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Weather
Occasional rain today and Sunday; snow over higher mountains. Max. Temp. Friday, 55, Min. 44, Southeast wind. Rain 1.74 inches. River 4 foot. Foggy.

NINETEENTH YEAR

Four Killed, Three Hurt in Auto Smashups

Liverpool Hit; British Ships Attack Valona

20,000 Italians Trapped at Bardia, Is Claim; Greeks Advance

Rome Finally Admits Aid Given by Hitler; Dive Bombers Are Sent

(By the Associated Press)
British and Greek announcements of smashing new blows at Italy by land, sea and air in Italy, Albania and Libya were paired Friday night with German dispatches suggesting that the Nazis finally have decided to give their sagging fascist friends a boost and that the German-Italian-Japanese pact will be implemented by military and economic missions.

Some German political quarters regarded the establishment of these missions as a hint to the United States of the hazards of lending unlimited aid to Britain. German airmen gave Liverpool and the surrounding Merseyside area their worst bombing of the war last night and early today, smashing homes and buildings, and striking a hotel where several persons were injured.

Liverpool Deaths
Are Reported Few
Total casualties were said by the British to be low, but the early estimate did not include possible victims in a line of wrecked homes where rescuers began digging.

Raiders were reported over wide areas of Britain and two bombs from an unidentified plane crashed in neutral Eire's Dublin and Monaghan counties last night.

Topping off the tale of Italy's woes was the British announcement that the army of the Nile has surrounded the Libyan base of Bardia, trapping 20,000 fighting Italian troops within a steel ring.

British ships completed the (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Milk Law's Amendment May be Asked in Coming Session of Legislature

Tightening of Corrupt Practices Act Will Be One Effort Preliminary to Later Submittal of Referendum, Local Group Indicates

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR.
Milk, either directly or indirectly, will probably again be a problem for the Oregon legislature when the 1941 session convenes January 13.

While no direct attack is anticipated on the Oregon milk control law in the face of the polls, opponents of the law will be present and may attempt to get some revisions of the law through the legislature.

More probable is it that the coming legislative session will see laying of groundwork by opponents of the milk control law for another battle to throw it out by the referendum method.

Lewis Judson, a spokesman for the group of Salem dairymen disaffected under the milk control board, said yesterday that an effort would probably be made to revise the corrupt practices act to preclude use of "misleading statements" in campaigning for or against measures. Judson declared that dairymen fighting the milk control board recognized during the campaign that the "misleading character of advertising put out by friends of the law had a marked effect on the result."

The local group expects to combine its efforts with a Portland group said to be seeking revision of the corrupt practices act as an outgrowth of the circulars put out in an effort to "smear" Commissioner Earl Riley in his succession.

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Halifax Probable Choice for Envoy

Halifax, foreign minister under both the late Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill, will be succeeded in that post by War Minister Anthony Eden, the paper added.

Lord Halifax has been repeatedly attacked in some sections of the press for his handling of the foreign office, principally because of his coolness toward Soviet Russia.

Cabinet changes involved in the Halifax nomination—which the Daily Mail asserted already had been handed to President Roosevelt—would include a post as yet undesignated for David Lloyd George, the paper said.

His specific job, it was added, would be to spur the war effort at home.

Wheeler Opposes Leasing Proposal

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The adoption of President Roosevelt's plan for lending war materials to Great Britain would be the first step toward making the United States "the greatest military oligarchy the world has ever known," U. S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) said here today.

"If we are to start on a program of loaning guns, boats, aircraft and munitions to every nation that gets into war with another nation, we'll be entering every war that starts, whether it be in Africa, South America or Asia," Wheeler told newsmen.

He criticized what he termed a new effort of the president and his advisors to get around the Johnson act, criticizing high government officials for what he called law violations in the present situation.

Portland Student Is Killed by Auto

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Clyde Waymire, student 16, Portland high school student, was killed by an automobile tonight, Patrolman Andy Crabtree reported.

Crabtree said Waymire was struck by a car driven by Hans C. Karstens, 25, of Helix, Ore., student at the University of Oregon Medical school.

Fleet's Adriatic Invasion Is Declared Unchallenged

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—British warships entering through the 50-mile-wide Strait of Otranto off the southeastern Italian coast have swept the lower Adriatic without being challenged by a single Italian fighting ship or encountering a single Italian commercial vessel, the Admiralty declared today.

This force, said unofficially to indicate that the fascists had been run to cover in the lower Adriatic as well as the Mediterranean and put in great peril in Albania, was rounded off in a heavy assault by a separate force of battleships on the vital Italian supply port of Valona in southern Albania.

In the bombardment, the admiralty said, nearly a hundred tons of high explosive shells were hurled at the port and in the whole operation "no opposition from the enemy was encountered."

The admiralty's communique,

Four Compose New Speed-up Defense Board

Bill Knudsen Chairman; Hillman, Stimson and Knox Are Members

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt designated two of his defense commissioners today as a new high command charged with the momentous job of stimulating America to greater arms production.

He asked William S. Knudsen, now industrial production boss of the defense commission, to serve as director of a new organization—an office for production management for defense. That office, he explained, will be created by authority of the government reorganization act of 1939.

Sidney Hillman, in charge of a labor problems for the defense commission, will be assistant director, and Secretaries Stimson and Knox will be the other members.

Three subdivisions, Mr. Roosevelt told reporters, will handle production of raw materials, defense purchasing and priorities on deliveries of war supplies.

The decision to create the new office followed repeated declarations—by Knudsen, among others—that the defense program was behind schedule.

There had been frequent demands, too, that the president appoint a chairman of the defense commission or select some one individual to head the enormous program for obtaining war equipment.

But the chief executive, who called in reporters to explain the new arrangement, asserted today it was impossible to find one Czar, Poochah or Akhond of Swat to take over the task. That, he explained, resulted from the fact that every phase of production—labor, management and the buyer—user.

In the new office, he explained, Knudsen will represent management, Hillman labor, and Knox and Stimson the buyer—user—in this case, the army and navy.

The president said the new set-up probably would not be effective for perhaps 10 days pending the drafting of the necessary executive orders.

The present defense commission, he stated, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, but he indicated its activities would be overshadowed by those of the production management office.

The seven defense commissioners, he said, will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the nation with the work of this new office.

The four-man agency, Mr. Roosevelt declared, will have full power to make decisions and carry them out without first referring them back to him for approval. He added, however, that if a decision were made that went wrong, he would call the quartet in and talk it over with them.

Japan's Cabinet Shaken Up Again

TOKYO, Dec. 21.—(Saturday)—Premier Prince Fumimara Konoye shook up his cabinet today, naming new ministers of justice and home affairs in a surprise move observers believed was aimed at stricter enforcement of economic restrictions.

Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, former premier and minister without portfolio, was named home minister to succeed Eiji Yasui.

Lieut. Gen. Heisuke Yanagawa was appointed minister of justice, replacing Akira Kazami.

As home minister, Baron Hiranuma will control the nationwide police system, prefectural, (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

New IEU Local Is Formed, Silverton

SILVERTON, Dec. 20.—A new local of the Industrial Employees Union, Inc., was organized here tonight to replace the one dissolved at Thursday night's meeting. H. W. Burton, executive secretary of the IEU, presented the charter and stated that the local will start with 187 members, a majority of all employees of the Silver Falls Timber company.

Mr. Burton also denied truth of a rumor that the company was prohibited by the national labor relations board from dealing with the IEU. The conference committee was instructed to demand full recognition of the new local by the employers.

Officers of the new local, No. 59 in district No. 2, are Clifford Eklund, chairman; Jack Scott, vice-chairman; Ed Lambert, secretary-treasurer. The conference committee includes Joe LaRue, Oscar Benson, George Christensen, Joe Clancy and Randall Bailey. Trustees are Edgar Huddleston, D. P. Starrett and Louis Sawyer.

Adopted Baby Is Widely Traveled

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Janet Greer, 5-week-old traveler, slept peacefully in a stationery bed tonight after a swift flight across the continent to a new home and new parents.

Unexpectedly home in time for Christmas, Janet was nestled in her foster-mother's arms as Mrs. Leonard Greer stepped from a transcontinental airliner to give her husband his first glimpse of the infant.

They explained that Mrs. Greer's sister, Mrs. Harry Wismer of Rochester, N.Y., had "found just the baby you've been looking for" and arranged adoption two days ago.

Mrs. Greer flew east at once, adopted the child, named her Janet and was home 24 hours later.

The Greers were busily mulling over Christmas presents worthy of the "queen of the house" tonight.

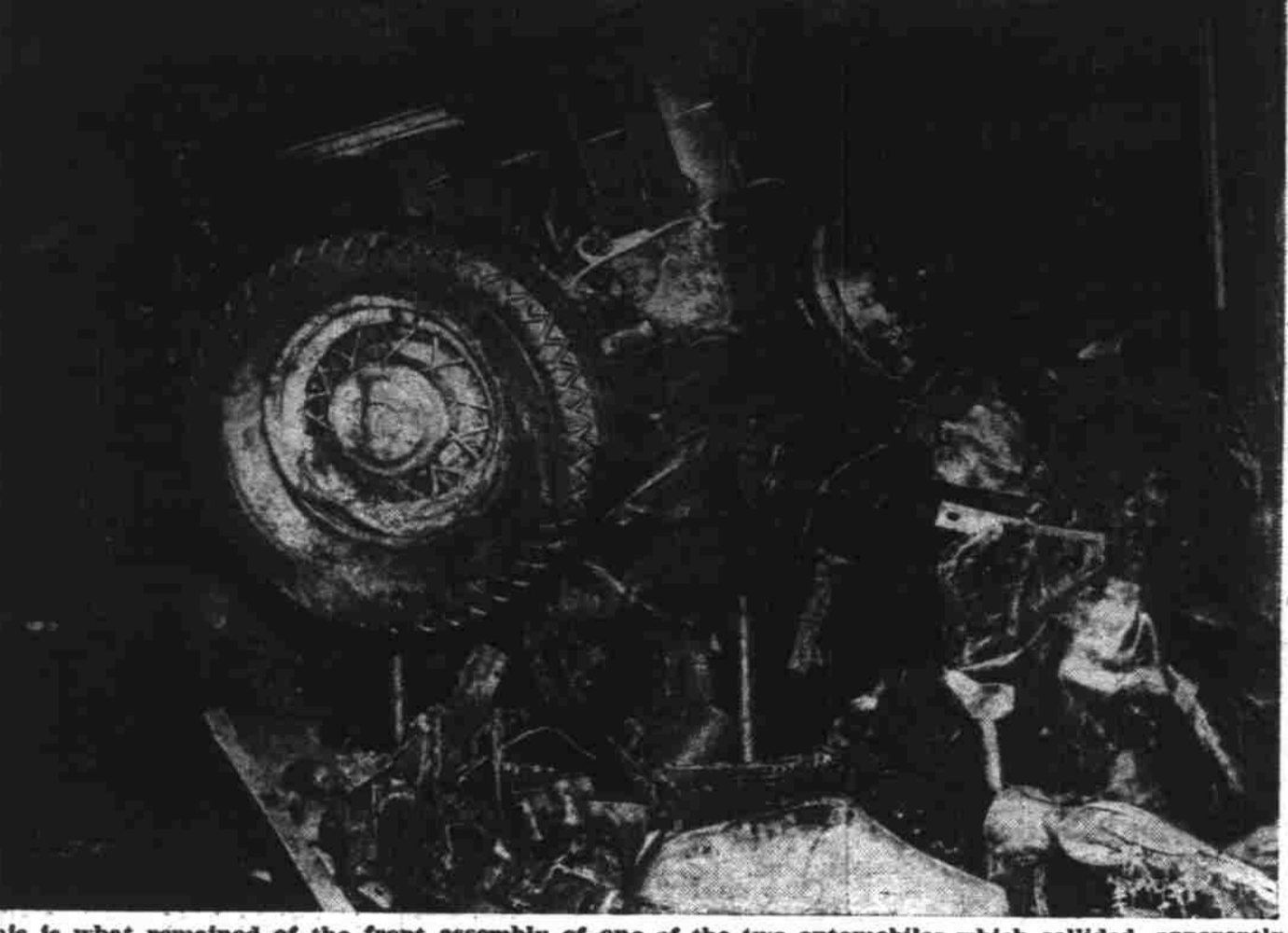
McNary Resting At Fircone Home

Home at Fircone again after three weeks in the hospital here, Senator Charles L. McNary is resting yesterday and rapidly regaining his strength, Mrs. McNary reported.

He has been advised by his physicians to receive no visitors between now and the time, probably after January 1, when he returns to the national capital.

Senator McNary was taken to Salem General hospital when an attack of influenza developed in pneumonia.

AUTO SMASHED IN FATAL HIGHWAY CRASH



This is what remained of the front assembly of one of the two automobiles which collided, apparently head-on, with fatal results 11 miles northeast of Salem late Friday. The motor, wrenched free of the car, was picked up by the "wrecker" and dumped back onto its mounting to be towed into Salem. —Statesman photo.

Waterfront Pact Is Finally Signed

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A new work contract covering all longshoremen in west coast ports and designed to bring about maritime labor peace for two years at least was signed today by CIO longshore leaders and the Waterfront Employers' association.

The contract provided for an unfixed wage increase next February, established Wayne L. Morse of the University of Oregon law school as arbiter of any dispute that might arise, and was made effective until September 30, 1942.

Morse, who was west coast longshore arbiter under the old contract, said he believed the new pact would "bring about greater stability in the shipping industry."

The signing of the contract (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Battered Vessel Limpers Into Port

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The 809-ton steam schooner West Coast limped into port here tonight, her seams sprung and eight feet of water in the hold from battling a gale last night.

W. L. Williams, Portland, one of the owners, said the crew of 27 men was safe and the vessel out of danger.

The 23-year-old wooden West Coast, formerly the John C. Kirkpatrick, sent a minor distress call off Umpqua bar. The coast guard cutter Pulaski of Coos Bay accompanied the crippled vessel to the Columbia river bar where the cutter Onondaga took over the convey.

Captain John Olson said the West Coast was en route from Bellingham, Wash., to Los Angeles with lumber.

Bombs Fall Near Dublin and Three Persons Are Hurt

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Two bombs from a single unidentified raiding plane fell within seven miles of neutral, brilliantly lighted Dublin tonight, injuring three persons and damaging several houses in the suburbs of Dun Laoghaire (formerly Kingstown).

Bombs also fell in Monaghan county, which is near the frontier of belligerent northern Ireland.

This is the first report of bombs landing near Dublin, although both explosive and incendiary missiles have landed in neutral Eire during the battle of Britain.

For each previous bombing, one of which proved fatal to three girls, the German government has apologized.

Although it has mobilized reserves and is guarding ports, Eire refuses to permit British use of its harbors as bases.

Von Ribbentrop Is Father
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The German radio reported today that a fifth child—a son—was born to German Foreign Minister and Frau Joachim von Ribbentrop in Berlin last night.

Late Sports

DENVER, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Oregon State college basketballers defeated Colorado college of the Rocky Mountain conference 42 to 36 in an overtime game that completed tonight's invitational tournament program.

Colorado State beat New Mexico 53 to 39 in the opener and Denver outpointed Marshall college of West Virginia 45 to 40 in the second game.

The tournament started last night and continues tomorrow night.

Oregon State and Colorado college were tied at 26-all at the end of the regulation playing period. Bill Lewis, stalky CC forward, knotted the score with a long shot 45 seconds before the final gun.

Clayton Shaw, forward, and big John Mandic, center, each scored field goals and Guard George McNutt sank two free throws for Oregon State in the extra session.

Oregon State held a 21-13 lead at halftime.

SPOKANE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Superior height and speed carried Washington State college to a 42 to 39 basketball victory over Gonzaga tonight in a game that was close from start to finish.

High School Basketball
Dunsmuir, Calif., 25, Grants Pass 20.
Astoria 49, Walla Walla 26.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20.—(AP)—"Turkey" Thompson, 182, 20-year-old Los Angeles negro, made an impressive debut as a full-grown heavyweight tonight when he belted out Junior Tunstall, 187, Oklahoma City, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder in Hollywood stadium.

Bucket Upended; 1.74 Inches Rain

Old Jupe Pluvius upended the bucket on Salem streets yesterday making swirling "baby" rivers out of gutters. The airport weather station rain gauge registered 1.74 inches of rain in the preceding 24 hours by midnight last night.

Prediction for today and tomorrow was occasional rain with little change in temperature. The weather station mercury stood at 44 degrees at 12 midnight with little change forecast.

Big Barrels Are to Receive Canned Food, Monday Show

Three big barrels were delivered to the Elsinore theatre yesterday, first consignment of containers in which canned foods will be placed for transportation following the Warner Brothers-Statesman "canned food" matinee to be held there Monday forenoon.

"From all the interest shown in this show, it looks as though we will have an even larger crowd, and thereby a much greater contribution of foodstuffs for the needy, than we did at the Capitol theatre a year ago," Warner Brothers Manager Carl Porter reported.

As last year, the foodstuffs given at the Elsinore Monday admission to the special matinee show, first consignment of containers in which canned foods will be placed for transportation following the Warner Brothers-Statesman "canned food" matinee to be held there Monday forenoon.

The Community Chest.

The Army and the Catholic Charities both will turn St. Joseph's hall into a supply depot for the filling of baskets, which will take place Monday and Tuesday.

While the motion picture feature and short subjects for Monday's "matinee" have been selected with their interest to children in mind, attendance is also open to grownups who bring the requisite can of fruit or vegetables or meat. The feature picture will star Laurel and Hardy, popular comedians, in "The Flying Dutchman."

Doors to the Elsinore will open at 10:30 a.m. Monday. The show will start at 11 and run for approximately two hours.

The Salvation Army was notified Friday of the availability of a supply of walnuts to be placed in the Christmas baskets. This is an item on which there is still a shortage and further contributions of nuts or other foodstuffs will be welcomed.

Ambulance Is Involved, One Of Accidents

Three Scotts Mills Folk and One From Turner Lose Their Lives

Time of Death of 2 Who Were in Both Crashes Cannot Be Learned

Four persons were dead and three others seriously injured last night as the result of a series of two accidents in which an ambulance carrying victims of the first accident struck another car on its way to the hospital.

All the dead were passengers in the two cars involved in the first head-on collision on the Haseel Green-Silverton highway 11 miles northeast of Salem.

The dead:
Arch Clayton Winn, 37, 770 North Front street, Salem.
Ted Crites, 34, Scotts Mills.
Mrs. Ted Crites, 33, Scotts Mills.
Mrs. Tillie Vallet, Scotts Mills.
The injured:
William Winn, Capitol district, fractured skull and other injuries, at Silverton General hospital.
Darline Crites, 3, fractured hip, at Silverton hospital.
Mrs. Champ C. Shepherd, 170 Evergreen avenue, Salem, severe second degree burns, at Salem General hospital.
Recurring minor injuries were: Champ C. Shepherd, 170 Evergreen avenue, shock and bruises, at Salem General hospital.
James Bennett, 31, ambulance attendant, 655 North High street, treated for minor injuries at Salem Deaconess hospital and released.

The first accident occurred in a heavy rain about 5 o'clock at what is locally known as Shannon's corner.

Ambulance on Way to Salem Crashes
Arch C. Winn, believed to be the driver of one of the cars, was killed outright. William Winn, Ted Crites and Darline Crites were taken to the Silverton General hospital by a Silverton ambulance. Crites died there about 8:30 o'clock, State Police Sergeant Farley Mogan said.

The two women, Mrs. C. Crites and Mrs. Vallet, an employee of Mrs. Crites, were picked up by a Salem Taxi ambulance driven by Reuben Skubovius.

The ambulance headed for Salem, but its trip ended tragically when it collided with the car driven by Champ C. Shepherd about a half-mile north of the North Salem underpass.

The Shepherd car, driven into a ditch, burst into flames. Mrs. Shepherd, severely burned, was pulled from the flaming car by firemen of the east Salem fire station.

State Policeman James Darby, who investigated the second collision, said one of the women in the ambulance was thrown out onto the pavement by the force of the impact.

Women Arrive Dead on Arrival at Hospital
Mrs. Shepherd and one of the two previously injured women were taken to the Salem General hospital by the Salem first aid car. The woman injured in the first accident was found to be dead on arrival.

The second woman was taken to the Salem Deaconess hospital by the Deaconess ambulance and was also found to be dead on arrival.

First Aid Captain Percy L. Clark said it was not known whether the two women died before (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Woman Charged, Murder of Lover

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Julia Carlson, plump, middle-aged widow, was charged with first degree murder today for the axe and razor slaying of her admitted lover, Paul Notzold, 52.

Police Detective John Abbott, who signed the complaint, said Mrs. Carlson, 50, admitted the slaying and declared she intended to take her own life but "lost my nerve and got drunk instead."

Police found the body of Notzold, the head battered and throat repeatedly slashed, in a bed in Mrs. Carlson's home yesterday. Mrs. Carlson was in a stupor on the floor of the kitchen, they added.

Abbott said she told him Notzold was slain Wednesday, that she spent Wednesday night at a hotel but returned to her home the next day, intending to take her own life.

Mrs. Carlson waived preliminary hearing and was ordered held for the grand jury.

Police said Notzold, a cook, had a wife living on a farm at Battleground, Wash.

Multiple Trading Permit Demanded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The securities commission demanded tonight that the New York stock exchange remove its ban against so-called multiple trading by Dec. 28.

Unless this order is complied with, the SEC indicated in a brief statement, it will call a public hearing and test its authority under section 19 (B) of the securities and exchange act of 1934 to compel compliance. Such a step would be the first of its kind under the law.

The fight between the commission and the exchange over multiple trading began shortly after the governors of the big market ordered its members who also are members of local exchanges to cease trading for their own accounts on the local exchanges in securities which are listed also on the New York board.

Third Death Due To Flu Reported

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A third death here from influenza and 155 new cases were reported today by Portland health authorities.

Health officers recorded the death of Mrs. Julia Olson, 73, from influenza last Monday and added the death of Raymond Burns, 46, last Wednesday from pneumonia.

Meantime, several churches and other organizations cancelled plans for Christmas parties because of the epidemic.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Three Vancouver hospitals and four more schools were ordered closed today by Clark county health officers because of the influenza epidemic.

Strike Report Denied, Guantanamo Naval Base
HAVANA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Contractors in charge of work on new projects at the United States naval base at Guantanamo said today the 1900 Cuban workers engaged there went to work as usual today and that there was no sign of a strike as reported in conflicting advice reaching here last night.

MORE DAYS TO SHOP
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There's no greater wish than—Good Health! Christmas Seals send the good wishes for you.