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Generally fair today and probably Friday; valley fogs in morning. Max. temp. Wednesday 54, min. 41. River 5.5 ft. Southwest wind.

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## In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

12:15 p. m., shoe shine parlor—Got a shine and the latest scholarly opinion on the international situation and the Rose Bowl game for 15 cents.

12:30 p. m.—Parker's sportery—Imparted our knowledge of naval affairs to various members of the Any Noon Discussion and Debate society, including Chris Kowitz, Jake Fuhrer, Doc Higgins and Jim Nicholson, sr.

Was careful to see all my apices of foreclosures were paid as usual, hiding behind the golf club display to catch our weighty words. We were finally outtrunked by Brazier Small, an ex-sailor of the sea and air.

1:00 p. m., Commercial book store—Where we tried to play Home, Sweet Home on a toy xylophone with only mediocre success. We are not very graceful on the grace notes and fall flat on the flats.

2:30 p. m., Capitol building—Where we watched three strong men delicately placing tinsel on a big Christmas tree right smack in the middle of the rotunda. There are Christmas trees blooming all over.

2:45 p. m., Capitol corridors—Saw Max Alford, who is now a state police captain, and congratulated him. He doesn't get to wear his pretty blue breeches so much in his new job, because it's hazardous work. Wandered up to the license bureau end of the building and found people buying those tin plates that come two for five. Nice Christmas gift.

3:00 p. m., Crech's chemist shop—Where we discussed with J. Crech weighty problems concerning the future of the linoleum industry and how the tailoring business will measure up. Drank one coke and remembered to pay for it.

3:15 p. m., State street resort—Where we saw numerous WU law students, who have their last classes before Christmas today, on their way to the movies. An ambulance went by and they all started.

3:30 p. m., Courthouse grounds—Walked past the illuminated Christmas tree and saw that only God can make a tree but it takes the cherubians to think up hanging lights on it. Saw what we thought was a Yuletide candle shining in the window of the sheriff's office, but it was only the reflection of the sun on Sheriff Andy Burk's head.

**Moral Embargo Is Placed on Air Gas**

**Bombing, Gun-Slaying of Civilians Leads to Extension**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The government extended its "moral embargo" today to withhold the means of producing high quality aviation gasoline from countries engaged in unprovoked aerial bombing or machine-gunning of civilians.

The state department announced that, after consultation with the war and navy departments, it "has decided that the national interest suggests that for the time being there should be no further delivery to certain countries of plans, plants, manufacturing rights or technical information required for the production of high quality aviation gasoline."

The countries were not named but were understood to be Russia and Japan, and possibly Germany as a result of the Polish campaign.

The department gave two reasons for its decision:

1. "With a view to conserving in this country certain technical information of strategic importance."

2. "As an extension of the announced policy of this government in regard to the sale of airplanes, aeronautical equipment, and materials essential to airplane manufacture to countries the armed forces of which are engaged in unprovoked bombing or machine-gunning of civilian populations from the air."

The decision has been communicated by letter to the interested American oil companies.

A department official explained that the embargo was not made to apply to the gasoline itself, because the countries involved might then seek to produce it themselves from American or other petroleum.

**NLRB Quizzers To Take Holiday**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said today that evidence already produced by the house committee investigating the labor relations board "tends to support" AFL charges that the board has been partial to CIO.

Green volunteered the statement in discussing with newsmen a conference he had held with Edmund M. Toland, committee counsel. The two men discussed AFL witnesses who subsequently will testify at the inquiry, but did not disclose their names. The committee resumed hearings Tuesday after the first of the year.

## Wallace Gets Greater Farm Credit Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt made a change today in the government of the farm credit administration giving Secretary Wallace a greater control over the \$5,000,000,000 agricultural lending agency and opening the way for more plentiful credits to farmers.

F. F. Hill, governor during the past year, tendered his resignation to the chief executive, who immediately appointed Dr. A. G. Black, director of the agriculture department's marketing and regulatory work, as his successor.

Reports of sharp differences between Wallace and Hill over farm credit policies became current after the FCA was placed under the agriculture department by a presidential reorganization order last July.

Wallace was represented as believing that the FCA was following a "hard-boiled" policy in foreclosures and was too conservative in making loans. The secretary was also said to have objected to FCA resale of foreclosed farms which the agriculture department deemed unsuited for cultivation.

Functions of FCA Remain Unchanged

Wallace issued a statement after Hill's resignation declaring that "either through misinformation or deliberate desire to mislead," there had been conflicting interpretations of his intentions respecting the FCA.

"The acts of congress authorizing the FCA," he said, "are still in effect."

**Trainmen Killed In UP Accident**

LOCOMOTIVE DERAILED AS PARKED CAR IS HIT; ONE BODY FOUND

RICHLAND, Neb., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The body of Engineer David Jones of Omaha was taken late tonight from the wreckage of a Union Pacific locomotive, and officials said they were doubtful the body of Lee Roberts, fireman, Council Bluffs, Ia., was buried underneath the mass of twisted steel.

The locomotive on the UP's main line No. 64, en route, struck a stalled automobile driven by W. D. Wilson of Schuyler, a Burlington engineer, who jumped out of his car as the train bore down on him.

A worker in the baggage car, who overturned, escaped injury, but the train derailed near nearby towns to the scene of the wreckage.

There were 14 cars on the train, seven or eight of which were derailed. Tracks running both east and west were torn up for considerable distance.

The locomotive came to rest against a grain elevator 200 yards from the depot.

Passengers in the automobile got out before the train struck their vehicle.

**Homes Imperiled By Luzon Floods**

MANILA, Dec. 21.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Torrential rains which overflowed the Cagayan river made thousands homeless in northeastern Luzon island today, caused heavy property and crop damage and aroused fears the death toll might run high.

First messenger reports to the Red Cross, from Ilagan, capital of Isabela province, said that 1,800 families were made destitute in that city alone. The messages said the flood at its peak reached house tops in some sections, but was now receding.

**Kind Heartedness of Salem To Provide Dinner for Needy**

Only through the aid of a kind-hearted public and volunteer assistance by local organizations and businesses will all families in and out of Salem be supplied with adequate Christmas dinners next weekend, Adjutant John Allen of the Salvation Army declared yesterday after surveying the aid already available to his welfare agency.

Large donations of food such as will be gathered at the Statesman-Capitol theater Santa Claus matinee Friday morning are needed to bolster the Army's supply of provisions for Christmas baskets, Allen said.

More families are in need this year than last, the adjutant said. Many are families whose heads were certified to the WPA, then told they were no longer eligible for direct relief. Delays in assignment to work projects have made their situations more serious.

## Stalin Is 60—And a Crooner!



Among nice things said about Dictator Joseph Stalin by Soviet celebrants on the eve of his 60th birthday anniversary was that he has a "fine tenor" voice—a compliment paid him by an actress friend. Stalin demonstrated his ability, she said in a newspaper article, when he sang at a party where a folk song he wanted to hear. (IHX)

**US Air Defenses To Be Bolstered**

Northeast Industrial Area to Be Placed Under Single Command

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Army general staff disclosed today that the air raid defenses of the industrial northeast would be placed under a single command like those protecting London, Paris and Berlin.

Anti-aircraft guns, interceptor planes, and warning signals for an area which produces some 80 percent of all American war supplies will be put under the direction of Colonel James E. Chaney, now commandant at Mitchell Field, LI. His promotion to brigadier general was announced today.

With no hint of a belief that the Atlantic seaboard had come within the lengthening range of bombers, the war department said the new arrangement would "provide experience and the basis for future developments of this nature."

Secretary Woodring described the move as "an important step toward the completion of comprehensive air defense plans."

**Hoover Implores Aid for Finland**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Former president Herbert Hoover said tonight that in Finland "the world witnesses one of those heroic stands for freedom of men that comes but few times in the centuries."

"It is a star illumining the No Man's Land of civilization. No Man's Land of civilization," Mr. Hoover's speech was prepared for a "Let's Help Finland" rally in Madison Square garden.

"Unless you have seen the moving of vast numbers of refugees over threatened railways and roads," he said, "your imagination cannot rise to the suffering that comes to (Finland.) Already some of them have begun to reach Sweden and Norway, and they are appealing to us for help."

"At the moment there is no actual shortage of food in Finland. But the thousands of destitute need funds to buy it. They need shelter. They need bedding. The sea-blockade and the destruction of their commerce will bring famine later on."

**Paterson Named**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Southern Pacific company announced the appointment today of George C. Paterson as assistant to J. H. Dyer, vice-president in charge of operations.

**Bean Approves Rate Reduction**

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Reduced rates proposed by two major power companies were tentatively approved today by Oregon Commissioner R. B. Bean, state public utilities commissioner.

The rates, established at the request of the Portland General Electric and the Northwestern Electric companies in connection with Bonneville dam contracts, will become effective January 1.

Immediate savings to seven Oregon counties and three Washington counties were estimated at \$560,000 for PGE customers and \$140,000 for Northwestern purchasers.

Similar savings may be provided for commercial and industrial users under proposed reductions which may be placed in effect May 1.

Consumers will be affected in Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Marion, Folk and Columbia counties and Vancouver, Wash., under the new PGE schedule. Northwestern's cuts cover users in Multnomah, Washington and Columbia counties, Oregon, and Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania counties, Wash.

**Late Sports**

BASKETBALL  
OSC 57, Brigham Young 50.  
Nebraska 48, Stanford 47.  
USC 38, Purdue 34.  
Willamette 51, Signal 41.

HOCKEY  
SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Seattle snatched a 4-1 lead over Vancouver midway in the second period of their Pacific Coast Hockey League game here tonight and then bogged down as the Canadians spurred to a 7 to 4 victory.

## Allied Naval Leaders Meet To Map Drive

Strategic Measures to Meet Nazi Threat in Air Object

Session Is Surrounded by Secrecy as High Officials Convene

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—French and British naval leaders met today to map new strategic measures as German war planes continued to harass the fishing fleet upon which England depends for a considerable portion of her food supplies.

In an atmosphere of strict secrecy, Admiral Jean Darlan, supreme commander of the French naval forces conferred for several hours with Winston Churchill, Britain's first lord of the admiralty.

No official announcement concerning the conference was issued, but observers noted that it coincided with the vigorous allied naval operations and growing anxiety over the safety of Britain's fishing industry.

As the officials conferred, the Aberdeen trawler Star of Scotland was towed into port with two of her crew dead as the result of machine gunning and bombing by German planes. Two other fishing trawlers—the Strathalbyn and the Strathannock—were unscathed during the raid, though the former was attacked twice.

Swedish Steamer Sunk; Six Rescued

The Swedish steamer Mars, 1,449 tons, was sunk off the northeast coast by a mine and seven persons were missing from the ship. Six were rescued.

(Oleo dispatches said the Estonian steamer Koro was sunk in the North Sea Tuesday by a German plane. The crew of 14 was brought ashore by a Swedish ship. (A ship of unidentified nationality was mined off The Netherlands coast. A passing ship picked up an unknown number of survivors.)

Meanwhile it was intimated that the British government, apparently committed to a more vigorous naval policy, feels the royal navy has a right to fight battles anywhere on the international seas, regarding the Pan-American "three-mile" safety zone.

Discussion of whether the battle between the scuttled German pocket battleships and the three British cruisers off the coast of Uruguay last week violated the American neutrality position has been carefully avoided here.

News of fresh aerial attacks upon Britain's fishing fleet produced angrily worded articles in the British press, asserting that the Germans had committed "a flagrant breach of international law" and accusing Nazi planes of machine gunning the crews "as they swam for their lives."

The British government, German aircraft had attacked 35 vessels, including two neutrals, in the last three days. Only three of those attacked were naval vessels, it said, and attacks on them were unnecessary.

The "senseless inhumanity" of an attack upon the Trawler Isabella Greig, during which it said nine bombs were dropped and two of the crew wounded by machine gun bullets.

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## Add War Notes: Paper Protects 10-Day-Old Tot

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Swedish authorities, examining a paper parcel carried by a seven-year-old Finnish girl who had traveled several days with refugees arriving aboard ship, found it contained her 10-day-old sister.

The infant was taken to a hospital, where it was given an even chance for survival. The mother was believed to have perished.

## Nazi Captain Follows Ship

Commander Langsdorff Takes Life as Tragic End to Graf Spee Saga

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The commander of the scuttled German battleship Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Hans Langsdorff, today wrote a tragic epilogue to the war's greatest naval battle by committing suicide.

The 45-year-old commander, veteran of the World war and leader of numerous Nazi sea expeditions, shot himself with a revolver in the naval arsenal where Argentina interned him when he arrived from Uruguay after destroying his own battleship off Montevideo Sunday.

The pistol bullet entered the center of his forehead. Tonight his body lay in state at the Argentine naval arsenal.

"From the first moment he made up his mind to share the fate of his magnificent ship," said a German embassy announcement, declaring he had died "for the fatherland."

Langsdorff, who won the admiration of friend and foe for the humanitarian treatment of his captives, was 67 years old.

**Highest Mailing Record Scored**

106,900 Letters Handled by Canceling Machine Here in One Day

Most letters ever mailed at the Salem postoffice went through the mail canceling machine yesterday morning revealed. Over 106,900 letters were recorded by the canceling machine, a material gain over the peak day last year, Tuesday the 20th, when 98,000 were recorded.

Yesterday looked like a big day, too, with over 65,000 already mailed by 4:30. Carelessness of hurried holiday mailers adds to the problems of postal clerks. Typical example is the cancellation machine, which yesterday addressed simply to "Aunt Elva."

About 50 letters to Santa Claus have been mailed at the local postoffice, Postmaster H. R. Crawford estimated yesterday. Some of these are stamped, but most youthful mailers, evidently believing that Santa has a pull with the postoffice department, omit the stamps. All are turned over unopened to the Elks lodge.

## Rumania Doubles German Oil Sale

BUCHAREST, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Rumania tonight agreed to double her oil shipments to Germany. The government consented to a new trade agreement with the Reich after hard-fought negotiations which several times broke down and precipitated the fall of one Rumanian cabinet.

The new pact calls for Rumania to send Germany 190,000 tons of oil monthly. The first eight months of this year Germany averaged 120,000 tons, but since the start of the war the figure had been cut to about 80,000.

The curtailment in shipments had been due to the lack of transportation facilities.

## Alumni of Salem High Meet Today

It's homecoming today at Salem high school, with a special assembly at 12:50 p. m. to which all alumni are invited.

Greetings will be extended by Principal Fred Wolf and Student President Bill Shinn, while Superintendent Frank E. Bennett will be the principal speaker. Dayton Robertson and Dean Ellis, former student body presidents, will also speak.

The alumni guest book, in use since 1927, will be out for alumni to sign.

Master of ceremonies for the program is Wesley McKelvin, alumnus now attending Willamette university. The high school band will play several selections, the Pep club will author a number of features and there is scheduled a violin solo by Mabelle Lilburn, alumnus.

## School Closed

TONASKET, Dec. 20.—(AP)—School was out today, but scarlet fever—not Christmas—was the reason. County and town health officials declared the disease had reached epidemic proportions and made a ban on school and all public gatherings.

## Sub-Zero Cold Hampers North Soviet Attack

Hundreds of Tanks Are Loosed in Savage Campaign

Finn Air Force Rises to Meet Invaders Over Isthmus

HELSINKI, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Fierce fighting raged across the Karelian Isthmus in sub-zero temperatures today as Russians loosed hundreds of tanks in savage drives and directed 200 red air force planes in widespread bombing attacks on the rest of Finland.

The roar of artillery could be heard from one side of the 65-mile wide isthmus to the other. Finnish aviators in fierce dog-fights and battled in the winter sky.

The Russian drive was stalled in the far north by blizzards and temperatures 25 degrees below zero. The Finns said they had withdrawn to Korvettjarvi, but mentioned no fighting.

A little farther south, just above the Arctic circle, Finnish forces were reported in an official communique to have stopped a Soviet thrust to cut the country in two and to be advancing toward Salla, capturing "much booty" en route, including three tanks, 30 army trucks, numerous machine guns and considerable ammunition.

Men 40 Years Old Called by Finland

While the call adds an estimated 15,000 men to the Finnish army, estimated by authoritative sources at 400,000 at the start of the war. Estimates have put the Russian forces attacking Finland as high as 1,500,000.

For the second successive day air raid alarms sounded in many Finnish cities, including Helsinki.

## Aged Woman Hurt In Car Accident

Companion Bruised as Two Struck; First Aid Car Kept Busy

Two women were injured, one, Mrs. E. G. Stewart, 72, of 134 South 19th street, severely when they were hit at State and Church streets about 9:30 last night by an automobile belonging to Claude McKinney. McKinney was riding in the car, but said he was not driving at the time. City police held him on charge of intoxication, but he was released on bail later.

Mrs. Stearns suffered a broken arm, badly bruised hip and knees and severe shock. She was taken to the Deaconess hospital after treatment by the first aid car. Her granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Foster, 21, of 633 Ferry, was also knocked down, but received only abrasions and bruises.

Police request that anyone who saw the accident or can give any information about the driver of the car let them know immediately.

George Robert Hurd, 76, of 1190 Oak street, was treated by the first aid car after he had slashed his right wrist with a razor.

Also treated was a guest at the Walter Mills home, 178 South Church street, when she gashed her head in a fall down basement stairs.

Mrs. Leo Poppe, 2300 North Fourth street, bruised her back when she fell through an automobile door to the curbing.

Mrs. Annie Wilson, 75, of Brooks, collapsed from fatigue while shopping on Liberty street.

## Dispute Hampers Tongue Point Job

ASTORIA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A nine-day-old wage dispute continued to hamper work on the Tongue Point naval base's \$1,500,000 air station today.

The American Federation of Labor's pliers were walking off the job, asserting the Makela Construction company refused to pay double time for overtime and "broken shift" labor.

The contractor, Walter Makela, insisted there was no dispute over the matter. He declared the walk-out was the result of a jurisdictional dispute between pliers and the building laborers' union, also AFL.

## Dial Telephones for Rural Salem Trade Area Imminent

Modern dial operation of a majority of the telephones in the rural area around the largest rural system on the Pacific coast served out of one exchange, is an imminent prospect, it was revealed Wednesday by Harry V. Collins, district manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Intensive work preliminary to a conversion to dial operation has been under way for some time, Mr. Collins announced.

All rural line telephone customers own their own lines and their own telephone instruments, these rural lines connecting with the telephone company's lines, usually at the city limits. At present the Salem rural lines all are on a manual basis, with the telephone instruments all being of the magneto type. The new dial type of service, Mr. Collins said, will give the rural line customers the most modern and up-to-date telephone service now available.

Telephone company representatives are meeting with rural line customers for the purpose of discussing the new type of service. In some cases, it was pointed out, the rural line customers are walking to strengthen and rebuild their present telephone lines, and in all cases it will be necessary to exchange the present magneto type telephones for dial telephone instruments.

Features of the proposed dial telephone service for rural lines, Mr. Collins explained, include improved and better talking quality on most lines; no necessity for special batteries, as power will be furnished direct from the Salem central office; and automatic ringing, rather than the present hand ringing.

Special central office equipment will be installed at the Salem telephone building to provide this new type of service for the Salem rural telephone line customers. Already in Oregon the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is providing dial service to hundreds of rural line customers in exchanges at various points in the state.

## Head of Narcotics Smuggling Ring Is Convicted by Jury

Lepke, Top Man of \$10,000,000 Narcotic "Syndicate," Faces Two-Year Sentence, \$10,000 Fine

Object of Nation-Wide Man-Hunt Last Summer, Three Aides Found Guilty In Federal Court in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Louis (Lepke) Buchalter was convicted in federal court tonight of conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws as a top man in what the government called a \$10,000,000 international smuggling syndicate.

Lepke, accused of "cutting himself in" on widespread operations of illicit narcotics dealers in many foreign ports, faces possible maximum penalties of two years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Nine other indictments are pending against him in connection with narcotics violations, conviction of which might bring 168 years in prison and fines of \$180,000.

A co-defendant, Max Schmuckler, also was convicted while a third, David Kardonick was acquitted.

Both the latter denied from the witness stand any participation in the syndicate's activities. Lepke did not take the stand.

Defense counsel offered brief character testimony for Lepke and made a summation insisting that the jury disregard Lepke's reputation as an industrial racketeer in reaching its decision.

Several others indicted for conspiracy. District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey once described Lepke as "public enemy No. 1" and as "the nation's No. 1 industrial racketeer."

Lepke and his co-defendants were among 30 persons, including several women and discharged US customs agents, who were indicted for conspiracy.

Most of them are either under sentence after pleading guilty or awaiting separate trials.

Government witnesses against the trio principally were confessed drug smugglers who related details of intricate operations of the ring from France, Japan, China and other countries to the United States during 1935-38.

Prosecutors unfolded a complicated story of the ring's activities, contending that forbidden narcotics were often shipped in trunks brought into this country by attractive women in the pay of the racketeer.

Federal Judge John C. Knox set sentencing for January 2. Lepke, 42, a silent, swarthy man, was the object last summer of a nationwide manhunt for both the New York county attorney and the federal bureau of investigation. Rewards totalling \$50,000, the county and the government each offering half, at one time were placed on his head.

A fugitive for two years after running out on a \$10,000 bail, he was arrested last August 25 to J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director.

He was wanted by federal authorities on the narcotics charges and anti-trust indictments, and by District Attorney Dewey in connection with racketeering in the garment, fur and bakery businesses.

Dewey estimated that Lepke's rackets brought in \$5,000,000 a year in extortion money. Charges based on these accusations are still pending.

## Texas Sugar Firm Attaches Vessel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Spectacular hide-and-seek maneuvers between a British cruiser and a German freighter led to placing of the Nazi vessel under attachment of the US district court today.

A deputy marshal ordered the freighter, the Hamburg-American merchantman Aracus, to remain in Port Everglades, in charge of First Officer Kurt Ludwig, until the \$35,451 claim of a Texas sugar company was settled.

The Imperial Sugar company of Galveston declared in libel proceedings that other ships of the Hamburg-American line collected for large cargoes but did not make deliveries.

## Strike Studied

LONGVIEW, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Arguments of attorneys representing the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union and the waterfront employers' association of the Pacific coast were taken under advisement here tonight by Dean