

Sub-Zero Cold Hampers Russ

Hundreds of Tanks Are Loosed in Savage Campaign

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At Turku, Rauma, Porvoo, Salo, Malm, Hasekka, Varsina, Laskela, Sortavasa, Jankajoki.

The Finns reported a Russian air attack on the railroad at Kiska, 60 miles north of Hanko on the south coast, had failed. Workmen at one Kiska factory fled to the woods when Russian bombers appeared overhead.

On the isthmus front, the Finns reported that the Russians were following tactics employed yesterday when they loosed hundreds of tanks of all sizes.

The Finnish communiqué said that the troops were beaten back after a series of savage assaults which had prolonged artillery preparation, but that the attacks were continuing.

The communiqué indicated the heaviest fighting on this front was between Kaukjarvi and Mjogoljarvi, although strong Russian forces were reported attacking simultaneously at other points along the line.

The Finns said the positions remained unchanged, and asserted that the Russians had lost heavily in men and tanks.

"Twenty heavy tanks advanced to our positions and were captured, besides which many were destroyed in front of our positions," the communiqué said.

Eleven Russian and six Finnish planes fought a thrilling battle behind the Finnish lines, but observers were not about to ascertain the outcome.

Summarizing the results of Russian air raids yesterday, which was described as "the most active day in the air since the start of the war," the Finnish communiqué said it was definitely established that 20 soviet planes had been shot down.

Additional Russian planes were believed to have fallen behind their own lines, said the Finns, who officially fixed their own losses at two planes.

The communiqué said that "well over 200" enemy planes appeared over Finnish territory during yesterday's raids in which it declared, "an aircraft was shot down." Reports in Helsinki indicated Russian aviation was as active today.

35 Awards Given At Honor Court

Thirty five awards were presented to 35 Boy Scouts at the December court of honor of the Cherry City district of the Cascade area council, last night.

Awards were as follows: Life scouts—Malcolm McLean, troop 11 and Dale Gordon, troop 12.

Star scout—Harry Jones, troop three and Angus Edwin, troop 12.

First class merit badges—Bob McNeil and Don Norris, troop two; Con Bowers, Harry Jones and Jack Finden, troop three; Glen A. Smith, Laverne Hopp, Bill Byrd and J. T. Hopp, troop nine; Angus Edwin, troop 12.

Second class—Harold Spaulding, Albert Castillo and Roy Houck, troop 11; Darrell Rothenfleck and Louis Lamp, troop six; and Bill Reinhart, troop one; LeRoy Blake, troop nine.

Robert E. Lange, chairman of the court of honor committee of the Cherry city district, presided, with Ernest Kummey and Ted Reschke as members of the court.

Demonstrations were made by Roy Houck, troop 11; Darrell Rothenfleck and Louis Lamp, troop 11; Angus Edwin, troop 12 and Jack Finden, troop three. Mr. G. W. Mason of the state parole board was the speaker for the evening.

US Air Defenses To Be Bolstered

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Defensive plans for the national defense of air raid defenses is scattered now. The coast artillery has charge of anti-aircraft guns, the air corps of quick-climbing interceptor pursuit planes already under construction, and the signal corps is concerned with flashing warning signals.

The unified defense area extends roughly from Detroit to the Virginia capes, it was indicated, and includes such important centers as New York, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and the New England arms manufacturing area.

Upon its completion, the new \$5,000,000 northeast air base near Holyoke, Mass., recently authorized by the War Department, will become one of the most important elements of the new organization, the war department said.

Many Details Face Organizers of District Census Leaders; Office Arranged in Salem



A. R. McCALL

Wallace Gains Credit Control

Speedy Appointment of Dr. A. G. Black Is Secretary's Gain

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ing the work of the FCA and prescribing its functioning of course remains unchanged," the statement said. "Mr. Black and his associates in the FCA will be responsible to me for compliance with these congressional mandates."

The secretary said today's change involved no alteration of administration policy of the FCA but was "necessary in order to integrate the policies of the FCA and those of the department of agriculture to the general policy of the government of the United States in respect to all agricultural problems."

He added that the FCA would continue to have "administratively the autonomy which it requires for successful administration of the duties devolved upon it."

Huge Fund Likely To Be Made Available

High agriculture department officials said the change was expected to make available upwards of \$700,000,000 FCA credits facilities for loans to distressed farmers unable to borrow elsewhere.

They also said that Wallace was expected to recommend to congress changes in FCA legislation which would give farmers 40 years in which to pay farm purchase loans instead of the present 30 years. They also said that Wallace may ask for a reduction in interest rates which now average about 4 per cent.

President Roosevelt, in accepting Hill's resignation, expressed his "very real appreciation" of the retiring governor's services. "I am grateful to you," Mr. Roosevelt said, "because I know you have striven earnestly and unselfishly to make federal farm credit of greater service to agriculture."

Hill issued a statement saying that "the sole issue in the present situation, so far as I am concerned, is whether the farm credit administration should be continued as an autonomous federal agency supervising cooperative credit facilities in the farm field or be absorbed and become an integral part of a large department of government responsible for the administration of a great many other programs."

Christmas Tree Built on Derrick

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A Christmas tree 127 feet high, illuminated with strings of colored electric lights, gleamed over this oil field community tonight.

It is composed of 1100 large fir trees attached to an oil derrick.

Outlined in electric lights, figures of Santa Claus and his reindeer have been fastened to the arms of other oil wells. As the arms move up and down, the reindeer appear to be leaping through the air.

And to make the entire display complete, a temperature gauge that hovers around the 90's in the daytime, 60 tons of lime have been scattered over the ground in imitation of snow.

Day's Time Given In Gambling Case

Arraignment of Leonard M. Wagner, proprietor of the Holman and Wagner card room at 355 State street, on a charge of permitting gambling was deferred a day in municipal court yesterday. Judge A. Warren Jones said he had granted Wagner until today to answer the charge.

Clyde K. Anderson, who signed the complaint against Wagner, sought to withdraw the charge yesterday but the court referred him to the city attorney's office.

New Snow Falls On North Santiam

Five inches of new snow fell on the North Santiam highway Tuesday night, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs reported yesterday. The fall at the summit was nine inches, bringing the total depth to 17 inches.

The road is being kept open by state highway department snowplows. Due to a breakdown of the county's light equipment the highway department will also clear sections of the road allotted to the county for maintenance.

Many details incident to the recruiting of a business and industrial census staff loomed immediately ahead of A. R. McCall, district census supervisor, and his assistant, Mrs. Nathalie Panek of Salem, Wednesday after they had completed arrangements for occupancy of a suite of four offices at 222 Oregon building.

Forms necessary for the operation of the census office have not all arrived, but application blanks were being sent out Wednesday to persons who had applied informally for positions on the staff of enumerators.

For the business census however, only about 15 enumerators will be employed for the district which includes Clackamas, Columbia, Clatsop, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties. Supervisor McCall, who is publisher of the Review, weekly newspaper at Rainier, said that while the permissible range of enumerators' ages is from 18 to 65, mature persons with some business experience will have a preference in the selection.

What makes the immediate task of the supervisors especially difficult in view of the short time remaining before the business census is scheduled to start January 2, is the necessity for selecting tentatively the necessary staff and putting its members through a four-day school, which is scheduled for Christmas week.

Hundreds of enumerators, possibly 1500, are to be selected for the regular census, which will be taken starting April 2. Applicants are required to have a high school education or its equivalent.

Cunard Ship Near Collision in Fog

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The 19,597-ton Cunard White Star liner Samaria, with many Americans aboard, which was forced to return to port for repairs, narrowly missed disastrous collision with a Canadian troopship, it was disclosed today.

The liner, which sailed westbound from a northwestern British port Saturday, passed so close to the inbound troopship, that lifeboats swung out on davits of the Samaria were carried away or stove in.

The two vessels were navigating in dense fog which reduced visibility to a ship's length.

Ad Club to Meet In Theatre Foyer

Members of the Salem Ad club will hold their final meeting of the year Friday in the foyer of the Elmore theatre at noon.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for this meeting place through the courtesy of Manager Carl Porter of the Warner Bros. Salem theatres. This marks the second year the Ad clubbers have gathered at the theatre, and present plans call for an outstanding program.

Manager Porter has booked several "shorts" for presentation and members of the entertainment committee have arranged several novel features including a Christmas carol sing and a "tree" for all attending.

Luncheon will be served in the foyer with the staff of Schneider's Coffee shop arranging culinary details. All club members are urged to attend.

High Court Sets Perjury Hearing

The state supreme court Wednesday fixed January 11 as the date for hearing arguments of attorneys in the appealed case of Hugh Reynolds, convicted of perjury in the Lane county circuit court.

Reynolds previously was convicted on charges of riot and breaking glass in a building at Eugene but the state supreme court reversed the state supreme court.

Officials said Reynolds was active in Lane county labor union circles for several years prior to his conviction on perjury charges.

Treasure Hunters Find Water Seep

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Searching for a legendary \$200,000 in treasure in the Hollywood bowl parking lot, Henry Jones, Seattle mining man, and his associate, Ray Jackson, struck seeping water today.

They have dug 35 feet and have only five days more allowed them by the court in which to reach the fortune supposed to have been buried there more than 70 years ago. Working frantically, they still expressed hope.

22 Indicted in Building Probe

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—In its second mass indictment of alleged price fixing in the building industry, a special federal grand jury today accused 22 men, seven corporations and two associations of fixing "unreasonably high prices for hardwood floors in the San Francisco bay area."

Thirty-six men, ten corporations and two unions were charged Monday with similar price fixing and restraint of trade in electrical contracting.



MRS. NATHALIE PANEK

Marion County To Keep Lights

State Highway Commission Refuses Request to Take Maintenance

Marion county must continue to care for and maintain the lights on the Willamette river bridge. The state highway commission, which met here yesterday, denied a request from the Marion county court that the state assume this responsibility.

The commission went on record as opposed to purchasing, administering or maintaining historical sites within cities after it had been advised that its authority was restricted to taking over scenic sites. The question was raised by a proposal in connection with a historical site owned by Robert L. Burghardt of Albany.

The commission ordered an investigation to determine the cost of widening a bridge over Beaver creek on the Oregon Coast highway in Tillamook county.

A committee composed of Ray Conway, Lewis McArthur and Walter Meacham, all of Portland, was authorized to designate historical locations on state highways where special markers are to be erected.

A request of Donald M. Graham, Prineville, that local loggers be allowed to truck logs over state highways in that vicinity Saturday afternoons and Sunday for the next few weeks was approved.

The commission designated the Sunnyside—Uma pine secondary state highway in Umatilla county a through highway.

No action was taken on an engineer's report on the cost of widening the highway pavement on the Oregon Coast highway through the town of Taft. Commissioners said this would be considered at a future meeting.

Officials who will represent the highway commission at a meeting of the Western Association of State Highway Officials in Santa Fe, N.M., next month, will be announced later, the commission decided.

Hitler Orders Liner Scuttled

Columbus' Captain Says Destruction of Ship Demand of Fuehrer

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time laughing and joking. There was no disorder at any time. All the men knew what they had to do and did it quickly and well."

Captain Daehne declared his crew was "perfect,"—it had been "trained for weeks and knew just what to do."

Captain Daehne and his crew arrived in the day aboard the US cruiser Tuscaloosa, which had picked them up as they sat gloomily in their lifeboats watching the old Columbus settle slowly in flames some 400 miles out at sea.

The seamen were taken from the Tuscaloosa by coast guard cutters and transferred to Ellis Island, harbor refuge for immigrants and aliens, and made comfortable for the night.

Tomorrow they will be given a hearing to determine their exact status, which in the meantime was presumed by the authorities to be that of simple seamen in distress—victims as much as the Columbus had simply foundered in a gale.

If they pass the test—and if it is formally determined that the vessel was no more than a merchantman and no sort of belligerent—they will be permitted to stay in this country for 60 days.

Dial Telephones To Be Installed

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the state. The improvement is being made in line with the company's long established policy of giving all possible cooperation to rural line customers.

As a result of this cooperation, which has taken the form of periodic inspections of lines owned by the farmers, special farmer line meetings and the testing and inspection of telephone instruments at open house programs, there has been a substantial increase in the number of rural line telephones throughout the state since January 1 this year, the increase being greater than in any similar period in the last 15 years.

Confession Made By Accused Boxer

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Eugene Keher, accused as the slayer of Dr. Walter Engelberg, 42, first secretary of the German consulate, was questioned on his arrival from Toronto today as a suspect in the homicide killing a 30-year-old Dr. Max Morgenstern, foreign exchange expert.

District attorney attaches said the 24-year-old Canadian born boxer signed a 15-page confession in which he admitted the murder of Dr. Engelberg, who was killed by a bullet fired from a .38 Smith and Wesson, struck seeping water today.

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Jury Exonerates State Patrolmen

MEDFORD, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The fatal shooting of Zora Edward Dahack, 71, by two state police officers was justifiable homicide, the Jackson county grand jury reported last night.

Dahack, Lake Creek district mountaineer, was killed by State Police Game Warden Ed Walker and Patrolman George Albright after Dahack held them up with a rifle in an attempt to recover 137 pounds of venison taken from his cabin.

Meier Appointee To Bench Dead

ONTARIO, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Judge Charles W. Ellis of the ninth circuit died here tonight, a few hours after being stricken in a restaurant.

He was appointed to the bench by Governor Julius Meier in November, 1934, to succeed Judge W. W. Wood. He was elected for a six-year term in 1936.

A native of Illinois, Judge Ellis came to Oregon 30 years ago, settling in Burns, where he practiced law. He moved to Ontario in 1938.

Additions in the News

MACON, Ga., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Patrolman O. P. McDaniell reported today a burglar entered his home last night, obtained a "lost and left an 18-pound ham."

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Fourteen-month-old Dolores Langnickel made her mother a prisoner in her home for an hour and 15 minutes—and a very cold prisoner too.

When Mrs. Erich Langnickel went to her second-floor attic, Dolores pushed the door shut, making it impossible to open.

Mrs. Langnickel called to the child, Dolores answered with a long "waah," in a tone of extreme excitement. Dolores was in a similar predicament. She had locked herself in a hallway that was as unheated as the attic.

Mrs. Langnickel took up a vigil at the windows in the attic. Finally a woman passed and Mrs. Langnickel attracted her attention. The woman called police.

ATLANTA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—L. Kaplan went about his work in the city depressed by theft of a suit of clothes from his apartment.

His humor improved greatly when two men walked in and tried to pawn his suit. They were taken to the police station after Kaplan got his suit back.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Traffic Judge John Gutknecht announced today that Santa Claus was not in jail for drunken driving.

The question arose when the Trainer children, Tully, 14; Peggy, 10, and Bobby, eight, wrote as follows: "Dear Judge Gutknecht: Our daddy said Santa Claus is in jail for drunken driving. Please don't make him stay in jail for Christmas."

Their father, Edwin Trainer, explained it was a joke which had gone a little further than he had expected.

Replying to the children, Judge Gutknecht wrote, "we did have a Sandro Clausy whom we had to send to jail for mixing alcohol and gasoline."

"That was to make things easier for their father," the judge said.

14 Indicted for Loan Firm Fraud

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Fourteen men, including the former head of the \$50,000,000 Pacific States Savings and Loan Co., and a former state building and loan commissioner, were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and mail fraud.

Those named included Robert S. Odell, ousted president of the concern; Andrew E. Falch, former state building and loan commissioner; two deputy state building and loan commissioners and 10 former officers and executives of the company or its affiliates.

Canada to Send Airmen Overseas

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press)—Defense Minister Norman Rogers announced tonight in a radio address that a squadron of the Royal Canadian air force and auxiliary units totalling more than 6000 men would be sent overseas to support the first Canadian division in the field.

Landing of the first Canadian division in England was announced Monday in London. In the present army organization a division numbers about 16,000 men.

Rogers said that after consultation with the British government, Canada had decided to "despatch overseas a due proportion of corps troops in addition to the division itself" so that it "may carry its full weight in the army corps of a part."

Nazi Wags Chide Statesman With Gift of Umbrella

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—German fliers, sailing across French lines, dropped an umbrella as a gift to British Minister Neville Chamberlain, who visited British troops in France last week.

DNB, the official news agency, said the following note was attached to the umbrella: "The German air force regrets that Mr. Chamberlain was forced to go around in such bad weather without an umbrella, and dedicates to him this useful instrument of protection."

Proposal Scored

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—E. E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, criticized tonight the proposal to create a state department of justice.

Nazi Captain Follows Ship

Commander Langsdorff Takes Life as Tragic End to Graf Spee Saga

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war prisoners, took his own life exactly a week after the Graf Spee engaged in a 14-hour running battle with three British cruisers off the South American coast.

Forced to seek refuge in Montevideo harbor, the commander on orders from Adolf Hitler blew up his ship rather than face internment or run the gauntlet of allied warships off the coast.

Instead of going down with his ship "the postponed fulfillment of his design" until he had seen to the safety of more than 1,000 young seamen in his crew and had informed his superiors of the fate which had befallen the Graf Spee, the embassy communiqué said.

An aide found his lifeless body in his arsenal quarters at 8:30 a. m. (3:30 a. m. PST).

Presumably the sea warrior used his own German pistol to end his life.

In a mid-afternoon seaman of the Graf Spee, who previously had been happy despite their confinement, were marched into the park before the immigrants' hotel, Argentina's Ellis Island. They formed a three-tiered block 100 square and in a hushed quiet an officer announced the death of their commander who had shown remarkable solicitude for his men and had sought to cheer them by a cheery, joking demeanor.

A last handshake with each man, Germans said there was no doubt in the mind of any man at this conference that he was speaking to his commander for the last time.

Capt. Langsdorff himself had given the men his own farewell the day before by speaking privately to them in three groups.

Then he called all his officers about him last night and talked with them for three hours.

Shortly after midnight he rose and made a circle of the room for a last handshake with each man. Germans said there was no doubt in the mind of any man at this conference that he was speaking to his commander for the last time.

Morgan Partner Sees Trade End

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Russell Lettingwell, white-slaved partner of J. P. Morgan & Co., told the monopoly committee today that unless the government allowed more freedom "I guarantee business will go bankrupt."

Lettingwell, who recalled his service as assistant secretary of the treasury during the war, protested against "managed money and planned economy" as threatening eventual doom of "the profit system." He also said business could not exist without some price increases in the face of an increasing tax burden, higher wage costs and similar factors.

"I think we ought to give the 130,000,000 in this country more rope," Lettingwell said.

Byrd Takes News Of War to Isle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Tiny Rapa Island, French possession in the South Pacific, received its first news of the war in Europe from the Byrd Antarctic expedition flagship, the North Star, which called there Sunday.

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Truck Load Limit To Protect Roads

HILLSBORO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Reduced truck load limits were considered by Washington county authorities today to protect rain-softened market and secondary roads.

The Dupper creek, Gales creek and the Upper Tualatin rivers were overflowing lowland points. No serious damage has occurred.

Myopic Mallard Amuses People; Hurts Own Pride

BEND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The wild duck's technique was perfect but the execution drew chuckles from hundreds of Christmas shoppers.

The drake dropped down to what appeared to be the calm waters of a pond—and spilled end over end on the wet, shining pavement.

Pedestrians laughed and the duck waddled sorely into an alley to cover his embarrassment.

Polish Benefit Is Huge Affair

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Two former first ladies, four supreme court justices, several ambassadors and cabinet members did their bit for Polish relief tonight at a benefit performance by Ruth Draper, monologist.

The business was sold at \$100 apiece. One unidentified man gave a debutante a \$50 bill for a program. A woman who couldn't attend mailed a check for \$500. Mrs. Frank D. Roosevelt, away from the capital, headed the list of sponsors.

No social event this season has brought together such an array of notables as the benefit, sponsored by the local committee of the commission for Polish relief.

Alden Kin Dead

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Miss Marion R. Ellis, 90, a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of puritan fame, was found dead in bed today at her home.

Call Board

CAPITOL
• Today — John Garfield and Priscilla Lane in "Dust Be My Destiny." "Three Sons" with Edward Ellis and Kent Taylor.
• Saturday — "The Dead End Kids" in "On Dress Parade." Gene Autry in "South of the Border."
• ELSINORE
• Today — Anna Neagle and Mae Robson in "Nurse Edith Cavell." "Show Boat" with Irene Dunne, Allan Jones and Charles Winninger.
• Saturday — "Four Wives" with the Lane sisters, Gale Page, Claude Rains and John Garfield. Virginia Wiedler and Frank Morgan in "Henry Goes Arizona."
• GRAND
• Today — "20,000 Men a Year" with Randolph Scott, Preston Foster, Margaret Lindsay and Charles Bickford.
• Friday — Charlie Chan in "City of Darkness" and Stuart Erwin, Marjorie Weaver in "The Honey-moon is Over."
• HOLLYWOOD
• Today — Ann Shirley and Edward Ellis in "Career." "Mysterious Miss X" with Michael Whalen and Mary Hart.
• Friday — George O'Brien in "Timber Stamped." "The Ice Polles of 1939" with Joan Crawford and James Stewart.

STATE
• Today — "Starich" with Claudette Colbert and Charles Boyer. "Wild Innocence" with Chita, the monkey.
• Saturday — "Chicken Wagon Family" with Jane Withers, Leo Carrillo.

ELSIMORE
Today and Friday - 3 Hits
HOLLYWOOD'S GREAT WAR DRAMA
NEALE EDITH CAVELL
Companion Feature
"SHOW BOAT"
with Irene Dunne Allan Jones
COMING SATURDAY
A Four Bill Picture
"FOUR WIVES"

JOHN GARFIELD
PRISCILLA LANE
DUST BE MY DESTINY
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STATE
TODAY IN PERSON
ON THE STAGE
"CHITA"
Famous Movie Chimpancee, Central Age Companion of Tarzan in "Tarzan Finds a Son."
Plus
CLAUDETTE CHARLES
COMETTS "BOYER"
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WILD INNOCENCE
CHITA
(THE MANGAROO)

Boys and Girls DON'T FORGET Capitol Theatre-Oregon Statesman FOOD MATINEE Capitol Theatre Fri., Dec. 22nd - 10 A. M. Joe E. Brown in "POLO JOE" —PLUS— Chas. McCarthy Comedy Heavy Armata Comedy ADMISSION—1 Orn of Food or as many cents as you wish to bring!