

Laval's Arrest Now Reported

Planned to Head Regime in Paris, Aid Nazis in War, Declared

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Paris, Dec. 14 (AP)—The arrest of Benito Mussolini within the last 48 hours. The British radio said Laval "has been most consistent in his intrigues for the German oppressors," and interpreted Laval's dismissal to Germany's decision he was no longer useful to the Nazis because of the French public's open hatred of him.
Laval, 51 years old, was a pro-war exponent of understanding with Germany. He is a former premier and after the Munich agreement he telegraphed his congratulations to Hitler.
The French upheaval came as the British were pounding the Italians retreating from Egypt into Libya, by land, air and sea.
The Italian high command reported fascist counterattacks were "slowing up enemy pressure" in Egypt, but British statements shed more gloom on the Italian situation, with the official declaration that 26,000 Italians have been captured in the six-day-old offensive.
Virginia Gayda, authoritative fascist editor, obviously reflecting the official viewpoint, said the African results could be judged only months hence.
The Rome radio said Italy would not sue for peace despite developments in Egypt and Albania. On the latter campaign, Yugoslav border dispatches said Italian planes have bombed Greek positions in the northern Pogradets area but that Greeks still were claiming local successes in their advance there.
On the home front, the British reported raids on the Nazi U-boat base at Bordeaux, in southwestern France, and other successful air attacks over German-occupied territory with only negligible Nazi activities over the British Isles.
President Roosevelt landed from the cruiser Tuscaloosa at Charleston, S.C. after a cruise to inspect American defense bases in the Caribbean area. He boarded a special train to go to Warm Springs, Ga., to spend Sunday with patients at a foundation for infantile paralysis victims, planning to return Monday to Washington where many weighty problems await him.

Fire Destroys Historic Paso Robles Hotel



Fire, breaking out in the roof of the historic Paso Robles, Calif., hotel, in less than two hours had reduced the structure to blackened brick walls. No estimate was made of the loss. Guests of 88 rooms in the three-story structure escaped. J. H. Kinsley, elderly hotel clerk, died of a heart attack shortly after the alarm was given. His body was recovered. The hotel was built in 1889.

Canned Foods Aid Christmas Cheer

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cooperated generously in similar programs in the past.
The entertainment will be appropriate to the occasion; there will be further announcements in this connection as to the exact hour of the show. Large quantities of canned foods were added to the Christmas basket material at a similar show last year.
These children whose own Christmas dinner will be ample, may assist in making certain that other less fortunate children will not go hungry at the Yuletide. But the Christmas Cheer program beneficiaries are not limited to families in which there are young children.
Somewhere in Salem there is a woman, somewhat past her 80th birthday, who lives alone except for her son who is himself elderly, beyond the age of active labor. Both are in need of help and the Army is planning to leave one of its Christmas baskets at the home of these people who will be thinking back to the happy Christmas seasons of their own youth. This is just one more of the many families whose Christmas The Salvation Army, with the help of generous people in Salem and vicinity, is preparing to make cheery.

Milk Freezes up In Rainbow Arcs; Cows Start Hurd

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 14 (AP)—Genial Ed Johnson here to do his Christmas shopping, said today he thought he'd get a supply of anti-freezes for his cows in the mountainous Tarryall country.
It was 30 below zero up there today and Ed, expecting colder weather in January and February, explained:
"It's pretty hard to start those cows even now."
Last winter Ed, who doesn't insist that you believe his tales, complained that the milk froze in rainbow arcs before reaching the pail. He put it in cords to await thawing weather.

Houses Consider Fiscal Committee

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tion of President Roosevelt and house and senate leaders in forming a group which would obtain an overall picture of spending needs and then would recommend what revenues should be raised.
Woodrum told reporters his first step would be to confer with house leaders and members of the ways and means and appropriations committees. He said that a joint congressional committee "could look at the fiscal picture as a whole, and could make recommendations based on the relationship of expenditures and revenues."
"It is crazy not to combine spending and revenues together," he remarked.

Lumber Troubles Seem About Over

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a conference between Tacoma union officials, Federal Conciliator E. P. Marsh and representatives of the Morton and Mineral logging union locals, at Morton and Mineral.
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—The relatively small industrial employees union, an independent lumber workers' organization operating in the northwest, scored a wage coup in Spokane today while the rival lumber and sawmill workers union (AFL) was holding a closed conference on the wage and hour problem.
IEU President Angus D. Chisholm of Portland announced tonight two large Spokane logging and milling concerns—the McGoldrick and Long Lake lumber companies—had advanced workers' pay 2 1/2 cents per hour Nov. 1 and would duplicate the wage increase Jan. 1.
The agreement affects 635 men in Spokane mills and 475 employed in forests of eastern Washington and north Idaho.

Halo for Eleanor At "Widows" Fete

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt found out tonight that Santa Claus thinks she has been a good girl this year.
To the amusement of several hundred guests at the White House "Gridiron Widows" party, Santa handed the first lady a halo, a pair of wings and a roll of paper on which to list requests she gets for gifts.
It was the first holiday festivity at the executive mansion—and it was a "hen" party.
As has been her custom, Mrs. Roosevelt was hostess to wives of Washington correspondents who are members of the Gridiron club—the men were having their semi-annual "stag" stunt party at a nearby hotel—wives of cabinet members, other feminine celebrities and the Washington "Ladies of the Press."

Greeks Continue To Push Forward

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (Sunday)—Greek troops slogging through heavy snowfalls have crushed fierce Italian mountain defenses all along the Albanian front, capturing more prisoners and armament, the Greeks declared officially early today.
Italian resistance was said to be especially stiff in the northern Pogradets area on the route leading to Elbasani, but a government spokesman said it was not holding up the Greek advance.
Other Greek units were battling their way northward along the Adriatic coastline toward Chimara enroute to Valona, and also cutting toward those ports from inland trails in the Tepelisi region, reports here said.

McIntyre Is First Citizen, Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—Ross McIntyre, who recently completed his second term as Portland chamber of commerce president, was elected the city's first citizen of 1940 today.
McIntyre, president of the Columbia Food company and the International Sales & Produce company, will be honored by the Portland board, the selecting agency, at a banquet January 7.

Postmastership Open

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The civil service commission announced today that applications would be received until the close of business January 3 for the Ashland, Ore., postmastership.

Wallis Leaves Hospital; Windors Planning Ret

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—Nearing complete recovery from her operation for removal of an infected tooth, the Duchess of Windsor and her royal husband went to a hotel tower apartment in Coral Gables today for a few days' rest before returning to Nassau.

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Gridiron Club Pokes Politics

FDR Absent for First Time in 8 Years; Unity Pledged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Gridiron club's winter dinner tonight poked fun at its own members, both political parties and a few assorted victims, in a loss of a distasteful patriotic note of national unity.
The dinner marked the completion of the presidential term of Mark Foose, Washington correspondent of the Booth newspapers of the Houston Chronicle succeeded to the presidency.
President Foose referred to the absence of President Roosevelt, his first during his two terms, in his introductory remarks.
"Tonight the Gridiron club makes contribution to the cause of national unity," said Foose. "During the late unpleasantness, a series of strange circumstances, it happened that the paths of the president of the United States and the republican candidate did not cross. By a series of circumstances they will not cross tonight. The great crusader and the great crusader are still more than 12 hours apart."
"On one thing," Foose continued, "there is no division in America. We are beating our plowshares into swords and training our boys to be soldiers for defense and we mean business. In this we stand united."
"Through it all we can still laugh in America. Just ahead of us is Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Much Heavier Taxes."
The dinner started with an army recruiting scene in which Marshal McNeil of the Houston Press was asked to "want-to-be" captain plea on the ground that he had already been drafted for buck private duty as an active member of the club.
Two speeches of the evening, off the record in the tradition of the dinner, were made by Wendell Willkie, unsuccessful republican aspirant for the presidency, and Henry F. Ashurst, who failed to retain his seat as a democratic senator from Arizona. A parody on "empty saddles in the old corral" marked the introduction of Senator Ashurst.

Tough Problems Await Roosevelt

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or allow it to become law without his signature, and Washington, generally, expects a veto. The bill would broaden the jurisdiction of the courts over such governmental agencies as the labor board and communications commissions.
Foremost among policy matters which appear pressing for decisions are the questions of financial aid for Great Britain and energizing the defense program.
Defense efforts admittedly are lagging. William S. Kauden, department commissioner in charge of production, disclosed last night that airplane production was 30 per cent behind estimates made last July.
In connection with the talk of ways to whip the rearmament program into top speed, some are predicting the appointment of a defense head, possibly Kauden, with authority to go into the factories themselves, search out production bottlenecks and show the manufacturer how to eliminate them.

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN ENROUTE TO WARM SPRINGS

GA., Dec. 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt ended a cruise over nearly 4,000 miles of the Caribbean and Atlantic today as he went to inspect the American defense bases in Jamaica, St. Lucia, and Antigua where he was satisfied, but skeptical about facilities in the Bahamas.
Pointing up evidence of Anglo-American friendship, the cruise took the president into the waters of a belligerent power for the first time since the current conflict began in Europe. He paused at more than half a dozen British islands, and also at the French island of Martinique.
Mr. Roosevelt came ashore from the cruiser Tuscaloosa at the Charleston, S.C. navy yard this afternoon, tanned by a tropical sun and salt-laden breezes, after twelve days at sea.

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10,416 in Guards Anticipate Leave

For Many Men It's First Time at Home in Three Months

CAMP MURRAY, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—Camp Murray buzzed with anticipation today as 10,416 enlisted men and 368 officers of the national guard's 41st division made preparations for an 11-day furlough that will give a majority of them their first chance to return home since they began a year's active service three months ago.
A tabulation of requests for leaves and furloughs showed 10,416 of the division's 12,000-odd men will spend Christmas and New Year's with their families. For soldiers living in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and distant points in Oregon and Washington—men living too far distant to return home on weekend leaves—it will bring family reunions.
The division is composed of guard troops from the five Pacific north-west states.
The 11-day holiday will start at noon Saturday and extend to reveille, January 2.
The happy troopers will leave here in special trains offering 50-cent-a-mile fares for enlisted men. Over 5,000 41st division soldiers will return home by train.
Departure of the troops will turn Camp Murray into a virtual ghost town. Small units will remain behind to handle guard detail, fire protection and administrative work. Only those men not desiring furloughs will remain in camp.
The final week before furlough will be one of the busiest for the guardsmen as they begin active duty, Ballou and regimental problems, designed to perfect cooperation between units, will be stressed.

Walter-Logan Bill, Help for Britain, Defense and Budget Faced

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The defense program is being pushed through the House and Senate. The bill is expected to pass in the next few days. The bill is expected to pass in the next few days. The bill is expected to pass in the next few days.

Portland's George Gets VFW Medal

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars' national citizenship medal was awarded today to ex-mayor George L. Baker of Portland.
The decoration citing Baker for "distinguished citizenship" was the second such medal awarded in Oregon.
Circuit Judge Donald E. Long, making the presentation for national VFW headquarters, said of Baker that "he was never too tired or too busy to meet every troop train in Portland. He was for France and he was there to welcome them when they returned."

Nye Weds Teacher

IOWA FALLS, Ia., Dec. 14 (AP)—Miss Marguerite Johnson, 22, Rock Island, Ill., high school teacher, and US Senator Gerald P. Nye, 47, of North Dakota, were married in the English Lutheran church here today.

Dashes for Fire, In His Business

NEWBERG, Dec. 14 (AP)—The fire alarm roused volunteer fireman Floyd Allen from his bed and sent him dashing to board the fire truck as it rolled past last night.

Heavily Loaded Liner Torpedoed

English Boat Near Home With Officials and Airplanes

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—The British liner Western Prince, loaded with a heavy cargo, including airplanes, and carrying British officials home for the Christmas holidays, was torpedoed today about 550 miles northwest of Londonderry, Ireland.
At Ottawa, the prime minister's office reported receipt of a message saying that "most of the persons aboard the Western Prince were saved." No further details of the torpedoing were available.
Mackay radio here picked up an SOS call that the 10,926-ton ship had been "torpedoed" at 11:02 p. m. PST Friday, and nothing further was heard after the first call, relayed by the Port Patrick, Scotland, station.
Furness, Withy and Company, managers of the Western Prince, identified one of the 60 passengers as an ex-mayor of Vancouver. Also aboard was Captain W. A. Charlton, one-time master of the Queen of Bermuda. The ship had a crew of 80 when she left here December 6.
The vessel carried a 10,000-ton general cargo and a large quantity of mail. Four twin-motored bombers were lashed to her deck. She was due at an English port tomorrow.
The 496-foot Western Prince was built in 1929 at Port Glasgow for trade between New York and South America. After the war began, she was armed with two defensive guns aft and placed in transatlantic service, bringing hundreds of refugees here from Liverpool. Crew members reported she sailed alone, counting on her speed for safety.

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U. O. Rogers Succumbs

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—A heart ailment was fatal yesterday to Urban O. Rogers, 51, former president of the Oregon Purchasing Agents' association. He was purchasing agent for the Portland Gas & Coke company.

Nazis in Mexico Object to Film; Use Tear Bombs

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14 (AP)—Roving bands shouting "hell Hitler" interrupted the showing of the film "The Man I Married" tonight in eight motion picture theatres and fled before police could be called.
Witnesses said there were about 30 or 40 persons in the shouting groups in each theatre.
The cries of "hell Hitler" were the signal for a volley of tear stench bombs into the audiences. Ushers quickly opened all doors and when the fumes were gone the film was finished without interruption.
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