

Unsettled today and Friday with rain; snows over mountains; little change in temperature. Max. temp. Wednesday 42, min. 35. River .6 ft. north wind.

## Finish Ski Troops Again on Russian Soil

### In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

There is something about this war across the way that just isn't cricket, we're beginning to feel, at least not the playing fields of Eton variety of cricket, which every boy of ten knows is the best in the world. As a matter of fact there are two boys of ten playing with you—right here in front of me—and they both say emphatically that Eton cricket is the best. A 12-year-old from the other side of the tracks held out for the Harrow variety.

This war is beginning to look like something H. G. Wells and A. A. Milne collaborated on over a pot of small ale. It's Christopher Robin starring in the War of the Worlds.

Anyway if we read the papers rightly (and we pride ourselves on our ability to spell out even the longest words) the Germans are going to sell coal to the Belgians so the Belgians can sell coal to the French to run the steel mills to make shells to shoot back at the Germans. It's a vicious circle and any child of ten who has studied a little plane geometry and calculus knows that there's nothing so utterly enervating as to be on the wrong end of a vicious circle.

Paraphrasing the words of some general after the charge of the light brigade (from the picture of the same name) "It's magnanimous, but it's not war."

### Life Insurance Companies Eyed

—Capital Journal headline

You're wasting your time, boys. You can't stare down those agents.

The tinkle of the Salvation Army bells ended with Christmas, but the bell-ringing task has been taken up by its neighbor. Next door to the lower Mill creek is the George E. Waters company. For the last two nights the firm's burglar alarm, notably touchy, has been ringing away merrily.

### One of the local bon vivants

(name on request) said yesterday that after Christmas there were almost as many dead soldiers on his pantry shelf as there are in Finland.

### MARITIME NOTE

The commander of the Wheatland Ferry read lately that the commander of HMS Exeter has been knighted and is in a huff because he has not received similar honors for his valiant efforts in keeping submarines out of the Willamette and lower Mill creeks. "Just because he went to knight school and I didn't is no reason for discrimination," the commander is reported as saying.

### TONSORIAL ITEM

H. Gwynn, the barber, has returned to his candidate for state treasurer. His friends were sad to learn that his vocal cords are unimpaired.

Yesterday's shakedown in Los Angeles may cause a shakedown in the Los Angeles chamber of commerce. Somebody pulled a boner by scheduling the LA quaks, on the same day as one in Anatolia, which did plenty and consequently got a much better play in the blats.

### McKay Mentioned As Senate Leader

Resignation yesterday of Robert M. Duncan, Burns, as a member of the state senate, has resulted in considerable speculation here as to who will aspire to the presidency of the senate at the 1941 legislative session. Duncan served in this capacity at the 1939 session.

Names mentioned here Wednesday included Douglas McKay, Salem; Dean Walker, Polk county; and Frank M. Franciscovich, Astoria.

It also was reported that Walker would be a candidate for state treasurer at the next republican primary election. Duncan resigned to become circuit judge of the ninth judicial district. He is a lawyer, Malheur and Grant counties.

### Crushing Death Evaded by Loader

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 27—(AP)—William Crockett, 36, Wilderville, escaped crushing blocks of marble in a Beaver Portland Cement company rock crusher yesterday with only slight head lacerations. Crockett, unloading marble blocks into the crusher, slipped and plunged head foremost into the machinery. Vernon Fleming, job foreman, seized him by the legs and pulled him out before the blocks of marble, the size of ice boxes, shifted and caught him.

### Toll of Quake In Turkey Set At Over 8000

Panic-Stricken Persons Rush to Open Fields for Most Safety

Los Angeles Has Worst Shock Since 1933 Devastation

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Earth shocks spread new terror late last night in eastern and northern Anatolia, heavy British news agency reported today in a dispatch from Ankara, Turkey.

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 28.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Catastrophic earthquakes in northern Turkey have killed more than 8,000 persons, unofficial advices said early today.

Open fields became the refuge of thousands of panic-stricken Anatolians, shivering in icy winds. Turkish army rescue parties and fire brigades searched the smoking debris of towns and villages for bodies.

Terror-maddened cattle and stray dogs stamped through the area in western Turkey shaken by the quake. Most water mains, railway tracks and viaducts were shaken apart like match sticks.

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### Pearson Doubts Federal Powers

Deduction From Payment on Grazing Land Challenged

State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson Wednesday challenged the authority of the comptroller general of the United States to deduct from a grazing land claim of the state of Oregon \$289.75 gasoline tax, alleged to have been paid by federal employees in this state during the preceding biennium.

A check for \$41,815.70 received from the comptroller general Tuesday was sent to Senator McNary by the state treasury department with the request that he urge payment of the state's grazing land claim in full.

The 1939 legislature approved the government's claim for the gasoline tax refund of \$289.75 but the item was vetoed by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Pearson asked that the government remit the full amount of Oregon's grazing land claim for 1939 in the amount of \$42,105.45.

### 2 Russ Citizens To Pay Penalty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A federal district court imposed the first penalties under the 16-month-old foreign registration act today by fining Bookin, Inc., a Russian corporation, and two of its officers for withholding information from the state department.

The defendants pleaded guilty before Justice Jennings Bailey half an hour after a grand jury had indicted them.

Bookin, Inc., was fined \$1000 and ordered to dissolve immediately and to close a book store on Fifth Avenue in New York.

Boris Nikolsky, president of the company, was fined \$1000 and announced that he would leave for Russia on the next available boat. He also spoke for the company.

L. A. Ilyin, secretary and treasurer (Turn to page 2, Col. 3)

### Jobless Emergency Fund Is Set at \$6,000,000 Reserve

The reserve fund of the state unemployment commission, to meet emergency demands for jobless benefits from Oregon's 250,000 workers, has been fixed at \$6,000,000, the commission announced Wednesday.

Employers had asked that the reserve be kept above \$5,500,000 while bondholders representatives agreed upon \$12,000,000 or even a higher figure.

### Commission Believes Dams Will Be Beneficial To Valley Fish Life

Statement of Willamette River Basin Group Is Answer to Objections Put Forward by Oregon State Fish Commission

Without claiming to know more about fish than the next fellow, members of the Willamette River Basin commission are confident that the dams to be constructed in connection with the Willamette river project will be beneficial rather than detrimental to fish life. R. H. Kipp, executive secretary, declared while in Salem on Wednesday.

### Doctor Elected To Lead League

The statement was made in answer to recent objections voiced by members of the state fish commission who expressed fear that a large part of the salmon supply would be destroyed by the four larger dams in the system.

Beneficial on the contrary should accrue, Kipp declared, from the summertime release of impounded water, increasing the flow of the Willamette river and offsetting to some extent the pollution project Oregon City which is considered the greatest detriment to fish life.

Sport fishermen have been appraised, to their apparent satisfaction, that trout fishing will not suffer from the project's completion, the only loss being about 50 miles, out of 1000, of fishing streams where they will be included in the reservoirs. To offset this and promote even more sport fishing than exists at present, a million dollars will be spent in increasing the size of fish hatcheries and building new ones, from which trout may be distributed both above and below the reservoirs. The more steady release of water will improve conditions below the dams, Kipp added.

Admitting that a difference of opinion exists with respect to commercial fishing, Kipp said he understood most of the salmon we are being hatched artificially and that this method had proven successful, and that out of the million dollars for promoting fish life, there would be funds for developing spawning grounds.

Criticizing the commercial fishermen for not stating their objections when hearings on the project were held, Kipp said nevertheless every consideration was (Turn to page 2, Col. 5.)

### 9 PUD's Likely On May Ballots

Portland District Largest Proposed; Two not to Make Primaries

Nine proposals for creation of peoples utility districts stand a good chance of appearing on the ballot at the next primary election in Oregon, officials of the state hydroelectric commission said Wednesday.

The largest is the proposed Portland people's utility project. Hearing on petitions for this district was held several weeks ago and the commission is now preparing its report. It first was suggested that this proposal be submitted to the voters at a special election but this was found impractical because of the cost.

County utility district proposals which probably will appear on the primary ballot, other than the Portland project, include Benton, Coos, Lincoln, Yamhill, Washington and Clackamas. Other projects are the Nehalem Basin and the Sand Lake Annexation to the Tillamook county peoples utility district.

Officials said it was not likely that either the Union county nor the Clatskanie utility district proposals would get on the ballot at the primary election, but would be referred to the voters at special elections to be held later.

Petitions are now in circulation for the creation of several other peoples utility projects, officials said.

### Mayor Walks Out On Political Job

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Small-statured Oregon's mayor walked out on his mayor's job today after the dormant Fendergast democratic machine came to life and grabbed back the power it gave him last spring.

It was a fortunate in politics, resigned effective Saturday following an angry city hall scene in which he shouted "political double-cross."

Stubbins, virtually a figure-head under the city manager form of government, announced he was assuming power last April after a federal grand jury uncovered graft and political corruption which rocked the powerful Fendergast group and sent Boss Tom and several of his followers to Leavenworth prison.

Vote switching in the city council last night gave the machine faction a majority which thwarted the mayor's plans for appointment of a city manager and city councilors.

By paying the entire state tax of 2.7 per cent on 1939 payrolls last January 20, 1940, employers are enabled to deduct this from the federal social security tax, which also includes funds for old age pensions.

### Sprague Urges Farm Market, Buying Power

Larger Return From Natural Resources Asked in Speech

Economic Council, CC Leader Join 3-Way Radio Forum

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Better marketing of Oregon's farm products and more buying power from its natural resources were urged by Governor Sprague tonight.

"Thus far," he said in a statewide radio broadcast, "we have made our way by the simple process of cutting down trees, growing farm products, catching fish and extracting minerals from our hills. This done we sent them away to the markets. Little changed from their original form. We must get more jobs and more buying power from our natural resources. In other words, we must do more of the finishing ourselves and thus build more factories at home."

The governor appeared on the broadcast with Ross McIntyre, Portland chamber of commerce president, and E. B. MacNaughton, chairman of the Oregon Economic Council.

Council to Report Direct to Governor

He explained the economic council which he appointed recently (Turn to page 2, Col. 7)

### Audit to Furnish Fund Information

Forestry Department Quis Will Be Completed Next Month

Information recently asked by the Marion County Tax association relative to the conduct of the state forestry department, probably will be supplied in an audit now in progress and other reports, Governor Charles A. Sprague advised O. K. DeWitt, secretary of the association, in a letter Wednesday.

Questions asked by the association, principally with the forestry department finances. Besides an audit of the forestry department records now being made by the state department, Governor Sprague said he would request an inventory report from the state property control division.

"These reports probably will supply the information you desire so I will not undertake to answer your inquiry," Governor Sprague's letter read. Sprague said the audit would be completed early in January.

Forestier J. W. Ferguson has resigned and will retire January 1. His successor probably will be elected at a meeting of the state forestry board here Friday.

Governor Sprague is chairman of the state forestry board.

### Argentina Denies Release Request

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Argentine government announced tonight rejection of a German protest against internment of the crew of the scuttled Nazi pocket battleship, the Admiral Graf Spee.

Interment of the crew, totaling 1,039 officers and men, was ordered by President Robert M. Ortiz December 19, two days after the damaged sea raider was blown up in the River Plate following a battle with British cruisers.

Members of the crew now are quartered in the Argentine naval arsenal, pending their distribution in interior provinces.

The presidential decree ordering their internment, presumably for the course of the war, said that cost of maintaining the sea-raider would be charged against Germany.

### Huge War Stores Set for Shipment

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—American-made bombing planes, trucks and trench diggers and some \$18,500,000 worth in other stores in the New York foreign trade zone on Staten Island pending shipment to Great Britain and France in British ships.

Included in the vast collection of equipment for the European war, operators of the "free port" said tonight, were 60 Lockheed bombers, part of an order of 250 built for the British; 2500 green-painted trucks (1500 Studebaker and 1000 White), and 13 trench diggers costing \$3000 each. Many more of these are to enter the zone enroute to France.

### Willamette Grad in Training to Become Pilot in Army Air Corps



LEROY V. CASEY

### Ex-Salem Youth Likes Air Course

Point of Air' Makes Choice Agreeable

Well on the way to becoming one of Uncle Sam's airplane pilots, and he "likes it very much," is Leroy V. Casey, Willamette university graduate, who was in Salem yesterday while on furlough from Randolph Field, Tex., the US army's "West Point of the Air."

Casey is one of the 220 who remain in the nine-months course of aviation training that started with a class of 400 last July. The other 180, nearly 50 per cent, have been "washed out."

"Strangely," Casey told a Statesman reporter yesterday, "I wasn't interested in flying before I suddenly, because it offered a quick method of making money, decided to take the entrance examinations last June."

"But I'm very glad I made the decision," said Casey, who was graduated in biology from Willamette, "for I like flying very much."

Casey came to Willamette from Hood River. His mother now resides in Long Beach, Calif. He expects to continue his work in biology in graduate school, when he finishes his flying course, which he hopes to do in March.

He and the members of his class now "washed out" completed the elementary phase of flying instruction in September, which consists of approximately 25 hours dual flying and 40 hours of solo flying. This phase they will later complete in a series of North sea encounters.

Casey and his class will shortly be moved to Kelly Field, the advanced flying school, located near San Antonio. There they will receive their final three months of flight training before being awarded the coveted set of wings, emblem of a military pilot.

### Late Sports

Seattle's revamped hockey line-up clicked from the start tonight and the Seawahs routed the Portland Buckaroos, 5 to 1, in their Pacific Coast league game.

### Wintry Blast Blown From Rockies to Atlantic Coast

(By the Associated Press)

Winter puffed cheeks and blew a blast of cold Wednesday which rolled off the Rockies all the way east to the Atlantic.

Snow rode the blast out of the already blanketed mountain and plains country east in New York and south into Virginia.

The southeast's farmers welcomed drought-breaking rain with the same gusto that farmers of the southwest's fast shrinking "dust bowl" greeted drought-breaking snows.

It was bitter cold over a wide range, Havre, Mont., and El Morro, N. M., shivered in 16 below zero. In New York, the forest ranger's school at Wanakena made even that look like warm weather by reporting 35 below.

New York city's thermometers hung around 15 above yesterday and were expected to dip to 10 above during last night.

The thickly populated east, where transportation is its life blood, was plunged into a big snow battle.

An army of 2,500 highway workers struggled against the worst wintry conditions in two

### Effort to Cut Murmansk Rail Supplies Made

Supply Trains to North Troops Object of Defender Thrust

New Blows Dealt by Soviet Air Force in Bombings

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A daring battalion of Finnish ski troops was reported driving through Russia tonight about 115 miles north of Lake Ladoga in an attempt to cut the important Murmansk railroad.

Red army forces in the far northern sectors receive most of their war materials and supplies over this railroad, which runs from 50 to 150 miles east of the border.

However, the soviet air force dealt new blows to Finland's cities, attacking Tampere, a munitions center 100 miles northwest of Helsinki; Turku, southern Finnish port, and Vihuri, ancient Karelian isthmus city.

The Finnish ski soldiers jumped off in their dash toward the Murmansk railroad east of Lissa, where the Finns reported Monday their troops had crossed the border.

Soviet bombers showered more than 50 bombs on Tampere in two raids. Some dwellings were destroyed with one person being killed and another injured. Twelve bombers participated in the raid. Bombs of 17 Planes Dropped in Water

Seventeen Russian war planes attacked Turku east of Lissa, the bombs dropped harmlessly into the water.

One plane was sighted over Helsinki, but no bombs were dropped. Other soviet planes again appeared over Vihuri.

In the far north, reports from the Norwegian-Finnish border said Finnish troops were collecting large quantities of war materials abandoned by the retreating Russians. Tanks and trucks were found stalled in the snow.

The temperature remained around four below zero Fahrenheit and the forests east of Kemijarvi, central Finland, were crowded with wounded and lost Russian soldiers.

Russia Calls More Troops to Arms

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Soviet Russia called more men to arms tonight, poured large reinforcements into the Finnish fighting and revived her active interest in the neutral Balkans.

Presumably the men newly mobilized were intended for the Finnish campaign. There was no estimate of their numbers, but they served to bolster at least 4,500,000 men already on duty on various frontiers. (Finnish general headquarters said last night that 50,000 picked red army soldiers had been rushed up to turn the tide of recent reverses, in which the Finns said at least 4000 Russians had been slain in three days.)

Arrival in Moscow of a Bulgarian-headed delegation stirred speculation in foreign quarters as to whether the soviet union might be demanding a Black Sea naval base from Bulgaria. The USSR has been concerned about its position in the Black Sea, where its navy is known to be weak, ever since Turkey turned to the west and signed mutual assistance and France.

Bulgarians Want Oil From Baku

The Bulgarians want Soviet oil from Baku, especially since Germany began diversion of both Russian and Soviet oil from Balkan trade channels.

If the Soviet Union wants explicit trade advantages from Bulgaria, they have not been disclosed.

The only official information on the progress of the war in Finland today was contained in a brief communique which said: "December 27—Nothing important occurred on the front. Soviet aviation made reconnoitering flights."

Minute communique printed in Soviet newspapers remained the only news available to the Russian people of the Finnish war. Ivestina, the government organ, however, ran a special article entitled "White Finland on the Eve of its End." The article especially mentioned Blud Sretov, former Finnish minister to Moscow, calling him a "British hireling."

### Ex-Doorkeeper of US Senate Dead

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—(AP)—William W. Cole, 73-year-old doorkeeper of the US senate for the last seven years, died tonight of a heart attack at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Arnold Moore.

Cole, a life-long democrat, once served as US marshal.