NINETIETH YEAR

Watch your Oregon Statesman, See how it covers the

it interestingly each day, with due attention to local

—Paul Hauser's Column

It's the day before the night

before Christmas and all through

the house not a creature was

without a word save for daily

reminders in the press from the

time there were only 57 shopping

Christmas had, in fact, been

very unsporting about the whole

So here's that day they've

been leading up to, the day when

there's just ONE shopping day

to Christmas, and those unseen

forces just leer at us. They knew

they'd get us all the time. It's

useless to fight against them,

They make it all the worse by

letting you know what's happen-

ing and what's going to happen. It's like the expert fencer who

and then with a glissando and a touche does jast what he said

he'd do. That's the way it is

Christmas lets us know a long

time in advance that it's coming

and then sneaks up on us when

we're looking at the pretty girls

Christmas you just can't turn

It wouldn't be so bad if IT

didn't gloat so much about its

unusual cunning and ability.

Every day it tells you how much

closer that day of doom, the last

shopping day before Christmas,

is getting and yet knows that the

warning will only serve in the

end to emphasize the victory when

we look up surprised at the cal-

endar and say, "Gee whiz, to-

Old Christmas gets us in such

a fix that we're just like a ca-

nary bird hypnotized by a rattle-

snake. We know darn well what

Christmas is going to do, but like

the canary we can't do anything

about it until it's almost too late.

forth to do our Christmas shop-

Reach Agreement

TOKYO, Dec. 23-(Tuesday)-

(P)-The government formally an-

nounced today that Japan and Thailand had agreed to respect each other's territorial integrity

and to consult on all questions of

The treaty does not, however,

common interest under a five-year treaty signed December 6.

Thailand, Japan

Well, Christmas has finally

morrow's the day."

with Christmas and us.

get a Christmas tree lit up.

stirring becauses

the finance com-

pany had just

come and taken

away the silver-

we were without

without a sound

except for some

rather noisy

days until Christmas.

ware. So there

The Oregon Statesman

# More Storms Heading Toward Pacific Coast

Italian Morale Target of Wordy War Manchester Is Barometer 10-Year

# **President Will** Offer 'Report' On Sunday Eve

First Radio Talk Since Reelection to Touch on World Affairs

Defense Program, Other Policies may Be Told in Coming Speech

President Roosevelt will broadcast to the American people next Sunday night a report on his administration of national affairs and conduct of foreign relations. The chief executive will speak from 6:30 to 7 p. m. (PST) over all major networks. Stephen T. Early, White House press secretary, announcing arrangements for the address said today that Mr. Roosevelt would report to the country regarding "the pres-

It was expected that much of the president's address, his first since the November election, would be devoted to the national defense program and to the administration's aid-for-Britain pol-

ent emergency."

In some administration quarters, the speech was regarded as a sort of "preview" for the president's forthcoming "state-of-thenation" message to the new con-

Those who viewed it in that light speculated that Mr. Roosethe country the background of some of the issues to be advanced in his message to congress. May Discuss Further

Aid to Britain Among other things, this message is expected to discuss the matter of further aid to Britain and perhaps present formally the "lease-lend" plan of assistance which Mr. Roosevelt outlined at a press conference last week. This proposal would have the United States lease or lend war materials to Great Britain, to be returned or replaced when the

present conflict is over. There has been speculation too, that the president might ask the new congress to alter the neutrality law and permit American ships to carry arms to Britain. The possibility of taking over some of the foreign ships in American ports and eventually making them available to the British is understood to be another question which the administration is studying.

Whether or not the adminis-(Turn to page 2, column 6)

### Christmas **Broadcasts**

New York, Dec. 23 .- (AP)-Programs devoted to Christmas will be given an important place in network broadcating tomorrow

(Tuesday). Included are a message from President Roosevelt and Ann Morrow Lindbergh's second NBC broadcast in eight years.

Among programs on the schedule are these, time being p.m. Pacific standard:

NBC, CBS and MBS-2 p.m. from Washington, lighting of community tree, President and Mrs. Roosevelt and others.

NBC-3 program from Bethlehem, Pa.; 3:15 greetings by Admiral Harold R. Stark; 3:45 Ann Morrow Lindbergh on "Relief in Europe"; 8 NBC symphony "Nut-

cracker suite." CBS-2:30 message from Milo Warner, American Legion commander; 8 Christmas in new world, from Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Montreal; 8:30 monks of St. Meinrad's abbey, Indian, singing "The Office of Matins";

9 annual carol sing. NBC war broadcasters overseas. MBS-Chain-1:15 carol candlelight service, St. James protestant Episcopal church, NY; 8:20 1940 birthday service from Washing-

ton Square Methodist church, NY; 9 midnight mass from St. Pat rick's cathedral, NY. NBC-8:55 Gladys Swarthout





Canned food, barrels and barrels of it-four barrels, in fact-was turned in for admission "tickets" to the Warner Brothers-Statesman canned food matinee at the Elsinore theatre Monday morning. The canned food, and some other articles equally useful, were all turned over to The Salvation Army and put in Christmas baskets for needy families. The upper picture shows some of the juvenile patrons in front of the heaped-up barrels; below, Major John Allen of the Army, left, thanks Manager Carl Porter of the Warner theatres for his cooperation.-Statesman photos.

# Christmas Baskets Go Out: Matinee Helpful solve the expert sencer who tells his victim just where he's going to puncture his epidermis

About 800 Cans of Food Fill Four Barrels; Many Families in Salem Vicinity Being Aided and Prospect of Meeting All Needs Is Seen

Four barrels of canned food, collected as "tickets of admission" at the Warner Brothers-Statesman canned food matinee at the Elsinore theatre Monday morning, were turned over to the Salvation Army for inclusion in the Christmas Cheer baskets which were made up later in the day and, for the most part, distributed although some were yet to go

"This contribution of the young Banker Executed people was a great godsend to as," said Major John Allen of the Salvation Army. "This food was needed very badly for our bas-

Approximately 800 children atshow. Through the efforts of Man- of hoarding rice. ager Carl Porter and Wes Mc-

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# As Rice Hoarder

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23-(AP)-The Central Chinese government anended the matinee and a num- nounced that Yang Chuan-Yu, forber of adults came to the theatre mer mayor of Chengtu and a leadto leave contributions of food but ing banker here, was executed at were unable to stay to see the dawn today upon his conviction

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek Wain, Mickey Mouse club chief, said a further hoarding checkup would take place soon.

# NBC—3:05 radio unites navy families; 7 narrative "The Christmas Special Christmas Services mas Story"; 7:30 greetings from Set for Tonight, Wednesday

Special Christmas observances o'clock Christmas morning with as arranged by Salem churches music by the adult choir. The not celebrating the nativity last 7:30 service will be a low mass Sunday include a Christmas Eve with Christmas carols by the Saservice at 11:30 o'clock tonight at cred Heart academy choir. A 9 the St. Paul's Episcopal church o'clock low mass will follow with and both high and low masses at appropriate music sung by the St. Joseph's Catholic and St. Vin- boys' glee club. At the 10:30 a.m. cent de Paul Catholic churches.

Tonight at 11:30 p.m. the serv-ice of the Holy Eucharist will be Speakers for tion of Ronald Craven. The choir will sing Parker's "Holy Communion," "Magnificat" by Marks Services on Christmas day at St.

high mass the adult choir will sing

Speakers for the day will be sung by the choir of St. Paul's Rev. Gabriel Morris, OSB, of Mt. copal church under the direc- Angel and Rev. Hilary Grants of

and "Gloria in Excessis" by Mo- Vincent de Paul church include zart. Holy communion will also three masses. For the 6:30 a.m. be held at 8 o'clock Christmas high mass the male chorus will morning. Miss Ruth Bedford will furnish special music. Children's

# Churchill 'Cad' Is Quick Reply Of Rome Radio

Past Record Is Assailed in Reply to Proposal, Mussolini Ouster

Prime Minister Warns of Fiercer Blows Ahead for Italian Folk

NEW YORK, Dec. 23-(AP)-The Rome radio, in a broadcast heard tonight by NBC, called British Prime Minister Winston Churchill a "cad," in referring indirectly to his radio appeal today to the Italian people.

"Whatever Daventry (British radio station) may say about Mr. Churchill personifying Britain's old tradition of aristocracy-Daventry has just sent out this priceless message of insults into the winter air-everybody who knows Mr. Churchill knows him to be a cad," the Rome announcer said.

"This was the almost unanimous opinion of his school contemporaries at Harrow, his fellow cadets at Sandhurst, his fellow officers and his fellow journalists during the South African

"The same reputation followed him into the house of commons and worked against his becoming least possessed a dynamic personality—and there was no one else who possessed this quality. "He is costing the nation pret-

ty dear, however. The sound instinct of the people will not stand for him for long, most probably."

LONDON, Dec. 23-(AP)-Prime Minister Winston Churchill appealed directly to the Italian people tonight to cast off Benito Mussolini, whom he termed bitthing and had come booming up terly "the criminal" who "after on us before we even had a 18 years of unbridled power has led your country to the horrid chance to get lit up, or rather, verge of ruin."

Alternating between cajolery and blunt words in his broadcast address, Churchill said:

We are only at the beginning of this somber tale . . . Presently we shall be forced to come to much closer grips. Surely the time has come when the Italian monarchy and the people who guard the sacred center of Christendom (Turn to page 2, column 1)

# Winn Dies; Fifth Victim of Crash

Darline Crites Now Only Survivor; no Inquest, Officials Decide on the new calendars. With that

SILVERTON, Dec. 23 .- William Winn, of Salem, died at the Silverton hospital Sunday to make the fifth fatality in an automobile accident which occurred on the Silverton-Hazel Green highway, five miles out of Silverton Friday night. Mr. Winn did not consciousness following regain the accident.

Only three-year-old Darline Crites of Scotts Mills, whose parents were killed that night, still survives of the six people in the crash. She is reported as improving. She is still suffering from shock and a fractured thigh bone.

No inquest will be held over the fatal automobile collision on the Silverton-Hazel Green road last Friday night "unless some-(Turn to page 2, column 4)

#### had its fun with us, shoved us around from pillar to postoffice White Christmas and wound us round in our own procrastination, and then at the last minute let us loose. **Prospect Slight** So today, armed with a long list and wishing we were armed

(By The Associated Press) with a suit of mail, we'll venture Santa Claus will travel light and dry over most of the nation except the Pacific coast Christmas day.

Weather bureau forecasters advised the jolly old fellow yesterday that it would be so mild Wednesday over the whole country that he wouldn't need his

They also said he would encounter very little, if any, precipitation anywhere east of the Rocky mountains. There may be some rain or snow in the Lake

Santa will have a dripping time of it, though, in the far west where considerable shower acprovide for mutual assistance in tivity is likely.

case either party is attacked by

# Nazis' Target In Night Raid

Direct Hit on Shelter Is Reported; Nile Army Besieges Bardia

Graziani Alibi Held Poor Excuse: Greeks Seize Supply Line, Word

(By The Associated Press) BERLIN, Dec. 23 .- "Gigantic conflagrations" were left in Manchester, Britain's great steel center, last night by German air raiders who also were said to have blasted at military targets in London, Bristol, Liverpool, Southampton, Portsmouth and other Brit-

A NORTHWESTERN ENGLISH CITY, Dec. 24-(AP)-A direct bomb hit on a public shelter caused undetermined casualties as German warplanes subjected this city to another heavy assault last night and early today.

There were a number of other deaths and several persons were trapped in cellars when their houses were demolished. Wave after wave of raiders

dropped heavy explosives, and an observer in a neighboring city reported, "There have been terrific explosions." (Both Liverpool and Manches-

ter, neighbors in the northwest. have been subjected to "Coventry" attacks in the past few nights.) The attacks came shortly after

prime minister. Nobody wanted to repeated waves of raiding planes be ruled by a cad until the feeble roared over London, headed northleadership of the present war west. They dropped a few incencalled for the substitution of diary bombs in one London area, but mostly continued on to this

ed shot down at Old Trafford, fam-(Turn to page 2, column 5)

### 350 From Oregon To Enter Service

Induction Begins Jan. 20; Fort Stevens to get Some of Troops

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 .- (AP) -Communities within the ninth corps area will furnish 7722 men for the second draft call in January, it was announced at the headquarters of Major General Ernest D. Peek, the area's commanding officer.

from California, 481 from Washington, 356 from Utah, Oregon will furnish 350, Idaho 150, Nevada 105 and Montana 49. In California, Nevada, Utah and

Oregon induction will begin January 20, in Idaho and Montana on January 22, and in Washington January 24. Destinations of men to begin

their year's training will be: Fort Ord, Calif., 5825; San Francisco Presidio, 300; harbor defenses of Columbia, Fort Stevens, Ore., 350; harbor defenses of Puget Sound, Fort Worden, Wash., 469; Camp McQuaide, Calif., 778.

# Selective Service Protest Rejected

PORTLAND, Dec. 23-(AP)-A man could not be damaged "merely by registering," Federal Judge James A. Fee said today in dismissing a suit challenging the draft act. Harry W. Stone, Monmouth, brought the suit, charging the selective service act violated the constitution, and would, if he were forced to register, damage him to he extent of \$23,600. The judge ruled the court had

Carl Donaugh, US attorney, said afterwards that Stone would be allowed "a reasonable time"

# Low Set; Two More Deaths Are Feared Men in Small Skiff Are Missing Upon Puget Sound; Steam Schooner Is Towed to Astoria, Disabled

Davenport Waterlogged, Loses Nearly Half of Load; Santa Barbara Is Center of California Flood

PORTLAND, Orc., Dec. 23-(P)-Oregon prepared tonight for a new storm from the Pacific ocean as the barometer dropped to a 10year low in Portland. The barometer stood at 29.17 here, the lowest since 29.06 read ing on November 15, 1930.

SEATTLE, Dec. 23—(AP)—Three more severe storms were brewing in the north Pacific tonight, and pressing landward, as western Oregon and Washington dug out of the debris and started taking stock of the damage in Sunday's

The US weather bureau discounted tonight the chances of any of the storms reaching as far inland as Seattle. Storm warnings were up along the Washington and Oregon coasts,

A vessel at sea, approximately

125 miles southwest of Astoria,

Ore., reported a 42-mile south

wind, but there was no indication

ports early tonight told of a top

wind velocity of 20 miles at spots

It was colder in eastern Wash-

ington: Fairbanks, Alaska, had

a minimum of 12 below zero, and

rain was general throughout the

territory and the western slopes

of Washington, Oregon and Brit-

cast, with snow in the mountains.

force-in gusts some places in the

Heavy property damage was re-

The missing men were Henry

Port Madison vicinity in Russell's

32-foot fishing boat, the O. Henry.

ice Johnson, returned to Seattle

by bus yesterday to report to

Mrs. Russell that the two men

had rowed out in a skiff at 11

p. m. Saturday, at the gale's

height, to check on how the O.

Mrs. Russell called the coast

Henry was standing the blow. Johnson never saw them again.

guard for aid, and the O. Henry

bay from Port Madison, with the

was found today, across a small

anchor down. The skiff had not

been found. Mrs. Russell said

friends inspected the O. Henry

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Third Bonneville

Russell's brother-in-law, Mau-

Fears mounted tonight that

ish Columbia,

work yet.

### Salem Cleans up After Heavy Gale it would reach far inland. Reports early tonight told of a ton

along the coast. Various Wire Trouble Is Principal Harm Here; Many Lines Down

Weather bureau prediction of a fresh storm brewing last night found Salem recovered from the One German plane was report- 65-mile an hour blasting it re- Sunday's wind attained velocities ceived at the hands of Saturday of \$5 miles an hour-hurricane night's gale.

> The Saturday night blow did Pacific northwest. not totally disrupt the capital's communications with the outside, ported in both states, with dolas some press reports indicated, lars and cent values only guessbut it did cause 300 "local trouble" cases for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, blew two Seattle men may have perishdown Western Union poles near ed in their skiff on the white-cap-Woodburn, cutting off that com- ped waters of Puget Sound at the pany's service northward from height of Saturday night's de-9:30 p. m. until late Sunday structive wind storm. morning, and brought intermittent breaks in service north and P. Russell, streetcar operator, south for the Postal Telegraph and Emil Peterson. They had company. The latter telegraph crossed the sound Saturday to the company experienced line breaks near Woodburn and near Turner.

A large number of telephone (Turn to page 2, column 6)

### High Court Swats Of the total, 6231 will come Trade Barrier Tax

Interstate Commerce Held Impeded; Wisconsin's Law Upheld Again

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- (AP) A North Carolina tax against outof-state retailers displaying goods or samples there to obtain orders was held unconstitutional by the supreme court today on the ground that it discriminated against interstate commerce.

"The freedom of commerce which allows the merchants of each state a regional or national market for their goods is not to be fettered by legislation, the ac-tual effect of which is to discriminate in favor of intrastate business," said the unanimous decision written by Justice Reed. (Turn to page 2, column 2)

George Baker 'Very Ill' At Portland Hospital

PORTLAND, Dec. 23-(AP)-Hospital attendants said Former Mayor George L. Baker of Portland was a "very sick man" today.

An ambulance rushed him here yesterday from his Seaside home. Attendants said he suffered from to a heavy cold and entered the hos-

### pital as a precautionary measure. Half Million Letters Mailed Here; Christmas Rush Is on

Half a million outgoing letters | livered today, Crawford again reere handled by the Salem postoffice staff during the week ended at 4 p.m. yesterday, Postmaster H. R. Crawford announced last

Christmas mail, Crawford said, had increased to a level 400 per cent above ordinary mailing here. The postoffice set a new all-time record Saturday when it put 110,200 letters through the canceling machine. Previous high sonnel. All regular carriers workmark was 109,600, set on Decem-

ber 20, 1939.

iterated that persons expecting cific highway as a major military packages should be at home to receive them. Eight hundred sacks of pack-

ages that came in on the storage car Sunday night were all delivered Monday, Crawford said.

Promptness of service is made

possible by the thorough coopera-tion of the Salem postoffice pered at least four hours Sunday and some of them reported for work tivity is likely.

Last week's handling of letters, Monday at 5 a.m. Each regular Forecaster A. J. Knarr of Chi- 539,840, was 22,000 greater than carrier is supplied with a helper

Pacific Highway's **Boosters to Meet** 

"Mobilization" of groups inter-ested in recognition of the Paroute is scheduled for Friday in Portland, but it appears that the southern Oregon "troops" will come by train, fearing to negotiate the corkscrew turns of the Grants Pass-Roseburg sector in

### Generator in Use PORTLAND, Dec. 23.-(AP)-A third giant generator of Bonneville dam's projected ten went into operation today. Engineers switched on 54,000-kilowatt machine and

promised another would be ready vithin a few weeks. They said the new generator

relieved an acute power shortage that had necessitated operation of the first two machines at more than the rated capacity. Much of the load went to the Aluminum Company of America which will ultimately require 162,500 kilo-

watts. The new generator brought Bonneville's capacity to 150,406 kilowatts. Ultimate capacity will be 518,400 kilowatts.

Engineers said that contracts have been drawn up for 218,862

Southern Oregon boosters the route have chartered a special Pullman car to bring them north.
Senator Douglas McKsy announced the Portland meeting at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon on Monday, urging all who could to attend and announce

ices.

At St. Joseph's Catholic church
Christmas carols will be sung
Christmas day at 5:45 a.m. Solemn high mass will be held at 6