serving a soviet propaganda agency without registering with the state department.

The indictments, handed down by a federal grand jury after a week of investigation, named Morris Liskin, New Rochelle, N.Y., Norman Weinberg, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and Raphael Rusch, present address unknown, who is being sought by federal agents.

Violations of the law are punishable by up to \$10,000 fine and two years imprisonment.

Albany Slaying Causes Arrest Of Eugene Man

Junk Dealer Is Nabbed in Connection With Death Inquiry

Slain Hitchhiker Named by Salem Relative After Suicide

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Rufus A. Stults, 43, RFD No. 5, Eugene, was arrested at his home tonight for questioning in the death of an itinerant worker identified here tonight as "Deafy" whose body was found in a water-filled ditch near Halsey Thursday.

State Police Sergeant Earl Houston announced the arrest and said Stults probably would be brought here tonight.

His arrest followed identification of the body in the local morgue by Kenneth Gardner, Eugene, as a dealer in scrap iron and a partner of Stults in junk deals.

Nickname Result of Natural Deficiency
He said the man was hard of hearing, explaining the name "Deafy." He told Houston he thought the victim had between \$50 and \$60 on him when he left Eugene with Stults Wednesday night.

The arrest was brought about largely through evidence furnished by Orville Watson, local service station attendant, who helped change a tire on Stults' truck. He later identified the body as one of the two men in the truck.

The body was discovered by a rural mailman in a flooded ditch behind a pile of junk. The head had been severely battered.

Salem Man Identifies Slain Hitchhiker
The hitchhiker who was reported to have shot himself at Shedd December 6 to avoid capture by State Policeman Walter Hug was identified tonight as Donald Hall, 31, formerly of Tulsa, Okla.

The identification was made by Jean Herrington of Salem, Hall's brother-in-law. Herrington said Hall married Gertrude Herrington about November 1 at Vancouver, Wash., and they had been living in a West Salem auto camp.

Hug said Hall stole the automobile of O. W. Spiker, Klamath Falls salesman who had given him a lift. Spiker was forced to crawl back to the car after the theft.

Hall drove north. At Eugene Spiker managed to work the bolt of the lock loose and escaped. He spread the alarm. The officer intercepted Hall at Shedd and an exchange of shots took place.

After a similar accident with Hall was not injured by Hug's shot but had turned his gun on himself when capture was imminent.

Western Oregon Hit By Downpour

Washington, Oregon Get Heaviest Rain in Several Months

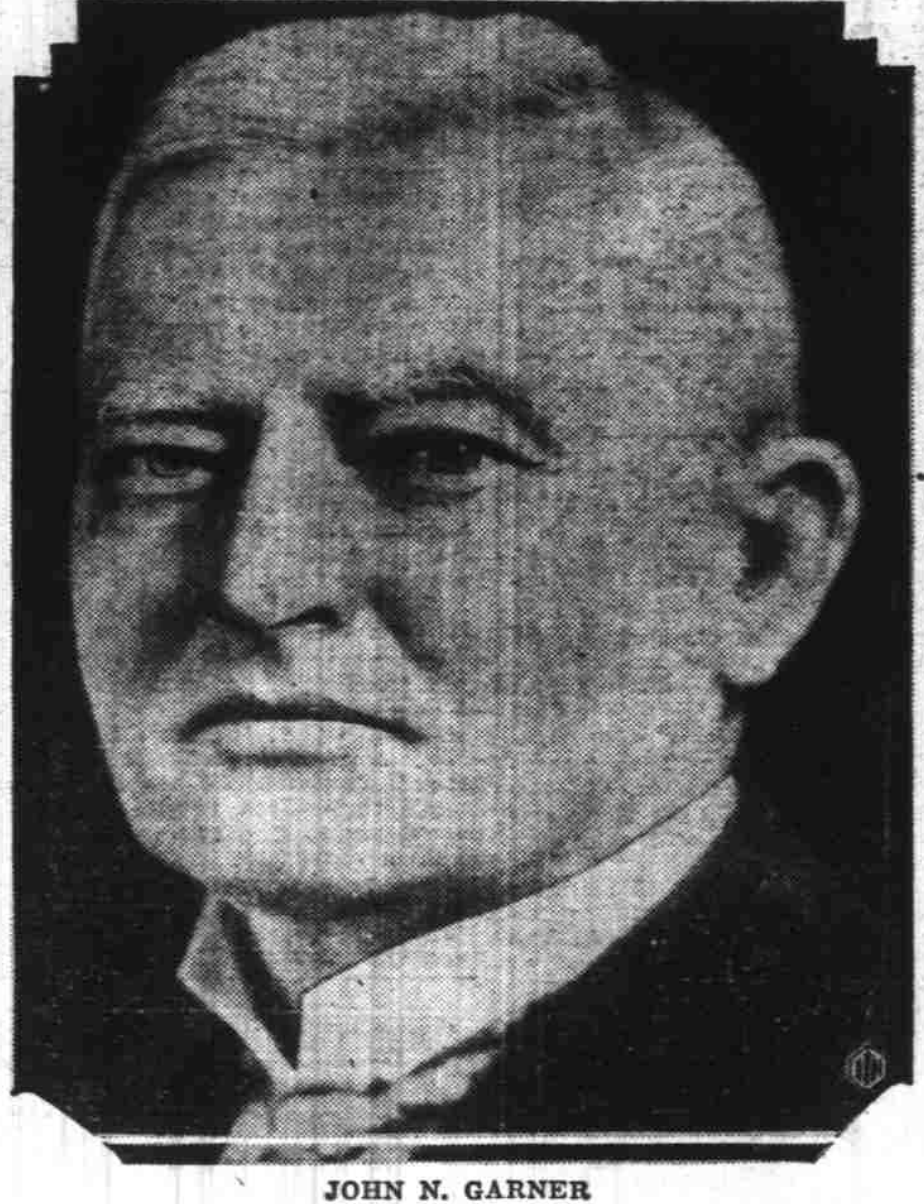
(By Associated Press)
And so it rained, and rained some more.

That was the gist of weather reports tonight as the Pacific northwest continued to slop through the heaviest December rains of many a year, although winds which damaged many communities Thursday and Friday had moderated.

The downpour was general over Washington and Oregon, heaviest in the Puget sound area, with snow in the mountains.

Olympia had two inches of rain in the 24 hours before 8 p. m., Portland had .55 inches, Seattle (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

'Cactus Jack' Says He'll Accept Democrat Presidential Nomination



JOHN N. GARNER

Crash of Truck Puts Out Lights

South, West Salem In Dark After Weird Accident

Heavy 5 o'clock traffic on South Commercial street was disrupted and street lights in south Salem and West Salem put out of service when Paul Dresner, 65-year old Marion farmer, drove his light truck through a power pole at the northwest corner of Mission and South Commercial streets late yesterday afternoon.

Dresner truck ended up with its nose planted in the flower beds against the corner of the home of Paul Tragilo, 807 South Commercial street, across Mission street from the pole smashed completely through. The truck carried the butt of the pole across Mission street, where it lay until removed by power company linemen.

A street sign was also torn out and a huge boulder Tragilo set in his curbing a few years ago after a similar accident was moved six inches as the truck smashed over it.

Dresner was arrested on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and is being held under \$200 bail. He received scalp cuts, which were given emergency treatment by first aid men. A doctor was later called.

With power lines scrambled across South Commercial street traffic was routed over Liberty street while linemen worked at untangling the wires and putting the lines back in service.

Street lights were darkened from Mission south to Electric and from Johns street east. West Salem street lights were out until about 6 o'clock. Service was also interrupted for a few hours along Mission street. Service for south Salem street lights was restored by 3 o'clock.

Two Exonerated

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 16.—(AP)—A justice court jury tonight Joe LeGrande of charges in connection with a mob attack upon the Finnish workers federation hall here Dec. 2.

The board set dates for the 1940 Oregon state fair as September 2, which is labor day, through Sunday, September 8.

Reports from all division heads were presented during the day and visitation made to the fairgrounds to inspect improvements being carried on there.

The board expressed itself as pleased with the renovations. Fair Manager Leo Spitzbart has under way.

During the morning session, the board voted unanimous commendation to the state board of higher education for its selection of Frank L. Ballard as president of Oregon State college and passed a resolution opposing enactment of congressional H. B. 6953 to amend the US warehouse act.

This bill, individual members declared, would interfere upon state grain inspection operations.

Garner Accepts Democratic Bid For Presidency

Vice-President Enters Race for 1940 Election

Colorful Texan Issues 44-Word Statement Before Hunting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Vice-President Garner formally entered the presidential race today—and became the first democrat openly to seek his party's nomination without indicating that he would step aside if President Roosevelt should seek a third term.

The colorful Texan went on record in a terse 44-word statement just before leaving his Uvalde, Tex., home for a hunting trip. It said:

"I will accept the nomination for president. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. A candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all democrats will participate in them."

Prognosticators Attempt To See Hidden Meaning
Some Capitol politicians immediately professed to see in Garner's wording a statement of opposition to any efforts that might be made by anyone to obtain delegates for trading purposes or to control the balance of power at the convention—such an effort, in other words, as might possibly be made on behalf of the president, even if he did not intend to be a candidate.

The Garner announcement was regarded also as a direct appeal to the rank and file of the party. The vice-president's friends have stressed that he hopes to be chosen as the result of a "grass roots" movement and is not interested in controlling delegates so as to share in any trade by which another nominee might be picked even if he finds that he cannot win.

Garner's statement made him the third openly receptive candidate for the democratic nomination.

McNutt Is Already Announced for Job
Paul V. McNutt, federal social security administrator, made it known some time ago that he would be a candidate if President Roosevelt did not seek a third term.

At St. Paul this week, Senator Whelan (D. Mont.) said that he did not believe the president wanted a third term nor did he think that Mr. Roosevelt should be forced to take the nomination against his wishes.

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Admiral Graf Spee Clears All Small Craft From Sides

Russ Advance Is Halted By Stubborn Finn

Heavy Attacks Hurdled Back After Furious Front-Line Fight

10-15 Shells a Minute by Russians Fail to Stop Finns

By LYNN HEINZERLING
HELSINKI, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Soviet Russian troops, attacking in force after a ten-day barrage which raked forests on the Taipale river, today were hurled back by Finnish troops after a furious battle, the Finnish army reported tonight.

The Finnish communique declared Russia lost "hundreds" of men and 14 of 50 Russian tanks were destroyed. The Finns also said four Russian tanks "drove up to our positions and surrendered."

The attack was aimed at outposts of the Mannerheim line on the Karelian Isthmus, which Russia has failed to penetrate since the war began 17 days ago.

A few battalions of hardy, khaki-clad Finns near Lake Ladoga, who have endured artillery shells from two sides day and night for more than a week, still were holding the north bank of the Taipale river. Around them, trees have been splintered and the earth torn by the steady pounding of soviet shells.

Farther down the river, toward Lake Suvanto, where the Finns (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

Saturday Busiest Day for Years in Christmas Stores

Saturday, seventh shopping day before Christmas, was one of the busiest days downtown Salem has ever experienced.

Crowds of shoppers thronged the streets and the stores throughout the day.

Rain which had kept many of them at home on Friday helped to swell the crowds on Saturday, even though rain fell at intervals that afternoon.

Extensive Christmas shopping is forecast for the early days of this final week before the holidays.

'Suicidal' Dash Expected to Be Made By Nazi Pocket Battleship Before Deadline Set by Uruguay

British Watchers Wait Outside Harbor for Appearance of Ship Once Sent to Haven of Port

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17.—(Sunday)—(AP)—An emergency session of the Uruguayan cabinet was called early today by President Alfredo Baldoni to consider Germany's demand for an extension of time for her raiding warship, the Admiral Graf Spee, to remain in this harbor. Announcement of the president's action heightened belief here that the Graf Spee would not leave the harbor at least before this afternoon, despite the fact that she had ordered all small craft away from her anchorage and had appeared ready to get under way.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17.—(Sunday)—(AP)—With conditions ideal for an attempted getaway, the German raider Admiral Graf Spee ordered all craft from her sides early today and turned her nose directly toward the harbor breakwaters less than half a mile away.

With the ship now pointed at the opening of the breakwater, it would be necessary only to hoist her anchors and glide out of the harbor.

A strong wind which was blowing earlier in the night died down about midnight and clouds and a slight fog shrouded the vessel.

Shortly after midnight all launches, barges, and small craft were ordered away from the side of the Graf Spee and it appeared that preparations were being made to get under way.

Earlier in the night, thousands jammed the nearest docks straining for a view of the warship as her crew sought to make her battle worthy.

Plate Placed Over Big Port Bow Hole
Welders apparently placed a huge plate over the hole torn in her port bow during last Wednesday's battle with British cruisers, two of whom are waiting outside the territorial waters for the Graf Spee.

Meanwhile, the ministers of naval Germany and Great Britain waged a 14-day ditch fight last night over the warship, Germany seeking an extension of time in which she may remain here, Britain demanding her ejection or internment.

In a statement accompanying the release of the report, the chamber said the committee had given months of study to the problem of relief.

"The report in no way minimizes the cost of relief."

Cherrians Light Big Tree Monday

The Cherrians' stately Christmas tree on the courthouse square, which as a sapling in 1913 was the first living, outdoor tree to be illuminated at the Christmas season, will be lighted up formally at exercises conducted by the Cherrians Monday night. The public is invited either to attend or to tune in on the broadcast of the exercises over KSLM at 8 p. m.

Prof. T. S. Roberts will play Christmas music on the Higdon organ starting at 7:30. The program will open with carols sung by the Willamette university glee club directed by Dean Geist, followed by a brief talk by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

The tree will be formally opened by Harold Busick, King Big. President Bruce R. Baxter of Willamette university will deliver a Christmas message and Mayor W. W. Chadwick will read his proclamation formally opening the Christmas season in Salem.

Hospitalization Is Result of Wreck

Edward Kilber, 1175 Nebraska, was sent to the Salem General hospital with a fractured left shoulder last night after his automobile collided with a car registered to M. E. Bickford, Portland, but driven by an unidentified person who was not present when police arrived.

Sprague Tells Republicans To Keep Stepping Forward

Warning republicans that "if the party takes a backward look it will take a backward seat," Governor Charles A. Sprague keynoted the formal launching of the McNary-for-President petition signing program in Marion county Saturday.

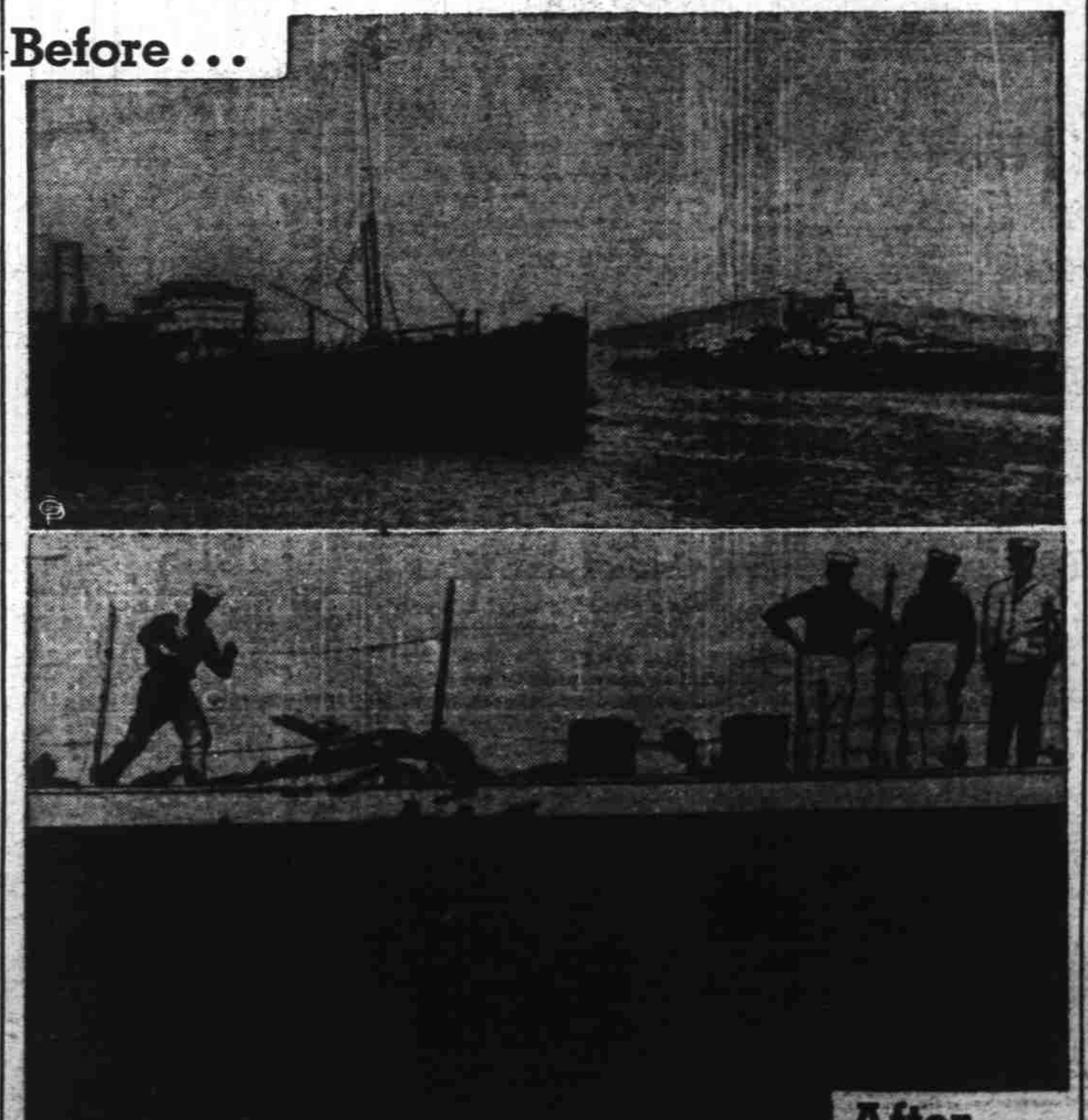
The county central committee with an encouraging word as to Senator Charles L. McNary's chances for the nomination.

As for victory next November, the governor said the outlook was good but the outcome far from certain, and he observed that this was perhaps fortunate from the standpoint of party agreement on a progressive candidate.

Senator McNary is in fortunate position in that he has the confidence of all factions within the republican party and even that of the present national administration, Governor Sprague pointed out, adding that reports of a friendly attitude or even of active support for Oregon's candidate have come from party leaders in many parts of the nation.

Before the governor spoke, a resolution commending his action in broaching the McNary candidacy, prepared by the county McNary-for-President executive committee, was read by Glen Wood,

RAIDER AIMED TO ADD ANOTHER—POOR GUESS Before ...



The German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was lying in wait for the French heavy forces (above picture) when three British battleships—the Exeter, Achilles and Ajax—attacked her. Efforts of the British attack is illustrated in the lower picture (left) which shows the rugged hole torn in the side of the Graf Spee by the 8-inch guns of the British.

6 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas