

Salem Man Among 6 Dead in Bomber Crash

British Bomb Bardia

Scouts Report Foe Is Fleeing To Derna Base

Italians in Albania Are Besieged in Two Key Towns

British Tighten up Home Forces Against Nazi Invasion Try

(By The Associated Press) British soldiers, airmen and sailors concentrated a terrific rain of bullets, bombs and shells last night on Bardia, last important Italian base left to the fascists in eastern Libya. Heavy fighting was reported from that sector of Italy's colonial empire.

With the little town's fortifications assaulted from land, sea and air and virtually surrounded, British air scouts reported indications that the Italians were fleeing westward over a wild area toward Derna, 150 miles from the Egyptian frontier.

Rome described the Italian moves as tactics designed to "wear down" the pursuing British army; and Virginia Gays, often regarded as Premier Mussolini's mouthpiece, assured the Italians that final victory would go to the side inflicting the heavier losses rather than that occupying the most territory.

And, he added, the Italians are inflicting "ruinous punishment" on the British, who succinctly reported in Cairo that "operations in the Bardia area continue."

Other beleaguered Italians—in Albania—were the objects of heavy machine-gun fire from Greeks who had gained positions commanding the Albanian towns of Kilastra and Tepeleni and were machine-gunning them systematically.

The twin attacks apparently were the beginning of a major effort to capture those towns. The British tightened their home forces against an invasion attempt by the Germans and maintained constant vigil against the Germans. A government spokesman said the British could not win the war until their army has "struck—and struck deep—into the axis countries."

McNary Revealed Ill of Pneumonia

That Senator Charles L. McNary has been a pneumonia patient, rather than a victim of influenza as first indicated, was disclosed by an official statement from his office here yesterday. The senator, however, is improving steadily and expects to return home within a few days. His physicians have advised him not to leave for Washington, DC, until he has gained sufficient strength for the trip, and not to transact any public business before his return.

Senator McNary was removed to Salem General hospital from his home nearly four weeks ago. It was his first serious illness and the first time he had ever been a hospital patient, he said yesterday.

Princess Juliana Discovers Shrine Is Shy of Cupboards

By RUTH COWAN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—What especially interested Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands at Mount Vernon today was the lack of cupboard space in George Washington's home.

The princess, a shy, rather wistful looking young woman but much prettier and slimmer than her pictures, visited Mount Vernon with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the outset of her three-day stay at the White House.

Mrs. Horace M. Tower, resident director, showed Mrs. Roosevelt and the princess through the main house and outside kitchen. At one door the princess sought to step aside and let Mrs. Roosevelt, an older woman in the main house, see the princess's puzzle that there seemed "so few cupboards."

The future queen of the Netherlands, now a refugee in Canada with her two children, received a democratic welcome when she arrived this morning on her first visit to the United States.

She was greeted formally by representatives of the state department and members of the Netherlands legation in the presidential room at the Union station where the king and queen of England were welcomed on their visit.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

For the benefit of those who have never before attempted inside reforestation or Christmas tree raising the Hauser Information and Handy Help Service is again ready and willing to provide tips, kinks and hints for this problem which is currently confronting so many householders.

First of all we must select a suitable tree. We traipse down to the Christmas tree merchant's making sure that the Christmas tree merchant is one well reputed in his trade, and select a well rounded conifer (as distinguished from deciduous). If you decide to go deciduous send us a stamped, addressed envelope and we'll send you another set of plans.

After selecting your conifer you go home, not necessarily by the same route you came, and wait for the Christmas tree merchant to deliver the woods. This happens shortly or within a space of several weeks.

Ah, happy moment when the tree arrives. The ancient Druids used to make a considerable ceremony out of this, but we'll let you (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Salem's Tax Levy Takes Slight Drop

Three Other County Towns Show Decrease in Tax Levy Rates

Four Marion county municipal cities, including Salem, will have lower city levies next year than in 1940, County Assessor R. "Bud" Shelton announced yesterday.

The Salem levy will be \$1.7 mills, a decrease of .4 mill. The city council's adoption of a relatively low budget, sufficient to offset increases in the levies for state and county, and school district purposes.

Shelton said the 1941 state and county levy in Salem would be 18.7 mills, as against 18.4 for 1940; the Salem school district levy 21.9 mills, an increase of .6.

Other incorporated cities which reduced 1941 levies are: Aurora, 26.5 mills, a drop of 3.2; Donald, 60.3 mills, a drop of 10.9; and Stayton, 62.5 mills, down .8.

Highest tax rate for cities in the county will be Silverton's 71.8 mills, which will be 2.4 above the 1940 levy.

Hubbard's levy will be unchanged at 60.9 mills.

Other overall levies for cities include: Aumville, 66.8, up .7; Gervais, 49.4, up .3; Jefferson, 49.3, up 5.8; Mt. Angel, 41, up 1.7; Scotts Mills, 69.4, up 12.8; St. Paul, 38, up .6; Sublimity, 35.2, up 1.1; Turner, 64.8, up .3; West Woodburn, 28.2, up .7; Woodburn, 43, up 1.1.

Bombers "Successful"

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—British bombers last night "successfully" attacked objectives in Milan, Italy, and Mannheim, Germany, it was announced authoritatively today.

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Also on the high seas, her destination unknown, was the 7011-ton French tanker Merops which left Philadelphia without cargo.

The Fort De France had been held in port by a federal writ of attachment granted November 25 pending trial of a \$145,000 libel brought by the British for alleged failure of another French merchantman to deliver a British cargo.

Walter Is Sustained

—by FDR

House Proponents of Bill Fail to Muster Needed Vote

Rep. Walter Says He Will Reintroduce It Next Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Logan-Walter Bill, to broaden the jurisdiction of the courts over the activities of administrative agencies, was killed today when President Roosevelt vetoed it and the house upheld the veto.

With a two-thirds majority needed to override the veto, house proponents mustered only 153 votes on the roll-call test, 23 less than their strength on original passage, while 127 voted to sustain the president. The house vote made unnecessary any action by the senate, which had passed the bill originally 27 to 25.

Rep. Walter (D-Pa.), who had sponsored the legislation with the late Senator Logan (D-Ky.), said he would introduce the same bill again at the next session of congress starting January 3 but in the meantime a report is expected from a special committee which doubtless will influence further legislative efforts.

The committee, headed by Dean Acheson, Washington attorney, was appointed by the attorney general a year ago at President Roosevelt's direction to review the entire administrative process and recommend improvements, including any needed legislation.

Mr. Roosevelt said in his veto message that its report would go to congress "in a few weeks."

Would Have Provided Appeal to Courts

The Logan-Walter bill would have required administrative agencies (labor board, veterans administration, securities commission, etc.) to publish their regulations in the Federal Register after hearings and would have permitted anybody "substantially" affected to appeal to the courts.

Two Railroad Men Victims in Crash

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A Union Pacific passenger train crashed into the rear end of a freight train in the Salt Lake City railroad yards today, killing two men and injuring another.

The dead: C. N. Williams, 40, Bountiful, Utah, brakeman of the freight train, son of the late N. A. Williams, former vice-president of operations for the Union Pacific.

W. F. Cumber, 42, Salt Lake City, brakeman, who had boarded the freight train only a few minutes earlier to ride into the yards to report for duty.

Both were riding in the freight train caboose as was George C. Rogers of Salt Lake City, fireman, who suffered fractured wrist and multiple cuts and bruises. Hospital attendants said his condition was "fair."

Railroad officials said no passengers were injured although several suffered mild shock.

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2-Sided Drive Against Truck Laws Forming

Small, Private Operators Want to Get Rid of Red Tape, Mileage Tax

Interstate Haulers Will Push for Longer and Heavier Loads

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR.
Oregon's motor transportation law will be attacked on two flanks during the coming session of the legislature.

Oregon Warms up As Showers Come

Silver Thaws Make Roads Icy Across Ranges to East Areas

With a 45-degree temperature registered at midnight last night and overnight skies dripping on shaly streets, Salem took a breather from last week's sub-freezing weather and looked forward to a forecast of "rain and warmer" for today and tomorrow.

The downpour raised the airport weather station rain gauge to .78 inch between 4:30 Tuesday afternoon and 10:30 a. m. yesterday, while .49 inch fell from 12 to 12 yesterday.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Oregon temperatures rose sharply today as rain pelleted sections of the state, ending a cold wave that reached sub-freezing levels.

Silver thaws continued to hamper motorists on trans-state highways. The Oregon State Motor association today called for a "road day" to clean up the mess.

Roosevelt Okehs Inaugural Plans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt approved plans for his third term inauguration today, flanked by Pylon and Chairman Joseph E. Davies said would be characterized by a "note of utter simplicity and brevity."

Davies said the January 20 ceremonies would include a mass aviation demonstration, during the last ten minutes of the inaugural parade in the capitol to the White House.

The presidential reviewing stand in front of the White House, which is now under construction, will be of simple American colonial design. The second Roosevelt inaugural stand is a replica of the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's Nashville home, and the first represented a federal building.

A "court of freedom" will be built in the block fronting the White House and Lafayette square, flanked by Pylon and Chairman Joseph E. Davies said would be characterized by a "note of utter simplicity and brevity."

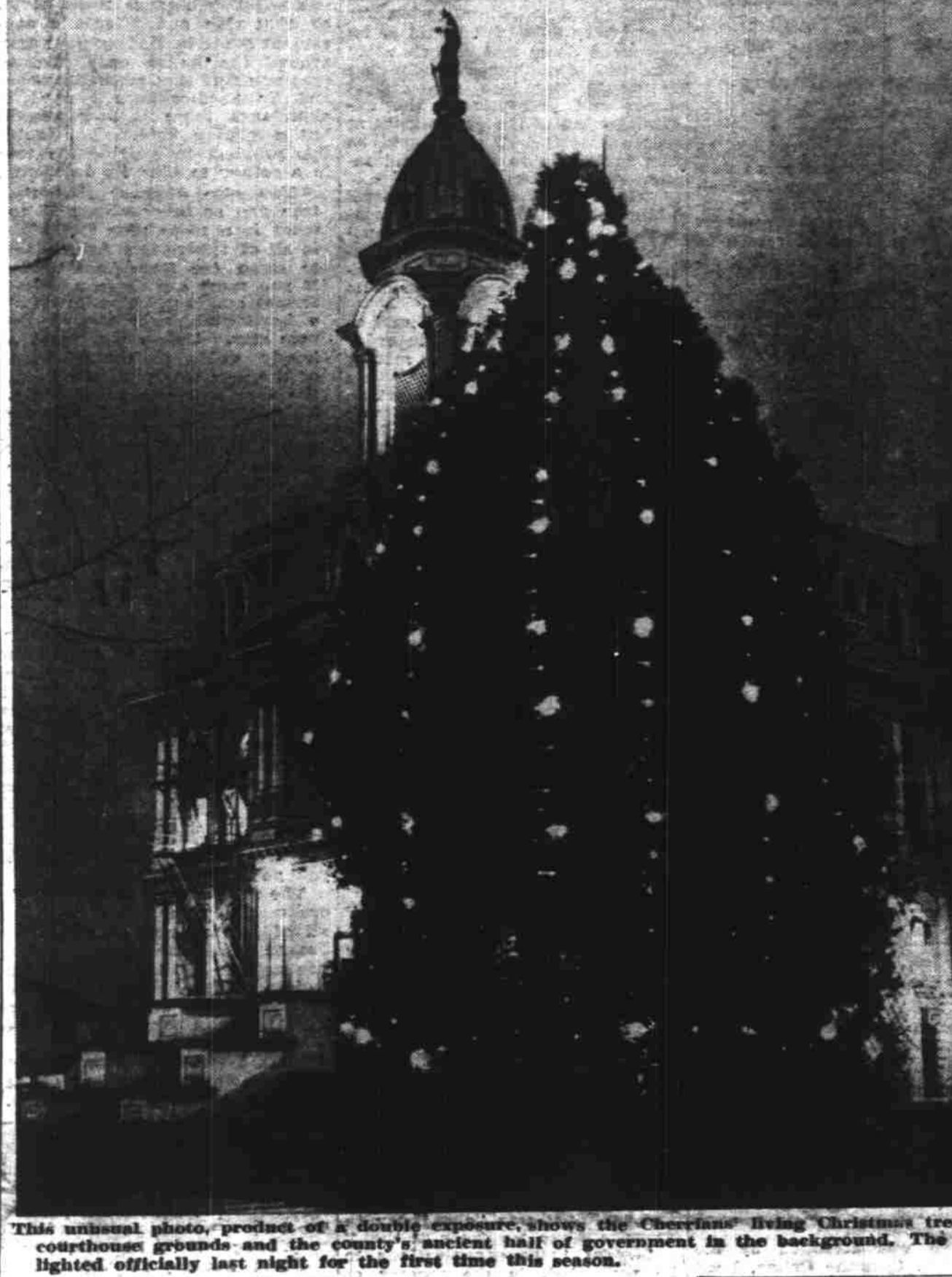
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"Canned Food Matinee" Set To Help Needy at Yuletide

More than 500 cans of food were turned over to The Salvation Army, contributed by that number of young people who attended the Warner Brothers-Statesman "canned food matinee" set before Christmas, 1939. It was recalled yesterday as plans for another such cooperative program went forward.

This year's "canned food matinee" will be held at the Elmore theatre Monday, with the doors opening at 10:30 a.m. and the program starting at 11. Manager Carl Porter has arranged a special program appropriate to the season, with the assistance of Wes McCall, Mickey Mouse chief.

CHERRIAN TREE GLOWS WARMLY AGAIN



This unusual photo, product of a double exposure, shows the Cherrian tree being lit for the first time this season.

Hop Control Body To State Output

Determination of Master Being Made at Meet Here Today

The nine-man growers allocation committee of the Pacific coast hop control board is expected to announce today its determinations of individual and industry-wide production for 1940, following an all-day meeting that ran on at a late hour last night with prospect of continuance this morning.

Before the committee was the task of combing through the reports from each area and making official the reports of each hop grower's 1940 production, and of adding up these sums to determine total output, a figure needed in connection with administration of the current federal hop marketing agreement.

C. W. Paulus, managing agent (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Coast Hop Output 41,772,000 Pounds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Pacific coast states, the agriculture department reported today, produced 41,772,000 pounds of hops in 1940, of which 175,000 pounds were not harvested. In 1939 production was 37,932,000 pounds of which 6,390,000 were not available for marketing because of economic conditions and marketing agreements.

The department said the production by states in 1939 and 1940 was: Washington, 9,212,000 pounds and 11,700,000 pounds; Oregon, 17,552,000 and 19,922,000; and California, 10,968,000 and 10,680,000.

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Cherrian Tree Has Stretched Since First Lit

By WINSTON H. TAYLOR

The first lit living Christmas tree, an object of 27 years ago in Salem, looked much the same, except in size, as the tree which began shining last night on the Marion county courthouse lawn. Milton L. Meyers, a charter member of the sponsoring Cherrians, noted that the evergreen last night with prospect of continuance this morning.

The outdoor lighting idea was one of the first activities of the Cherrians, founded in 1913. It was proposed by Frank Barton, who served on the committee with Messrs Spalding and Young. The late George F. Rodgers was at that time king king.

Approximately 750 lights, on 1500 feet of wiring, are used on the tree, according to H. J. Bosser, electrician. Donald Deckebach was this year chairman of the committee in charge.

Meyers recalled that the Cherrians for several years had a program following the lighting at which they passed out oranges to children. Numerous times have snow and rain participated in the ceremonies.

Victim of Police Guns Badly Hurt

Portland Youth Is Shot When Forced to Drive Bandit's Car

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—An innocent, 22-year-old victim of an unsuccessful bank robbery was in serious condition from police bullets at a hospital today.

Hospital attendants gave him only a 50-50 chance to recover. The youth, George B. Lampro, Portland, was shot through the body after police halted his automobile, in which the bank robber was attempting to escape.

Detective Sergeant Bill Browne said Loyal McCready, 48, Los Angeles, admitted that he held up Harvey Cissy, manager of the Union Avenue branch of the US National bank and escaped with \$642 after commandeering Lampro's machine.

Two police cars forced Lampro's vehicle to the curb and officers ordered both men out, unaware that Lampro was a prisoner of the robber. They opened fire as McCready drew a gun, shooting (Turn to page 2, Col. 2.)

Infantry to Quit Vancouver Station

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—(AP)

The Ninth corps area headquarters confirmed today that 13th Infantry is to move February 1 to Fort Lewis from Vancouver Barracks, Wash., where it will be replaced by the 18th engineers from Fort Logan, Colo.

Two national guard units also are being scheduled for induction at Fort Lewis this month—the 144th field artillery, 155 millimeter gun unit from California, and the 205th coast artillery, Washington anti-aircraft group.

National guard units tentatively scheduled for induction at Fort Lewis February 10 include: 194th tank battalion, less one company, from Minnesota; Missouri 3rd California; 115th cavalry, mechanized; 170th Wyoming; anti-tank battalion from Washington.

Rural Schools Begin to Get Effects of Influenza Wave

Rural and town schools in Marion county, at first less affected by prevalent influenza than the schools in Salem, yesterday felt the effects of the mild epidemic in more serious form.

According to reports received by County Superintendent Agnes C. Booth, Macleay, Ankeny and Stayton schools closed yesterday until after the Christmas vacation.

The Detroit school was closed in part, and reports from Gates indicated that there, too, at least some grades had been dismissed until after the first of the year.

Earlier this week other schools in the county experienced the effects of the epidemic to the extent that several were closed. These, together with those closed yesterday, total about 16 which have suspended classes because of illing pupils and teachers.

In Salem Oregon Pulp & Paper company plant had felt the effects of illness among its large crews "like everybody else," but the big mill will continue running its four shifts a day, six days a week, Karl W. Heinlein, resident manager, announced. There had been reports that the plant would shut down.

Following closing of Salem schools until after Christmas vacation and barring of visitors to the Salem General, Deaconess and state tuberculosis hospitals, reports were made yesterday by Dr. J. C. Evans, state hospital superintendent, that his institution was "in for a real epidemic" of influenza.

Weather
Rain today and Friday; snow over higher mountains; slightly warmer Friday. Max temp., Wednesday 53, min. 37. Northwest wind. Rain .49 inch. River —5 foot.

4-Engined Ship Hits Mountain, Ends in Flames

Frank J. Jirak, Jr., Was Assistant Engineer on Big Plane

Motors Apparently Went bad While Plane on Training Flight

MARCH FIELD, Calif., Dec. 18.—(AP)

Six officers and men of the army's 93rd bombardment pursuit squadron, March Field, were killed today as their 22-ton B-17 four-motored bomber crashed and burned at the 6700-foot snow line of Marion mountain in San Bernardino national forest.

Four bodies were hurled from the giant bomber as it plunged into the boulder-strewn, heavily wooded mountain slope, three miles northeast of Idyllwild. At 10:45 a. m. the plane appeared to encounter mechanical trouble. Ground witnesses at the Idyllwild Inn and at Pine Cove, nearby, reported that it circled several times, its engines seemingly missing. Clouds closed in on the bomber at 6000 feet, and in a few minutes it reared earthward at full throttle.

Two bodies found in fuselage
A rescue party arrived 20 minutes later from Pine Cove to find the plane a mass of red-hot, fused metal. Two bodies were in the smashed fuselage. The 105-foot right wing had sheared through a big pine tree. Residents of the two resort towns said they had heard a loud explosion, indicating the gas tanks ignited with the impact. The noise was heard as far as six miles.

The victims: First Lieut. Harold J. Turner, pilot, Corning, Ia.; Co-pilot Donald T. Waver, West Los Angeles; First Lieut. Vernon MacFarland, Riverside, Calif.; Engineer Staff Sergeant Thomas F. Sweet, Riverside; Assistant Engineer Corporal Frank J. Jirak, Salem, Ore.; and Radioman Private James C. Sessions, Bisbee, Ariz.

Lieut. Turner was an army air corps reserve veteran of six years experience and was on a practice flight in which is the standard heavy bombardment equipment of the flying force. March Field operates 36 of these bombers. With a full load, they can climb to 30,000 feet.

Corporal Frank J. Jirak, Jr., one of the casualties in yesterday's fly fortress crash, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Jirak, 1290 South 14th street, Salem. Young Jirak joined the army in 1933. His father is a retired army sergeant, having left the service four years ago.

Beside his mother and father Jirak is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harry E. Eryver of Salem.

Tires of Shopping Jam, Whacks With Umbrella

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Christmas shopping jams finally broke the patience of one female shopper yesterday.

Jostled on a street, she suddenly shouted "I've had enough of this," whacked a surprised woman bystander with her umbrella and hustled down the street.

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The Swiss this week already have protested to Great Britain against the alleged bombing by British planes of the blacked-out city of Basel in which four persons were killed and a number injured.

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MORE DAYS TO SHOP
5 DAYS
Our children cannot resist temptation, but they can "catch" it. Christmas Seal Funds help find the sponsors of the drive.