

Salem City Population Estimated at 32,580

Weather
Occasional rain today and Wednesday; little change in temperature; gales off the coast. Max temp. Monday 37, min. 45. River 3.5 ft. South wind.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

One of our operatives informs us that Harry Rowe, the man who for some years now has been turning the lights of Salem's mercantile establishments, has at last been baffled by the machine age.

Mr. Rowe is a cyclist. For 30 years he has been propelling a bicycle around the streets as he passes his rounds as the merchant's patrol. The bicycle was a good bicycle and a faithful servant. Harry was satisfied with it.

But Harry's family decided he'd better keep up with the times and have a 1940 model wheel. So under the Christmas tree there was a new bicycle for Harry, bright and shiny, with six speeds forward and two reverse and enough gadgets to please Buck Rogers.

Since Christmas, we are reliably informed, Harry has been scratching his head trying to figure out what all the gadgets are for and wearing dark glasses to keep the shiny newness of the machine from blinding him.

Australian divisions landed in England recently singing "The Beer Barrel Polka." This is another unfair tactic Mr. Hitler hadn't anticipated.

REBIRTH
A year and all the years before it too, is dead. Their carillon can be used to fertilize the next.

As burden we refuse to bear them any more. Their weights made up of dragging hours end and end. All reckoned on a scale, tick-tock monotony. We now inter and hurry through last rites for them; As women at the funeral of one, whom they In life have envied will secretly enjoy

The burial, while shame at this goods them to speed. So we now bury disappointments and mistakes.

We do not know the problems, which the squalling brat Left on our doorstep, now to foster for a year. Will bring to us, or how we'll raise this child so new. Who's not conceived by us, but is ours none the less, which in our brood of years, Upon maturity, we'll view with prideful eyes

And love, as parents will one child, beyond the rest. Perhaps a renegade, a criminal time. Will grow, and take with it, because it is our child, Some portion of our heart to shame we can't forget.

But do not mourn for carrion, conjecture not. Upon tomorrow's chance; for both are now unreal.

In our solarium of memories there stands Against the light an alabaster jar. It is not made as ordinary vessels are, But as the womb around a growing fetus gives

More room as needed for such growth and nurtures it. This chalice also bears the beauty we've conceived. Presenting at our wish, a bright faced child of ours, Whose loveliness we know because we placed it there.

There now, we'll also find they'll be an opiate Against the ugly, and a catalyst for peace. CINNABAR.

No Leap Year casualties were reported yesterday, opening day of the season.

Hooty-tooty, Nineteen-fifty!

Vatican Officials Investigate Fire

ROME, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Vatican and Italian authorities today investigated the possibility of incendiary fire in a fire which partially destroyed the papal palace of the Cancellaria, an architectural masterpiece of the renaissance, and an adjacent church last night.

Although some investigators worked on the theory the fire was started by a short circuit in wiring that had been condemned, others said the flames started in several parts of the building at once, indicating incendiary.

Experts at first hoped priceless frescoes by Giorgio Vasari in the building could be restored but later said they were ruined. The thick walls withstood the fire, however, making restoration of the structure possible.

Congressman Leaves

Bound for Washington, DC, and the session of congress, Representative James W. Mott left Salem Saturday night.

Troy Gridmen Victors Over Valiant Vols

USC Wins Rose Bowl Contest by Score of 14 to 0

Amby Schindler Leads Trojans to Defeat Tennessee Team

By ROBERT MYERS
ROSE BOWL, PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1.—(AP)—The orange and white of Tennessee drooped in defeat tonight for the first time in two long years, and there was gloom and sadness in the Volunteer state of the south, for the mighty Trojans of Southern California defeated its team.

Flashing a relentless attack that spelled power and more power, the Trojan giants of the west crushed the valiant Vols, 14 to 0, in a game of the great capacity through of 92,000 on edge for 60 minutes.

One savage burst of strength in the second quarter broke the Tennessee record of never a score against it, much less a defeat, in 26 games, and when the Vols turned loose a whirlwind parade late in the fourth period, luck was against them.

A fumble, Southern California recovered—and the Warriors of Troy, ringing up their sixth triumph in this post-season classic, traveled 85 yards in 20 plays for the second touchdown.

Here of the Trojan victory was the lad "who came back," Amby Schindler, 190 pounds of battering ability from San Diego, Cal., who scored the first touchdown and passed over the goal line for the second.

On the receiving end of that pass, which came as darkness drifted over the roaring throng, was Antelope Al Krueger, the substitute end who caught the ball and scored the first touchdown in this bowl one year ago.

Tennessee with its star back, George Cafego, playing intermittently but never up to his old form, was unable to get across the 50 yard stripe until early in the final quarter.

He was whipped 23 times in succession couldn't penetrate the Trojans.

Suddenly the Vols came to life after they had been forced back (Turn to page 2, column 1)

Fugitives Evade Search by Police

Bartges, Tomlin Still at Large After Escape From Salem Jail

W. E. "Gene" Bartges, Jr., and Jack Tomlin, who escaped from the Marion county jail Saturday morning, were still at large last night. No further trace of Bartges was found after he left Mrs. A. R. Hunter, whom he kidnapped in Salem and forced to drive him to Portland, on Market street between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Portland.

Tomlin was last seen by Patrolman Hobart Higgins of the city police who lost Tomlin after chasing him into an alley near Winter and D streets.

There were prospects that Bartges, when caught, may face (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Three Hurt

HOBOKEN, N.J., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Three persons were injured slightly today in a fire which swept through a city block, destroying the home of Mayor Bernard N. McFeely, four other houses, a cabinet factory, a paper plate plant and two office buildings. Fire officials estimated damage might amount to \$500,000.

Wallace Tells Farmers Crop Adjustment to be Necessary

By OVID MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace warned farmers today that unless they preserve and strengthen government machinery for crop adjustment, peace in Europe would throw American agriculture into a new depression paralleling that which followed the World war.

There is grave danger, the agriculture department official declared, that the war, with its stimulating effect upon demand and prices of farm products, will be regarded as a solution of the farm problem. That would be folly, he added, because a slump may follow the war.

American Business in Better Condition Than Formerly Believed

Many Businessmen Have Enough Orders on Hand to Keep Brisk Activity for First few Months of 1940; Pitfalls Avoided

By CLAUDE A. JAGGER
(Associated Press Financial Editor)
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—American business starts the new year much more confidently than seemed probable a few months ago.

First reactions of many business leaders and economists to the autumn spurge of buying and manufacturing ranged from uneasiness to frank skepticism.

But it is a widely held view among experts today that accompanying maladjustments which often make such sudden upturns short lived, have been avoided.

Available information, they agree, does not indicate any serious accumulation of unsold merchandise.

Furthermore, several industries have enough business on their books to assure brisk operations during the early months of 1940.

After the exceptional final quarter of 1939 some slackening in the first quarter of 1940 would not be surprising, yet analysts who look for a recession sufficient to undermine the recovery trend are hard to find.

Few these days are willing to look very far ahead, but some think a test may come in the second quarter, when the current impetus may have worn off.

A good many, however, face that period without misgivings. Unless buying is checked by some shock to confidence that cannot now be foreseen, continuance of expansive forces, they think can be anticipated.

First is the effect of war. While supplies of most commodities are ample, and runaway price rises have been avoided, it is noted the effect of war would seem likely to have a sustaining effect on a firming influence on prices.

A second important factor is the pickup in heavy industry. Electric power in use has been consistently breaking all past records, and the power companies are planning a substantial amount of construction. Railroads also are in the market again for equipment.

Another is the continued plethora of idle funds. After its early weeks, the war in Europe has had at least a moderating effect on the market again for equipment.

Whether any considerable flow of private capital into industry for new development can be expected in face of the uncertainties of war and a national political campaign, is a moot point.

After the sudden wave of buying in the early weeks of war, (Turn to page 2, column 4)

Rainfall Lightest In Last 4 Years

Only 31.25 Inches Noted at Salem Weather Station in '39

The driest year since 1935 and the least cold in winter since 1934 was had at least in the past brought only 31.25 inches of precipitation to Salem, while the mercury sank only to 23 degrees on December 24.

Rainfall was 6.94 under the average of 38.19 and was the lowest except for four years since (Turn to page 2, column 7)

Two Babies Born New Year's Day

New Year's day will be a birthday for two infants who were delivered at Salem hospitals yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doerfler of Aumsville are parents of a 7 pound, 6 ounce baby girl brought into the world at the Salem General hospital at 4:05 a. m. yesterday.

Also at the Salem General Mrs. J. Simmons, Rickreall, gave birth to a 7 pound, 10 ounce baby, also a girl, at 12:13 p. m.

Rain Ushers in Salem New Year

And still it rained in Salem to start the new year out in true Oregon style. Showers throughout Monday kept umbrellas in the open and the forecast was for occasional rain today and Wednesday with little change in temperature which has remained high for week.

Minimum temperature for the fourth consecutive day was 43 degrees and the maximum was 57.

Saturday and Sunday brought down .82 inch of rain while the mercury went up to 57 for the third warmest day of December.

RUSS DEAD WITNESS TO FINN DEFENSE



Sprawled dead in Finnish snow are soviet Russian soldiers shown in radiophoto, mute witnesses to desperation with which defenders are holding their foe at bay on the Karelian isthmus. Soldiers are lying where they fell when their detachment tried to storm Finn lines behind road to the right. Ski troops were reported December 30 to have cut off 10,000 Russian troops from communication with their base.

Blockade Run by Soviet Bombers Fire Finnish Seaport City

St. Louis Slips Past Ally Guards to Reach a 'Home Harbor'

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Another ship of the hunted Nazi merchant fleet, the 16,732-ton Hamburg-American liner St. Louis, reached "a home harbor" today after slipping through the British naval blockade.

The official news agency's announcement of her arrival gave no clue to the course of her wanderings since she slipped out of New York August 27, but informed sources said she had been one of 16 German ships which found haven at Murmansk, Russia's arctic port, soon after the war's outbreak.

Many of these, including the great 51,731-ton luxury liner Bremen of the North German Lloyd, already are back home.

The St. Louis had been abroad for seven months. She was the fifth and last of the Hamburg-American's crack North American liners to reach home safely since the war began. The others are the Deutschland, New York, Hamburg and Hansa, all of more than 21,000 tons. The New York was one of the 16 at Murmansk.

Gradually these ships have been navigating the perilous sea lanes back to Germany, those from the arctic apparently have had better luck than others.

The Columbus, third largest unit of the Nazi merchant fleet, was scuttled off the Virginia coast December 19 and her crew brought to New York, and the fast Cap Norte was taken to Britain as a prize. A dozen other ships took refuge in South American or African ports and were captured or scuttled by their crews.

(The \$268-ton freighter Tacoma was interned today at Montevideo.)

The high command communiqué reported that an attempted North sea coast the afternoon of December 31. It was apprehended in time, however, and repulsed.

Friend of Hitler Sent to England

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The Honorable Unity Valkyrie Freeman Mitford, blonde daughter of Lord Redesdale and probably the closest British woman friend of Adolf Hitler, is expected to return to her native land today—on a stretcher.

Hitler, it was reported here, arranged the carefully-guarded journey.

The London News Chronicle reported that Unity, who was in Germany at the outbreak of war and has been there ever since, was given every facility for the trip by the German Fuehrer, including a special ambulance-type railway car through the Reich. She has been ill in Munich. Some British reports have said she is suffering from pistol wounds.

The 25-year-old British girl has been an ardent admirer of Hitler and nihilist for several years. In return, Hitler is supposed to have spoken of her as "a perfect type of Nordic beauty."

Uruguay to Hold German Freighter to War's End

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The black-clad Nazi freighter Tacoma rolled dismally at anchor in Montevideo harbor tonight, prisoner of Uruguay neutrality for the rest of the European war.

Her master, Captain Hans Knov, submitted to internment this morning at expiration of a Uruguayan deadline giving him until 8 a. m. (3 a. m. PST) to get out.

This ended the bold show the Tacoma made yesterday of taking to sea to face British warships which have watched this harbor since the German pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, fled into refuge here at the end of a 14-hour battle on December 13.

The \$268-ton Tacoma stood by the Graf Spee and took aboard some of her crewmen just before the pocket battleship's command, Captain Hans Langsdorff, blew up his floating fortress December 17, rather than accept internment or battle.

541 Increase Noted in Poll By Statesman

Newspaper Survey Is Jump Ahead of US Census Takers

Count Is Based on City and School Records

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER

One jump ahead of the decennial census taker, The Statesman yesterday counted noses in Salem, by a process of averaging, and found that this city may now reckon its population at 32,580 persons. The city apparently gained 541 residents during 1939.

If this figure be true, Oregon's capital may claim a 24 per cent increase in population since Uncle Sam's counters last made their rounds in 1930, when they found 26,266 people at home or otherwise accounted for as residents.

The Statesman survey also indicated that a decline in rate of population increase, noted when the count was made one year ago, is continuing. Yearly increases since the first Statesman estimate was made late in 1936 have been: 4.4 per cent in 1937, 2.25 per cent in 1938 and 1.69 per cent in 1939.

The 1938 Statesman estimate was 32,039, in 1937 it was 31,333 and in 1936, 30,010. (City Records Used in Making Survey)

While the census bureau may not find the exact number of residents in Salem as has The Statesman survey, the latter should not be far from an actual count unless drastic changes have occurred in the last 10 years in the number of city water users, electric power consumers and school age children in relation to total population.

Bolestering the survey's indications of a continuing yearly population gain in Salem are the reports of the city building department that 231 new residences were built in 1939, of real estate brokers that few vacant homes are available to renters or buyers, that apartment houses are generally well-filled and of hotel men that the number of persons making their residence in hotels is, if changed, a little higher than a year ago.

The Salem chamber of commerce, evidently taking its cue from the 1938 Statesman survey, considers the city's population to be "a little more than 31,000," according to F. D. Thielson, manager. He said the chamber believed the population had increased in the last year but not to a great extent.

The Salem school district census failed to show a gain last year for the first time since The Statesman population "counts" were begun. The other two major indices resulting in the 32,580 figure, electricity consumers and water services, increased by 83 per cent and 2.27 per cent, respectively.

Comparison with school census totals for the decennial census years of 1910, 1920 and 1930 with federal population census counts shows a gradually increasing proportion of school children to total population to exist. Were the 1930 ratio of school to federal censuses used, the city's present population would be indicated as 34,604 persons while an average of the 1910, 1920 and 1930 ratios would show 31,701.

Daughter Scalded By Irate Father

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Vincent Llacer, 38, was arrested on an assault and battery charge today, accused of pouring a kettle of boiling water over his stepdaughter.

The girl, Grace, 13, was treated at a hospital for scalds on her shoulders and back.

Detective George Keinberger quoted Llacer as saying the girl started crying when he scolded her for having a "date" New Year's Eve and "her coughing and sneezing got on my nerves."

Flood in Turkey Takes 300 Lives

ANKARA, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Officials announced tonight that more than 300 persons were killed throughout Turkey by floods, some of which raged through sections devastated by last week's earthquakes.

Simultaneously new storms along the Black sea caused great damage. The 700-ton Turkish freighter Turkian capsized and went down with a crew of 20 and it was feared several other freighters may have sunk.

Hordes of rabid dogs racing throughout the stricken area and biting many persons, brought fears of a rabies epidemic. Already, typhoid and pneumonia are prevalent and many "have died of gangrene."

In one mountain section, wolves were attacking homeless survivors.

Hundreds of square miles between Amassia and Tokat were marked by deep ditches, some 36 feet wide, where the earth's crust was broken by the quakes. Some of these ditches, sulphurous fumes exuded. Geyzers spouted from others.

Autopsy Ordered

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Coroner R. M. Erwin said today an autopsy would be performed on the death yesterday of Peter K. Pederson, 56, injured when struck by an automobile December 26. Physicians said he died of pneumonia.