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Weather
Occasional rain today and Thursday; slightly warmer. Max. temp. Tuesday, 48, min. 32. Northwest wind. Bar for the 23 inch. River - 8 feet. Cloudy with rain.

NINETEENTH YEAR

FDR Favors "Leasing" Supplies to Britain; German Troops Reported Moving Into Italy

Public Schools And WU Close For This Year

1456 Absent and Teacher Staff Depleted; Open Early, Jan. 2, Plan

West Salem, Dallas and Corvallis Systems All Shut Down

Public schools of Salem, Willamette university and one local kindergarten were closed yesterday until after Christmas vacation, because of the increased number of absentees, due principally to influenza and severe colds.

The Salem General, Deaconess and state tuberculosis hospitals requested that no visitors call. The ban will be maintained until the danger from the epidemic is past, to protect patients from infection.

The city school board took action yesterday noon following report of 1456 students absent in the system, over one-fourth of the total enrollment. Twenty-two instructors and three principals, exceeding the supply of substitutes, were not in classes. School will be resumed Thursday, January 2, instead of January 6, as originally planned.

Willamette classes, which will resume on January 6, were suspended by order of administration officials upon advice of Dr. Ralph Purvine, school physician. "A sharp rise in the number of cases of influenza since Sunday prompted the action," Dr. Purvine said last night. He reported about 75 cases last week and about the same number already this week. He expressed the hope that breaking up of groups would prevent an epidemic.

Three Kindergartens Continue to Friday

An order last Thursday closed down all social activities and all meetings other than classes at the university.

While Mrs. Frank Libburn's kindergarten was closed yesterday, those operated by Mrs. C. R. Monk, Alma Fanning and Mrs. Harold Ziesel will remain open until Friday, when they close for vacation, according to present plans. The three schools conducted by churches will continue until Friday, unless plans are altered. All reported they had few absentees. Sacred Heart academy will have the annual Christmas tree at 2 p.m. Friday, and the St. Vincent de Paul parochial school will hold a Christmas party at 7 p.m. Friday.

The other school is that of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Programs principally affected by the closures, in addition to several assemblies, are the Leslie junior high school Christmas pageant tonight, and the senior high school homecoming party for Friday by the Sigma Lambda chapter of the National Honor society.

The Willamette Collegian, weekly student publication, will go to press as usual, Editor Marion Sanders said last night. It will be out today.

The Salem YMCA last night revised its vacation schedule, which includes all local boys and girls, to conform to the change in dates. The program will begin today.

Absences in the schools yesterday, as the senior high school went back up from 177 Monday to 259, numbered 321 at Parrish, Leslie 124, Bush 159, Englewood 126, Garfield 93, Grant 73, Highland 104, McKinley 67, Richmond 78 and Washington 87.

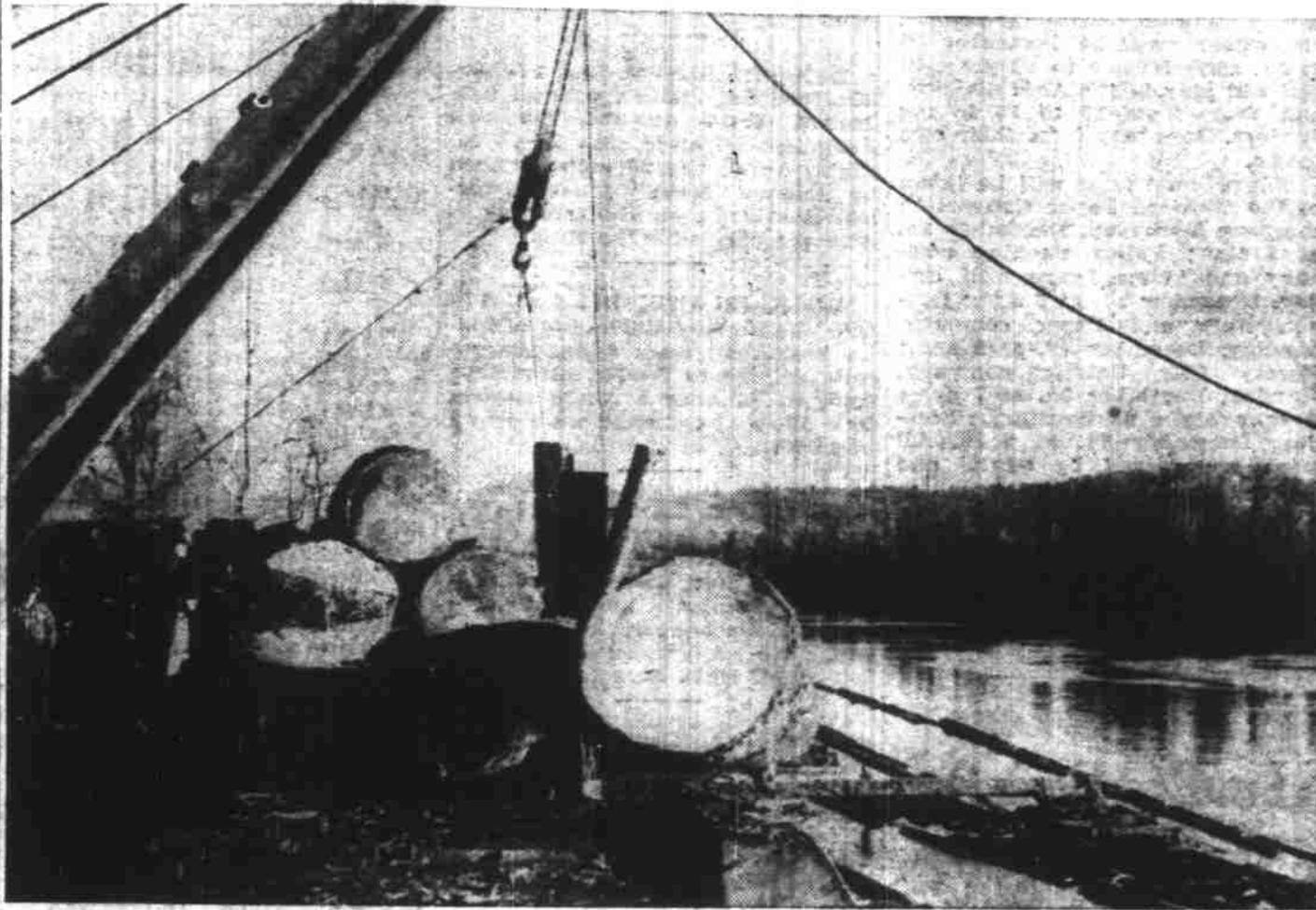
WEST SALEM - West Salem schools were closed yesterday until January 3, Principal Leighton Dashiell said last night.

With first announcements Monday, when the pupils were sent home, 118 were absent and it was thought that classes might be resumed Wednesday morning. Since that time, illness has increased to the extent that it seemed advisable to shut down until after the holidays, Dashiell said.

DALLAS, Dec. 17 - Dallas schools, which closed Thursday (Turn to page 3, col. 7)

MORE DAYS TO SHOP
The modern way of finding tubulars is to search for the one opportunity to save thousands of dollars in this country. Do not miss it.

LOGS SPLASH; THEY'LL BE BARRACKS SOON



In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

When the state of Oregon's democratic presidential electors met in solemn conclave the other day to certify to the world and the rest of the electoral college that Franklin D. Roosevelt is the winner, a Statesman photographer was there to record the event for posterity.

The photographer pushing and showing the dignitaries about Paul H. Hauser, Jr. as a press photographer will do, had everything arranged for his shot and was ready to click the dings when a hand was raised and a man stepped between the lens and the electors.

It was J. F. Ulrich, chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee. Pointing to E. F. Groblebe, one of the electors, he spoke: "Groblebe," he said, "push back your hair! Want people to think you're Willie?"

The last Christmas shopping story to come to us is the one about the nice old lady who was inspecting coffee making apparatus in the line of duty as a Christmas shopper.

The old lady, not to be rushed, inquired: "What makes the coffee run up?"

"It's the vacuum," the clerk (Turn to page 3, col. 4)

Alford Is President Of Salem Y Gleemen

Max Alford, headquarters captain of the Oregon state police, was elected president of the Salem Y Gleemen last night to succeed B. Glaszner, resigned. Glaszner, president of the organization since its formation, explained that his duties as secretary of the state highway commission, interfered with his leadership of the Gleemen.



Scenes at the Spaulding Logging company log dump on the west bank of the Willamette river opposite Salem, a busy spot as logs are transferred from land to water transportation. They are consigned to Portland mills and many of them will find utilization in the defense program. —Statesman photos.

50 Carloads of Timber Per Day Unloaded Here

300,000 Board Feet Mostly From Black Rock and Valselt Daily Rafted From Salem to Portland Mills; Largely for Defense Lumber Use

Destined to become barracks and cantonments to house America's first peace-time drafted defense army and national guardsmen under training, an average of 50 carloads of fir timber are being dumped into the Willamette river at the Spaulding log dump, just west of Salem, every day—there to be rafted and towed to Portland mills.

Long strings of log bed flat cars are switched out onto a trestle bordering the river and about 25 feet above the water. As each carload is stopped opposite a steam driven derrick and cable winch, its ponderous load is rolled off and tumbled with a roaring splash into the river.

Figuring an estimated 6000 (Turn to page 2, Col. 5)

Cold Is Followed By Rain and Snow

Rain dampened Salem's spirits and streets yesterday chalking up .22 inch on the airport weather bureau gauge. Predictions for today and tomorrow were rain and more rain.

Twenty Killed In Two Blasts Are Mysteries

Seven Die in W. Virginia Coal Disaster; Five Gravely Injured

Cincinnati Tenement Is Blown up With Toll of 13 Victims

BECKLEY, W. Va., Dec. 17-(AP)—An explosion in a mine directly beneath the streets of this southern West Virginia coal "capital" today killed seven men and injured five others in the nation's sixth major mine blast of the year.

The explosion, apparently local in nature, occurred two miles back in the No. 4 mine of the Raleigh Coal and Coke Corporation, which has three operations on the outskirts of the city.

Ellsworth Shriver, superintendent, said an investigation would be started Thursday.

As is customary in this coal country after a disaster, all mines of the company will be closed tomorrow.

Shriver said he had "no idea" of the cause of the blast, whether it was gas or coal dust. He added the mine was not gaseous and safety lamps were used.

Shriver asserted he could find no damage to the mine, but some (Turn to page 2, column 1)

Ickes Emphasizes Sabotage Dangers

Panama Canal and Plants Held Targets; Lindy Draws Criticism

NEW YORK, Dec. 17-(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes charged tonight that the axis plans to cripple the United States by sabotage, to sap it by propaganda and to drive a wedge of suspicion between this country and Latin-America.

In a speech prepared for the Columbia university institute of arts and sciences, Ickes also denounced Americans whom he described as appeasers. Among them he named Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, whom he called a "perfectly innocent man who would subjectly surrender his sword even before it is demanded."

Last September, Ickes said, "the Nazis in Los Angeles, at their meeting in the Deutsches Haus, offered their nomination for the presidency of the United States to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh."

In another part of his speech, in which he discussed what he (Turn to page 2, Col. 3.)

Bridge Insurance Premium Larceny Denied by French

SEATTLE, Dec. 17-(AP)—Hallett R. French pleaded innocent today to a charge of grand larceny for allegedly withholding the premium on a \$150,000 insurance policy on the wrecked Narrows bridge.

Attorney Charles Carroll released a statement asserting the erstwhile prominent insurance executive had made restitution of approximately \$15,000 to the company for which he was general agent.

"The bridge would have fallen regardless of whether the insurance policy was in the company's office or in French's," Carroll said. "The mistake French made was in not reporting the premium promptly. I am not inclined to think any jury will convict when all the facts are submitted."

Deputy Prosecutor C. C. Ralls said French had admitted failure to report the premium on another \$450,000 policy on the bridge also. The former charge yesterday involved only the \$1217 premium on the smaller policy.

You Want a Cow? Was the Call of City Dogcatcher

Foundmaster Russell "Slim" Maw, who once punched dogies on the Argentine pampas and elsewhere, got a chance to use his issue on the local boss yesterday. May lassoed the cow at Myrtle and Spruce street, where it was wandering loose, tied it to the rear of his car and proceeded, shouting, "Anybody lose a cow?" He continued his yodeling and motorized cow-punching to the end of Hazel avenue where James R. Donovan claimed the cow.

Nazis' Aid in Albania And Libya Is Forecast

Invasion Before Spring Is Warning in England

Beaverbrook Tells People They're Too Confident, Asserts Germans Feverishly Active Preparing to Strike; Greeks Take Key Fortification

NEW YORK, Dec. 17-(AP)—The Columbia Broadcasting company's correspondent in Belgrade declared in a broadcast tonight from that Balkan capital that more than 50,000 German troops have moved quietly into Italy presumably to embark for Libya and Albania to aid Italian forces, according to information reaching highly reliable sources in Yugoslavia.

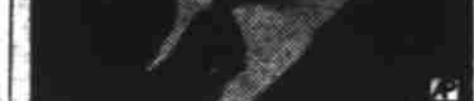
Winston Burdett, the correspondent, said the major part of the Nazi forces were reported at Bari and Naples, southern Italian ports, but some also were reported to be in Genoa and Milan.

Some were expected to perform "police duties" in Italy in exchange for Italian labor in German factories, he said.

The German movement southward, according to Burdett's sources, began immediately after the resignation on December 6 of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italian chief of staff.

(By The Associated Press) British must expect a German attempt at invasion of England (Turn to page 2, Col. 4)

Lumberman Dies; Was WU Trustee



E. S. COLLINS

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Noted Lumberman Dies in Portland

E. S. Collins Trustee of Willamette; Gift of \$100,000 Made

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Portlander Killed

MAXWELL, Calif., Dec. 17-(AP)—Charles L. Smith, 62, of Sacramento and Ivan Walk, 81, Portland, Ore., carpenter, were killed today when their autos collided head on three miles north of here.

To Keep Title, After War Be Repaid in Kind

Return if Undamaged Is Contemplated; Detail to Be Worked Out

Proposal Is Defended as One Best Calculated to Save America

By J. C. STARK
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17-(AP)—President Roosevelt announced a sweeping new plan for helping Great Britain tonight under which the United States government would take over future British war orders and release the materials for use abroad on a lease or mortgage basis to be repaid in kind after the war.

Under the plan, planes and guns, for example, would be leased to the British. After the war, if they were still in good condition, the British would be expected to give them back. If they had been destroyed, the British would be obligated to furnish this country with equivalent weapons.

The president likened it to a man lending a neighbor a hose to put out a fire in his house. After the fire, in a long discussion of the proposal at his first press conference since he returned from a Caribbean cruise, he said it was still in the exploratory stage and would require time to work out both here and in London.

Nations Is Able to Finance It, States
He did not go into details about the cost of the plan to the United States, except to say that this country had sufficient money to do it.

Stressing that the best defense of the United States is to aid Great Britain, he declared emphatically that his proposal would not take this country nearer to actual participation in the war.

The plan, or something like it, he said, would be presented to the new congress. But he said it involved no changes in the neutrality act or the Johnson law which forbids loans to debt defaulting nations.

Refusing to be drawn into a discussion on where the title to the goods would be, he asserted that that was something for the lawyers to work out. The United States, he said, was not likely to get into war for legalistic reasons.

Meanwhile, as the intensive drive for greater armament efforts goes into high gear, Secretary of the Navy Knox announced the award of contracts for 40 additional destroyers costing approximately \$285,884,875 and for an expansion of shipbuilding facilities at an estimated cost of \$500,000.

As to whether it was possible to speed up present war production, President Roosevelt said it depended entirely on the particular item involved and that the task was one of keeping everlastingly at it.

Earlier, Secretary of State Hull disclosed he was counseling defense commissioners and other officials to greater effort in speeding up production and it was learned that his advice was based on predictions of the American and British officials that a crucial phase of the war would come in the next three or four months.

President Roosevelt, in opening his explanation of what he described as a brand new plan, said that in the present world situation there was absolutely no doubt in the minds of Americans that the best defense of the United States was to help Britain defend itself.

Aside from the natural interest in survival of democracy, he said, this was advisable for selfish reasons.

Asserting he had read and heard a lot of nonsense about finances, he declared that no major war ever was won or lost through lack of finances.

He recalled that in 1914, on the eve of the outbreak of the World War, he heard leading bankers say that there was not enough money for Europe to carry on a war for more than three months.

A primary prerequisite for American defense, the president said, was additional productive facilities and the more these facilities were increased, factories (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Abetz and Laval Together, Rumor; Vichy Fate Impends

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 17-(AP)—Authoritative sources reported tonight that Pierre Laval was with German Ambassador Otto Abetz when the latter left for Paris tonight after a day of mysterious conferences with both Laval and Chief of State Petain.

These persons said the deposed vice-premier was in one of the automobiles belonging to the Abetz suite when the German envoy, his aides and guards, whisked out of Vichy. Laval's friends said he would accompany Abetz to Paris.

VICHY, France, Dec. 17-(AP)—Marshal Philippe Petain, 74, chief of state of France, summoned his deposed vice premier, Pierre Laval, back from the mysterious of his expulsion today for long conferences with himself and Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's high envoy, his aides and guards, whisked out of Vichy. Laval's friends said he would accompany Abetz to Paris.

The strict censorship made it difficult to report the results of the Abetz conference, but late tonight French circles appeared confident that the policy of (Turn to page 2, col. 6)