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Weather  
Showers today and Saturday; snow in mountains. Max. temp. Thursday, 47. Min. 42. South wind. Rain 7 inch. River 4.5 feet. Cloudy.

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## Rescue 10 Storm-Tossed Coast Guardsmen

### In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

One of our smarter cats now extant in the anonymous feline hereinafter referred to as Smoky, that inhabits the firehouse. The firehouse cat was raised from a somnolent, scrappy kitten to a proud and self-centered cat by the boys of the central fire station, who have not as yet got around to calling the cat anything except "kitty."

Smoky (we all Paul H. Hauser, Jr. ways go around naming unknown cats) is a cat that likes to be warm. Early in her kittenhood she discovered that one of the places where warmth can often be found in this cold world is on the hood of an automobile which has not stood still overlong.

So one of Smoky's favorite resting places now is on a nice warm hood. When it is not raining she goes in search of warm resting places. Smoky starts out from the firehouse and approaches the nearest line of parked cars. She leaps lightly to the front fender and, with the coy air of a timid bather, testing the water with a toe, she reaches out a paw to the metal of the hood. If its warm she climbs aboard; if it's cold it's no dice with Smoky. She jumps down and tries the next car and so on until she finds one that hasn't yet had a chance to cool.

When she first started finding a feline use for waste radiator heat, the fire boys say, Smoky didn't mind if the owner returned and started the motor while she was aboard. She would just squat down a little lower and ride there, like a furry radiator cap, as far as one wished to take her.

Smoky doesn't ride any more, though. One day when she was warming her tummy on the hood of a grocery delivery truck the driver came out and started the engine. Unconsciously Smoky stood her hind legs. The driver started the car. Smoky lifted her nose to the breeze and was obviously enjoying the ride. Just then, at a speed of about 20 miles an hour, the driver jammed his brakes. Smoky went shooting into space like the human skyrocket in the circus.

Since then when an engine starts under her Smoky's off and gone.

When the last gift is exchanged and the last toy broken the radio comedians will still be talking about the gifts they didn't receive.

### Lighthouse Falls; On Job 82 Years

Was Mile Inland When It Was Built in 1858; Ocean Gets It

ABERDEEN, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The old Willapa Harbor lighthouse at North Cove at last made news today—after 82 years—when the entire south wall collapsed as result of undermining by high tide and heavy surf.

The lighthouse stood more than a mile from the channel when erected in 1858, but shifting currents steadily wore away the shore. During all those years the lighthouse figured only slightly in the news; there were no daring sea rescues and few wrecks of consequence.

Finally a hurricane swept in from the Pacific last weekend, almost shook the tower to pieces and the beacon was moved. Coast guard headquarters at Seaside reported.

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### Marines Fight Italians; Deny Anyone Killed

Cabaret Brawl Occurs in Shanghai; Italians Express Regret

Orient News Also Tells of New Urgent Order, Americans Leave

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—(Friday)—US marine officers denied today unconfirmed reports carried in all the Shanghai newspapers that an Italian marine was killed in a Christmas Eve cabaret brawl between Italians and US marines and sailors.

The US officer also denied that Italian authorities had officially apologized, but said they had "expressed regrets" for the incident in which nine US marines and three sailors were listed as slightly injured.

The Italians refused even to say how many Italian marines were injured, but the newspapers reported 20 were battered. The fight, which was said to have originated in a dispute over a table, was stopped by military police of both countries.

One press report said Italian marine authorities had accepted responsibility and agreed to pay the cabinet owner \$2000 dollars "Merch" for property damage plus 5000 for the unpaid checks of the participants. (A total of about \$350 in US money).

One of the persistent rumors (Turn to page 2, column 5)

### Ascap-Radio War May Reach Court

Jackson Asks Anti-Trust Proceedings Against 'All Three Parties'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Attorney General Jackson stepped into the fight over control of music broadcasting today in an order to begin criminal proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust law against the major contestants.

The justice department announced that Jackson had ordered the American Broadcasting company to file charges in federal district court in Milwaukee, Wis., immediately after the first of the year against the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; Broadcast Music, Inc.; the National Broadcasting company and the Columbia Broadcasting system.

### Suicide Is Tried By Muhlenbroich

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Wilhelm Jakob Muhlenbroich, kidnaper of Baby Marc de Tristan, tried suicide today in San Quentin prison, but the attempt failed just like the abduction he staged last fall.

Warden Clinton Duffy said the 40-year-old German alien slashed his arm with a razor blade, but failed to sever any important artery or vein in the quarter-inch-deep cut.

"I'm sorry I didn't finish it," was the only comment from Muhlenbroich, who was reported in "no danger" in the prison hospital.

### Dairy Co-op Buys Property For Building, Development

Purchase by the Dairy Cooperative association of the four and one-half acre Minneman tract on the west side of the Fairgrounds road and opposite the Bradford Lumber company was announced yesterday by Fred Klaus, manager of the Salem branch.

The tract has a frontage of 317 feet on the Fairgrounds road with a depth of 680 feet on the north side and extends considerably over 400 feet on the south side. As soon as possible the property will be developed for both residential and business purposes. To this end Academy street will be extended through the property from its present terminus at Myrtle street.

### Bombing Resumes After Yuletide Truce

Guard Doubled At Dover; Fear Invasion Start

Shifting of Nazi Troops to Rumania Is Puzzle to War Observers

Possibly Feint; or May Mean Hitler Is Going to Aid of Il Duce

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The royal air force ended the unofficial Christmas bombing truce during the night, reliable sources said today, with an attack on German-occupied territory across the English channel from England.

Reports from residents of coastal area said they heard explosions between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. (6 p.m., PST, and 10 p.m., Thursday, PST) and led to a belief that attack may have included two so-called "invasion ports."

On the defensive side in the air war, there was a nightlong lull. A government communique issued after daylight said: "There was no enemy activity over this country last night."

The last pre-Christmas alert sounded in England at 1:30 a.m. Monday (4:30 p.m., PST, Sunday).

(By The Associated Press)  
On the misty cliffs of Dover, British troops kept a suddenly doubled guard against any stealthy approach of Adolf Hitler's invasion armada. Last night (Thursday) night as German bombs ended the 3-day Christmas truce.

Meanwhile, the war's biggest riddle remained unsolved: "Why has Hitler decided to shift 200,000 more German troops into Rumania today instead of into Britain?"

While the vanguard of this huge mass movement sped by train through Hungary into King Mihail's little Balkan kingdom, speculation arose that it might be a feint to dull British vigilance on the home front—setting the stage (Turn to page 2, column 1)

### 70 Aliens Report Here on Last Day

Total Is 1317 or Around 2.5 per Cent of Total in Salem Vicinity

A last minute rush of 70 persons for alien registration yesterday brought the number registered at the Salem postoffice to 1317 last night. Of this number 192 were inmates of either the Oregon state penitentiary, state hospital, or Fairview home. Authorities would not divulge the numbers for each institution last night.

Registration offices were kept open until midnight. With an estimate of more than 50,000 persons served by the Salem postoffice, registration figures would indicate approximately 2 1/2 per cent of the Salem area population. In other words, Salem comes close to being an all-American city.

### Southern Pacific Sets New Record

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Southern Pacific company hauled more freight this year than in any year in its history. The company will be ready to increase the load next year if arming of the nation requires it, and has planned to spend some \$15,500,000 to that end.

McDonald looked back over a decade or so of railroad experience, in which the country's executives throughout the nationwide network of rails have been aroused to desperate efforts to rebuild their traffic.

Competition of motor trucks, buses, and airplanes have made big inroads into fields that once belonged to the railroads. That has forced rates down. McDonald said his railroad received about 23 per cent less revenue per ton-mile for freight hauled this year than in 1929.

### Speeding Ship Building, Plan Roosevelt May Tell All About It in Sunday Fireside Chat

By MAX BOYD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will propose shortly, an authoritative source said tonight, that the United States construct a great number of merchant ships at high speed to offset the heavy inroads made by fast liners and submarines on Britain's "life-line."

The program, reminiscent of the one under which ships were built in record time during the World war, may be outlined by the chief executive in his "fireside chat" to the nation Sunday night.

Its announcement may await the convening of the new congress next week, however.

Details were not disclosed, but a reliable informant said the program would be "extensive" and that it would fit into the plan which Mr. Roosevelt has discussed for leasing or leasing equipment and supplies to the beleaguered country.

To avoid a "bottleneck" in marine engine production, this source continued, reciprocating engines would be used in the ships instead of turbo-electric equipment. The reason given for this was that some unused facilities for the production of reciprocating engines were available, whereas plants to (Turn to page 2, column 2)

### Italian Airmen Attack British Around Bardia

Siege, Slowed Down Over Christmas, May Reach Climax Soon; Greek Invasion Has Cost Italians 45,000 Wounded, Claimed

By EDWARD KENNEDY

WITH BRITISH FORCES OUTSIDE BARDIA, LIBYA, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Italian airforce concentrated its activity in the Bardia region today in an attempt to impede the British land forces surrounding this Libyan outpost.

Italian bombing in other parts of the desert was at a minimum.

The British Royal air force continued the tactics it has employed since start of the British offensive—heavy bombing of Libyan air fields to keep the enemy on the ground.

Although there was no holiday truce in this north African fighting, the bombing on both sides appeared to be somewhat diminished Christmas day and night, and land fighting around Bardia was limited mainly to an artillery duel, now in progress five days. The British batteries were being strengthened steadily by arrival of new guns.

The generally greater Italian air activity in the past week, particularly the new tactic of concentrating the air bombardment, has led to a belief among the British that a new Italian air commander may have taken charge.

The general situation around Bardia has not changed much in the past few days, but all indications point to a real British drive to be opened soon on the estimated 20,000 Italians who are besieged there.

Such an operation might well be the most withering yet undertaken in the desert.

### Isabelle Brixner Head of Teachers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, Klamath Falls, became president of the Oregon State Teachers association in pre-convention elections here today.

Mrs. Brixner automatically stepped up from the vice-presidency, but several other posts were voted on.

Anslu Landreth, Pendleton superintendent, won the vice-presidency position over J. M. Burgess, Milton, and R. H. McAtee, Prineville. Elected trustees for two-year periods were: Frank Bennett, Salem superintendent, for district 1; C. R. Howman, Jackson county superintendent, for district 4; J. E. Breckenridge, Hood River superintendent, for district 5. General sessions of the convention will open Friday.

### Second Power Line Planned

Additional PGE Link to Bonneville Substation Will Cost \$10,000

Construction of a \$10,000 electric power transmission line from the Bonneville substation near West Salem to the Portland General Electric company's substation at Mill and Liberty streets in Salem was announced yesterday by W. M. Hamilton, PGE division manager.

The new line, now being built, will cross the Willamette river to the F. E. Needham hop ranch south of Salem, traverse parts of the F. Frank Hughes, Schneider Brothers, Hartley and Craig, and D. C. Minto ranches, enter Salem at the foot of Oak street, and follow Oak and Liberty streets to the local station.

Approximately 19 tons of stranded copper cable five-eighths inch in diameter will be required for the line, Hamilton said. It will carry 57,000 volts, in a three- (Turn to page 2, column 7)

### German, Italian Ships May Dash

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Sources in the navy department here said tonight that one German and one Italian ship now at refuge in Tampico harbor were under close watch of port authorities in the belief that they would soon attempt a dash into the Atlantic.

These sources reported that swift new developments of anti-aircraft defense in the United States had given rise to fears in Rome and Berlin that Washington might ask the Mexican government to seize or intern the ships.

The German ship is the 9640-ton Orinoco, only survivor of four merchant vessels which sought refuge on two occasions during the past three months to escape to Europe.

### Message Urging Unlimited Aid to Britain Reaches FR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A round robin bearing the names of 169 prominent persons and urging President Roosevelt to do "everything that may be necessary to insure defeat of the axis powers" was made public by the White House today.

It said that "the materials of war and the military and naval air strength we now have and the implements we can now produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the axis powers, so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting, but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in the future be increased enough to hold the whole world as they."

Immediately, a sharp division of opinion made itself manifest on Capitol Hill. For example, Senator King (D-Utah) said "All possible aid" for England, Greece and China was imperative, while Senator Holt (D-Wa) said the appeal to the White House was made

by a "collection of warmongers," many of whom, he asserted, "have financial interest in the continuation of the war."

The appeal was delivered to the White House in the form of a telegram. Attached were the names of educators, editors, authors, businessmen, religious and labor leaders, and others.

While some of them have been identified in the past with the William Allen White committee to defend American by aiding the allies, or its adjuncts, Ulrich Bell, newspaperman and one of the signers, said that no organization was behind the appeal. The White House said that so far as it knew the telegram was spontaneous.

The signers included James B. Conant, president of Harvard university; Frank Altschul, New York banker; Charles Seymour, president of Yale university; Gerard Swep, New York industrialist; Mrs. Frank Morrow, mother-in-law of (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

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The cutter arrived Wednesday morning and the rescuers in a driving storm. They had gone out to the rescue of a lumber schooner. They were in a 30-foot motor lifeboat, to which a 26-foot motorized surfboat was tied.

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The fire broke out about 9:45 p.m. and was under control an hour later. With three lines of hose operating, firemen avoided any danger to nearby property.

### Buildings Wrecked as Nazi Airmen Raid Manchester

Air raid wardens inspect the ruins of houses demolished during a German air raid on Manchester, a city in the industrial heart of England. Picture radioed from London to New York.—AP Teletext.



### Girl Is Injured When Hit by Car

Phillips Faces Technical Charge; Silverton Boy Hurts Head in Fall

LYDIA PIEL, 31, 602 North Winter street, received a severe head injury and a possibly fractured shoulder when struck by a car driven by William L. Phillips, 195 West Letelle street, at Winter and Marion streets at 5:10 o'clock last night. First Aid Captain Charles Charlton reported.

Miss Piel, a pedestrian, was taken to the Salem General hospital where she was reported resting in good condition.

Phillips was charged by police with failure to give right of way to a pedestrian.

First aid men were also called yesterday to treat six year old Stanley Rutherford of Silverton after he fell from an automobile on the Silverton road. The child had a two inch cut on the right temple and was taken to the Salem General hospital.

A Mr. Buchanan of Portland was treated at the first aid station for cut right hand and jaw received on a car mirror.

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"Glad you telephoned us that she was being buried today," they told the group gathered at the church.

"Buried" the other friends calculated. "She's being married."

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Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Unusually high tides inflicted little damage along the Oregon coast today as gales died to a light breeze.

Tillamook area farmlands flooded by storm-tossed tides 6 to 8 feet under water by continued heavy rain, but officials reported little change in area despite a 3-1/2 foot tide.