

### Tiny Remnant Fleeing West

#### Victory "of First Order" Hailed by Churchill in Commons Talk

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sorts captured from the fleeing Italians, he said, the lorries would be especially helpful in the transport of British troops.

There was no confirmation of rumors that Salum, the Italian position just within Egypt beyond the Libyan frontier, had fallen to the British.

#### Some Blackshirts Among Prisoners

It was understood that a number of blackshirts (fascist militiamen) were among the British prisoners, as well as some Libyan natives. Hundreds of officers have been taken.

In addition to attacking the retreating Italians, the royal air force was declared to have kept its hands off the British planes in Libya, preventing aircraft from taking off in many instances and destroying planes on the ground.

The Italians appeared to be using their fighter craft mainly in defense against the British planes who were supporting the British advance. Total fascist plane losses in three days of fighting were put by the British at more than 40.

"For certain." In the same period, the British acknowledged the loss of only four planes.

General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, the British middle eastern commander, and Air Chief Sir Arthur Murray Longmore visited advanced headquarters in the desert today for a long conference with General Sir Matland Wilson and Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw.

The Italian campaign in the East and the present British offensive is declared to have cost Italy five generals.

Four Generals Are Captured, One Slain

One, General Lustrachi, was a general in Libya within a few days after Italy's declaration of war. Three others were taken prisoner in the region of Sidi Barrani yesterday. A fifth, General Pietro Maletti, was killed on the first day of the British action. He was considered a "top" general.

Marshal Rodolfo Graziani as an expert in desert warfare.

Edward Kennedy, Associated Press correspondent with the British forces, reported today in a delayed dispatch that the British fell upon the Italians with such suddenness at the beginning of the offensive Monday that many fascist soldiers were surrounded at breakfast. Italian movements of provisions were interrupted, he said.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The British have driven the Italian invaders from virtually all of the Egyptian coastline, seized more than 10,000 prisoners—probably thousands more—and the royal navy and air force are pouring fire and steel upon the last exits from that area of fascist disaster. It was officially declared today.

This outline of the first big British offensive of the war, called by Winston Churchill a victory "of the first order" after days of official reserve—was drawn by the prime minister himself and the communiques sent here by the Egyptian command.

#### Most of Three Full Divisions Trapped

Aside from the 20,000-odd fascist soldiers estimated by the British middle eastern Mediterranean headquarters to be prisoners of war, Churchill said that in the rough noose now being drawn by British armored units "it would not be surprising if at least the best part of three Italian divisions, including numerous blackshirt formations, had been either destroyed or captured."

He made no effort to put this hapless force in terms of numbers of men, but an Italian division usually runs from 14,000 to 17,000—and the total number of Italians in Egypt had been estimated by the British in the past at 80,000.

"The whole episode," the prime minister told the house of commons in its most exultant session in many a day, "must be judged upon the background of the fact that it is only three or four months ago that our anxieties for the defense of Egypt were acute."

"These anxieties are now removed and the British guarantee and pledge that Egypt would be effectively defended against all comers has been in every way made good."

### Woman Composer Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Miss Zella Ziegler, 51, early-day Roseburg newspaper composer, succumbed to automobile injuries at a hospital here last night. Hers was Portland's 57th traffic fatality of the year.

She was the daughter of Lewis H. Ziegler, who died in a hotel fire at Roseburg more than 60 years ago. Two brothers, Paul of Portland and C. A. of Jacksonville, survive.

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### Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Portland's Buckaroos upset the high-flying Spokane bombers in the Pacific Coast league hockey game here tonight, 5 to 4.

The Portland victory snuffed a seven-game winning streak for the bombers.

Clicking as they never had before on home ice, the Buckaroos slipped through the Spokane defense in the first period to take a 3-to-0 lead. They baited home each of the goals, however, and never gave Goalie Levine a chance.

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Ervin "Pete" Fox, a ball player who gained a large following in Detroit by his consistent, workmanlike performance, was sold today by the Tigers to the Boston Red Sox for an undisclosed amount of cash.

The 31-year-old outfielder, native of Evansville, Ind., had petrolled the Tiger gardens for eight seasons.

### Bennett Accused, Hammer Assault

EL MONTE, Calif., Dec. 12.—(AP)—D. Ralph Cuyler Bennett, 59, of Pasadena, who said he was a former dean of men at the University of Oregon, was charged today with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon after he had attacked, have attacked a man and a woman outside an El Monte court room with a hammer.

Sheriff's Deputies Robert Jones and Dan Holloway declared Bennett assaulted William T. Gleeson, 53, a process server, and Mrs. Helen Chivers, 52, proprietor of a sanitarium, after losing a suit over maintenance of his 92-year-old mother, Mrs. Clara Bennett.

The officers returned Bennett to the court of justice of the Peace Charles E. Wolford, where the charges were preferred against him and his arraignment was set for tomorrow with bail fixed at \$5000. He was lodged later in the Los Angeles county jail.

Mrs. Chivers received treatment for a laceration on her temple. Gleeson's injuries were described as minor.

Dr. Bennett declared he wielded the hammer in self defense.

### Firemen Back up On Leaving Scene

The Salem fire department made one of the shortest runs on record yesterday, got there after the fire had started and went back to the fire hall in reverse.

The alarm was from the Hubbard Motor company garage, cat-corner from the city hall, where sparks from a smoldering fire in a gasoline puddle on the floor. The fire spread on a kerosene stove, but was quickly extinguished with a hand extinguisher before the fire department's heavy equipment arrived.

Heavy black smoke poured a briefly through the garage door, but there was little damage.

### Duke of Windsor On Mystery Trip

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Capt. VYVAN Drury, aide de camp to the Duke of Windsor, announced through a press representative early today that the duke will fly in a US navy plane 8:30 a. m., EST, for an unannounced destination "on important official business."

There was no confirmation or denial that the duke would meet President Roosevelt, who is aboard the US cruiser Tuscaloosa in Bahamian waters. The duke is the governor of the British Bahamas.

### Salem Car Plays Role in Pursuit, Santiam Highway

BEND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Rifles shot by Sheriff Herbert Hamilton ended a 90-mile-an-hour chase over the Santiam pass and placed Donald H. Hood of Iowa and Everett Aclton of Wisconsin in custody here today.

They were accused of robbing an Albany service station.

Officers gave chase when they spotted the youths in a car reported missing from Salem. The sheriff opened fire after the pair drove away from the police, and forced the youths to halt.

The sheriff said they were armed.

The car which was used by the two youths in robbery of a service station at Millersburg, near Albany, was stolen from 315 Bellevue street Wednesday night, Salem police reported.

The car is owned by R. M. Radak, 315 Bellevue street.

Police here hold larceny warrants for Hood and Yarwood, alias David Simons and Frank Ditt. Both are juveniles, 17 years old.

### Five Marion County Boys Are OSC Cadet Officers

CORVALLIS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Oregon State college ROTC unit has announced the commissioning of 105 cadet officers, including Percy Blundell, Salem, infantry captain; Harry Carson, Silverton, infantry first lieutenant; Douglas Chambers, Harold Nelson and Charles Wood, Salem, artillery second lieutenants.

### Wales Has Quake

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—An earth tremor lasting 43 seconds was felt tonight in the Welsh areas of Carnarvonshire and Anglesey, the British Press association reported.

### Farm Program Is Criticized

#### Eliminating Duplication Is Plea of Bureau at Baltimore Meet

By OVID A. MARTIN BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The American farm bureau federation recommended today revisions in the federal farm program which would eliminate "woeful duplication" in administration and employ government loans to peg prices of basic commodities at higher levels.

The federation, closing its annual convention, insisted that new measures be inaugurated to improve the farmers' economic position, which, it asserted, was being made increasingly difficult because of "restrictive trade barriers" and "ever extending price controls by other groups."

Measures urged by the federation would set up a system of graduated commodity loans to boost prices. To obtain maximum benefits, farmers would be required to reduce production below recent years. Stricter penalties would be imposed upon non-compliance.

In its when production was within market requirements loans would be made at 85 per cent of parity. As production increased above market needs, the rate of the loan would decrease. Loans are now being made at 56 per cent of parity on wheat and cotton and 76 per cent on corn.

Present law fixes 75 per cent as the ceiling on loans.

Sharply criticizing "overlapping and duplication of activity" under present administration of the programs, the bureau urged the elimination of "non-parallel" board within the agriculture department to administer them.

"A woeful lack of coordination and planning in carrying out these programs," said a federation spokesman, "is evident to every farmer. On too many occasions one agency recommends an activity in conflict with that of another agency."

"Too many instances prevail," it added, "where personnel is employed to accomplish an activity which is duplicated by the functions of another and existing agency. Farmers do not want numerous agents consulting them on farm programs."

Administration of the crop programs in the states would be turned over to the land grant colleges. They are now administered by committees set up by the agriculture department.

### Sheriff of Wasco Arrests His Aide

THE DALLES, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Sheriff Harold Sexton arrested his deputy, Guy Duvall, on a charge of larceny of public funds today.

The sheriff swore out a complaint accusing Duvall, who has been in the force 13 years, of taking \$20 from funds in his office.

Duvall waived preliminary hearing in justice court this afternoon and was bound over to the Wasco county grand jury. Bail was set at \$12,000.

The alleged shortage was reported by auditors last night. In a public statement today Sexton promised a "complete investigation."

### Morgenthau Says Issue of Taxable Notes Sells Fast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today that investors bought all the \$500,000,000 of the treasury's first wholly-taxable note issue—and asked for more.

He was referring to a new issue of five-year national defense notes bearing 1/2 of 1 per cent interest. Although a subscription book for the issue closed last midnight, accurate figures of the total subscriptions were unavailable late today.

Morgenthau said, however, that he was "so delighted" with the preliminary reports that he had sent a radiogram to President Roosevelt someplace in the Caribbean sea telling him of the success.

### Plywood Industry Making Progress

LEBANON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Production of plywood at the Evans Products company's plant will be stepped up to capacity within 10 days—6,000,000 feet a month. The plant began operations this week, and will employ 300 workers.

ALBANY, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Installation of machinery at the new Albany Plylock corporation's plywood factory here speeded up this week and it was announced that production probably will begin sometime in February.

### MANY NEVER SUSPECT CAUSE OF BACKACHES

This Old Treatment Often Brings Happy Relief

Many sufferers relieve nagging backaches once they discover that the real cause of their trouble may be tired kidneys.

The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking the excess acids and waste out of the blood. They help most people once about 35 years of age.

When the kidneys function properly, the poisonous matter in your blood, it may come nagging backaches, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, nervousness, swelling, you may under the eyes, headache and dizziness. Frequent urination, especially with burning, is something wrong with your kidneys.

Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Backache Remedy, and immediately buy bottles for your family. They're longer lasting and give relief in 10 minutes. Get Doan's Backache Remedy from your druggist.

### Hearing on Water Rights Is Closed

Testimony of Salem right holders in the hearing before State Engineer Charles Stricklin to determine water rights on the North Santiam and Mill creek concluded yesterday.

Among those who took the stand were Murray Wade, son of a pioneer user of Mill creek water, and Walter Keyes, attorney for the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, Kay Woolen mills and Salem water commission, holders of rights granted by territorial enactment.

### Lionel Barrymore Bows as Musician

#### One Composition Is Hit, so He Plans to Work on Unfinished One

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Lionel Barrymore, like the great Franz Schubert, has an "unfinished symphony" all his own and today the 63-year-old actor and artist is determined to complete it.

His suddenly discovered enthusiasm for his own hitherto unpublished music sprang from a warm public reception he heard last night as a WPA symphony orchestra presented one of his musical compositions for the first time.

In fact, the beautiful arrangement of the symphony, entitled "Tableau Russe," as presented by Conductor James Sample came about as much of a surprise to Barrymore, himself, as it did to the audience, few of whom know of his musical talents.

"It is perfectly astounding what Conductor Sample has been able to do with it," ejaculated the actor as he took a bow after the orchestra finished the last strains of the four-movement composition, on which he began working three years ago.

"Now I am determined to complete another symphony I started some time ago but never finished. It not only is amusing but pleasing to have all this happen at my age."

### Greeks Overcome Tough Resistance

ATHENS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Greek southern army has crushed "desperate" Italian resistance in the region of Tepeleni and has stormed the heights to the northeast of that town, capturing a considerable number of Italy's Alpine troops, a government spokesman said tonight.

The drive toward both Tepeleni and the coastal town of Chimarra went on without setback, he added.

There were unconfirmed reports that an Italian colonel of Alpine troops was one of those who had fallen in the day's fighting.

"The news," said the spokesman "is very good from all sectors of the front and our army is continuing its advance."

Everywhere the Italians attempted to counter-attack they have failed. Thrusts against the Italian army continue in the direction of Chimarra. More to the west the Italians are in retreat in the direction of Tepeleni. In the region the resistance has been stiff and sometimes desperate but has been crushed.

### Last Livery Stable In Vancouver Wrecked

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 12.—(AP)—There wasn't a blessed place in this town today where a man could decently bed down a horse.

Jake's barn at Fifth and Columbia, the last livery stable, was being demolished to make room, of course, for a parking lot.

### CIO Scuttles Plan, Charged

#### Delay in Preparing Gets Attention; Racketeer Practices Cited

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scription law, and that "in their attempt to destroy airplane production, they called a strike" at the Valtee Aircraft factory in California.

He went on to say that the CIO was striking against shipbuilding operators, was interfering with the lumber industry and "have made the statement that they are going to take over all industry." He added:

"I understand the substance of a remark made by Mr. Sidney Hillman was that industry had better get aboard or take the consequences."

"Does it seem possible, in what has been called 'free America,'" he continued, "that through the leadership of the CIO and Sidney Hillman, this program can be stopped, our national unity sabotaged, and this country not only left defenseless, but eventually turned over to the communists?"

Ford's reference to Hillman, a member of the defense commission and a vice-president of the CIO, drew Voorhis' especial fire.

"I know," Voorhis said in angry tones, "that Mr. Hillman was the man who went before the CIO convention and told the convention the first business of labor in America is the business of national defense and that they had better get on that train."

"I know that it is one of the most important sins that has ever been taken by an American labor leader."

"We all know," said Ford, "that many of these so-called leaders, but really the mis-leaders, of the union movement have been made up of racketeers, highjackers, communists and dangerous alien criminals such as Harry Bridges."

"We all know that these mis-leaders of men, in these destructive labor unions, are communist fellow travelers, or persons who hold views that would destroy this government, and that now that their golden opportunity is here to destroy our national defense program, they're going to make the most of it."

### Traffic Toll Low For State, Month

There were only six traffic fatalities in Oregon during the first 10 days of December, this being the lowest number during that period for four years, Secretary of State Earl Snell reported yesterday.

There were 16 traffic fatalities during the corresponding period in December, 1939.

Clear weather was believed partly responsible for the reduction in fatalities this December.

### Landon Proposes More Sacrifices

#### In Interests of National Defense; Donation to Britain Favored

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Alf M. Landon, republican presidential candidate in 1936, called today for more sacrifices from both capital and labor in any particular branch of industry with the 40-hour work-week of our American labor? American labor is going to have to sacrifice some of its present position in order to maintain a part of its gains.

Although saying the right to strike "should be protected whenever possible," Landon declared that labor "must, in essential industries, forego the right to strike."

"It comes back," he added, "to the question of making temporary sacrifices in order to defeat ruthless power."

As for proposals to extend credits to Britain, Landon said, "no matter how the war turns out Great Britain will never be able to pay us. If it's to the interest of America, and I believe it is, to help the British, let's subsidize them and charge it up to the cost of national defense."

### Social Activities Halt, Willamette

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open again Monday morning. The announcement was made this afternoon by Superintendent R. R. Turner upon the recommendation of Dr. A. B. Starbuck, Polk county health officer.

Five teachers and 147 students were absent this morning.

MONMOUTH, Dec. 12.—The high school here was closed this noon until Monday. Thirty per cent of the students have flu.

Oregon College of Education's infirmary is full of flu cases, but no serious ones have been reported. Several residents of town are also ill.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Influenza continued to increase in Portland schools today.

High schools reported that absences mounted 3 per cent over yesterday to a total of 3345, almost 22 per cent of the total enrollment. Grade school absences went up 2 per cent to a total of 3276, 12 per cent of the total.

St. Vincent's hospital barred visitors, except in case of emergency. Emanuel hospital took the same action last week and two other hospitals were discouraging visitors.

### Geological Club Hears Richards

#### Glacier Facts Related at Meeting; First Field Trip Set Sunday

"How to Handle a Glacier" or "The Pitfalls to Look for in Climbing Mountains," might have been the subject of Carl Richards' illustrated lecture Thursday night before the Salem chapter of the Geological Society of the Oregon Country. The group of 50 gathered at Waller hall on the Willamette campus for the first lecture meeting.

Given Paxon of the state highway commission, temporary vice-president, presided in the absence of Professor Herman Clark of Willamette, and introduced the speaker.

Richards took his audience through climbing and airplane jaunts up and around Hood, Rainier, St. Helens and Adams in an entertaining style, describing geological formation of the glaciers, many of which are receding, some breaking up from vast areas into three or more smaller glaciers. William Reeves handled the stereopticon machine.

The temporary officers elected at the organization meeting last month were elected to hold office until next April. They include other than Professor Herman Clark as president; Paxon as vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Stockwell, treasurer, and William Reeves, secretary. The board of directors elected originally also will hold office until next spring.

The chapter will make its first geological trip to Silver Creek falls next Sunday, led by Franklin L. Davis and Reeves. The party will leave from in front of Waller hall on State street at 9 o'clock, returning in the late afternoon. Each will take his or her own lunch.

"The man who owns stocks and bonds and has a taxable income must make more sacrifices of his income in order to preserve any part of the whole."

"We have been talking conservation and reforestation for so many years that we may be

### Reforestation Is Plea of Sprague

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up. Under this plan, the states would supply the trees.

"States play a vital role in forest protection," he said. "In spite of the fact that they are not extensive owners of timberlands themselves. . . the states do a great deal more than they generally receive credit for doing."

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### To Sponsor Class In Slenderizing

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Portland women will be able to "indulge without bulging" during the Christmas holidays, if the announced program of the bureau of parks and public recreation succeeds.

The bureau said it would soon start classes in slenderizing and streamlining, to be held at various community centers and schools.

### Cataclysms Due, 'I Am' Testimony

#### Followers Were Advised to Cash Insurance, Witness Avers

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Testimony that leaders of the "I Am" movement advised their followers to cash in their insurance policies in view of predicted "cataclysms" was introduced by the government today in the trial of Mrs. Edna Ballard and nine others on mail fraud charges.

"In 1934, Mrs. Ballard got to talking about these horrible cataclysms that were due and told us that the big cataclysm would pop in September, 1937," Mrs. Jane Ferguson, who said she formerly was a teacher in "I Am" classes, testified.

"Mrs. Ballard told of the necessity of cashing insurance policies, and in one case told me to inform one of my students to cash only one of his policies and to keep on paying on another. It didn't have much longer to run."

She kept my eyes open. Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich, presiding at the trial, asked Mrs. Ferguson if she, like two previous witnesses, had been accidentally injured in the belief that she was protected from danger by "influence."

"No, I wasn't discharged, and I wasn't hit by an auto," the witness replied. "I kept my eyes open."

Norman Neukom, United States attorney, read from "I Am" publications identified by Mrs. Ferguson, predictions of ten "cataclysms" on a certain Sunday—the only time in the world's history that such an event would have occurred. Five of them, it was stated, would take place in the "Arabian retreat" and the others in the "Cave of Symbols."

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