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Weather
Local rain today and Tuesday. High, Temp. Tuesday, 55. Wind, North. Wind, Rain, 1.3 inch. River 3.9 feet. Partly cloudy.

American-Made Bombers Batter at Tobruk

New Four-Man Defense Board Has Authority

Knudsen, Hillman Equal in Power; Priorities May Be Dictated

Non-Cooperative Plants May Be Taken Over Is Wording of Order

By RICHARD L. TURNER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—To hasten the production of war materials for both the United States and Great Britain, President Roosevelt today formally established the new four-man "office of production management" with broad authority, including the power to take over any industrial plants considered non-cooperative.

As working heads of the new agency, he appointed William S. Knudsen, former president of General Motors, and Sidney Hillman, CIO vice president. Both were members of the old advisory defense commission. Knudsen will be director general and Hillman associate director general as they will act, Mr. Roosevelt said, as a team or partnership in wielding the tremendous powers at their disposal. Secretaries Stimson and Knox of the war and navy departments, respectively, are members ex-officio.

(The president had announced last month that he intended to set up the new agency, but his executive orders issued today gave hitherto undisclosed details of the agency's authority.)

After Mr. Roosevelt had explained his orders at his regular Tuesday press conference a reporter asked: "Mr. President, why is it that you do not want to appoint a single responsible head for the defense program?"

He Single Answered: "I want to make sure that the defense program was bogging down for (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

We are happy to announce that a use has finally been found for the Christmas tie. You'd never guess it, either.

It may, of course, be used to flag trains or hang on the rear end of trucks carrying explosives.

We don't want to carry explosives even if it is a chance to use a Christmas necktie.

If you can't flag trains or cart TNT you can at least have your house broken into and burglarized like Harry L. Miller did in White Plains, N.Y. And if the burglar happens to take the Christmas tie like he took Miller's, why that's a pearl in your oyster, as we say, or a feather in your bonnet, as you say.

And if a couple of weeks later you happen to see that tie, of which there could be only one in existence because no manufacturer would make the same mistake twice, on the neck of a shifty-eyed individual, why you nab him and there is your burglar and the case is solved.

Provided all burglars have had taste in ties like the one Mr. Miller caught.

Simple, isn't it?

OFFICE BEAUTIFUL NOTE
It was unrelayed reported in city hall circles yesterday that City Recorder Hannah Martin will install pink curtains with blue bows in her office and the council chambers. Mrs. Martin confirmed the rumor, but that wasn't chewing gum in her cheek.

Labor Trouble Booming in Portland Shipyards And Furniture Factory

Three Plants Face CIO Strike Today Involving Jurisdictional Issue; Doernbecher Running Despite Dispute; Violence at Ward's

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Officials of the CIO Ship Scalers' union said tonight they would call a strike Wednesday in three Portland shipyards involved in a jurisdictional dispute.

Roscoe Craycraft, CIO official, said the companies refused to renew a six-year-old agreement with the CIO after AFL unions had warned they would not work alongside CIO members. CIO longshoremen and marine unions will observe the strike, he said.

At least one of the shipyards is engaged in national defense work.

AFL employees called a strike in a claim for recognition at the Doernbecher Manufacturing company today.

The AFL accused the furniture company of signing a contract with the CIO despite the fact the AFL had a closed shop agreement in effect at the time.

The plant continued in operation.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Charges of violence flew in the strike of AFL employees at the Montgomery Ward & company store here today.

Police Capt. J. J. Keegan said he would take to the grand jury charges by two persons that they were assaulted by pickets.

Rock throwers broke three windows at the store last night.

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Reports of three men they were beaten after leaving the struck Montgomery Ward store here, drew a warrant today from an AFL teamster official to withdraw truck drivers' support of strikers.

Two customers—Elmer E. Fourhot, 40, Colusa rancher, and Beverly Franklin, 33, riding stable employee—said they were attacked today by a William D. Matthews, 31, stock clerk, said he was beaten last night. In each case several automobiles loaded with men forced the victim's car to the curb. Fourhots and his wife were ill in November, but after two weeks was said to be much improved.

Lord Baden-Powell, a lineal descendant of the early American settler John Smith, had resided in Africa since 1937, when he was forced by falling health to abandon his active life in London.

Loehner to Make Tests for Sanity

Psychiatrist Is Assigned by Judge; Waltz Asks County Position

Dr. C. A. Loehner, psychiatrist and part-time instructor in the psychology department of Willamette university, will examine all insanity cases appearing for commitment to the state hospital from Marion county if satisfactory arrangements can be made, Marion County Judge Leroy Hewlett announced yesterday.

"Dr. Loehner is an expert psychiatrist, I am informed, has specialized as such and does not use guesswork on psychiatric cases," Judge Hewlett indicated yesterday. The county judge automatically handles commitments for the county to the state hospital.

Dr. Loehner appeared as a witness for the plaintiff in the recent habeas corpus proceedings of Earl H. Fehl, former judge of Jackson county now a patient in the state hospital.

The judge also indicated that Dr. Ray M. Waltz, Salem physician (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Speeding Wood Trucks Draw Fire; Log Hauling Is Favored

Wood haulers, especially wood haulers who are in the habit of traveling on county roads at excessive speeds, came in for sharp censure yesterday on the part of Marion County Judge Leroy Hewlett.

Britain Voices Belief Tide of War Is Turned

Roosevelt Message Aids in Bolstering Morale; Italy 'Knocked out'

Easy Conquest of Bardia Points Again to Low Morale of Troops

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Britain's official comment on President Roosevelt's "help-our-friends" speech strikes a ringing note of confidence that the critical corner of the war has already been turned.

"Fresh encouragement" has come from the United States, the London statement said, "at a time when there is good cause to believe that the tide of war is turning."

Behind this lies the conclusion of British war leadership that Italy has already been knocked out of the war in effect and that disaster awaits Germany if she strikes to retrieve the situation, either against England or in the Balkans.

In contrast with that British attitude, an Italian cabinet utterance "solemnly reaffirming" fascist fidelity to the Berlin-Rome axis and the will to fight to a finish is possibly significant. It was timed to offset Rome's admission of the fall of Bardia, but it clearly aimed at defeatism in Italy of unknown strength.

The Rome version of the fascist disaster at Bardia hardly squares with known facts as reported by neutral eye witnesses on the spot. These eye witnesses concur in British reports that the Italians surrendered on a scale that embarrassed the victors.

Apathy of Italians Affects Strategy
War apathy among Italian conscripts in Africa, Greece and Albania is reported as important factor in reshaping British plans toward a 1941 decision in the war as the military successes achieved. It was the factor that spurred Prime Minister Churchill (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Junior Citizen Is Already Selected

But Identity Will not Be Told Until January 20 by Junior C of C

Who is Salem's junior first citizen for 1940?

Unsuspected and unsuspecting, he has been chosen but, in accordance with a practice begun a year ago when Salem first junior first citizen—Don Douris—was chosen under auspices of the junior chamber of commerce, his identity will not be revealed until the 20th of January 20.

A first junior citizen is, according to regulations established by the United States junior of commerce, the young man in a city or community who has been outstanding in civic affairs during the year prior to his selection. The qualifications, other than civic enterprise, are good character and being between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive.

Salem's junior citizen is selected each year by an anonymous committee of business men, all of whom are above junior chamber age limits. This committee meets in December and its report is forwarded to the national headquarters of the junior chamber where an awards committee passes on the selection. If the selection is approved a gold key signifying the honor is forwarded to the committee to be awarded to the young man on the night set aside for that purpose.

A special program, with an outstanding speaker, is being arranged. Announcement of the recipient for the event will be made within a few days.

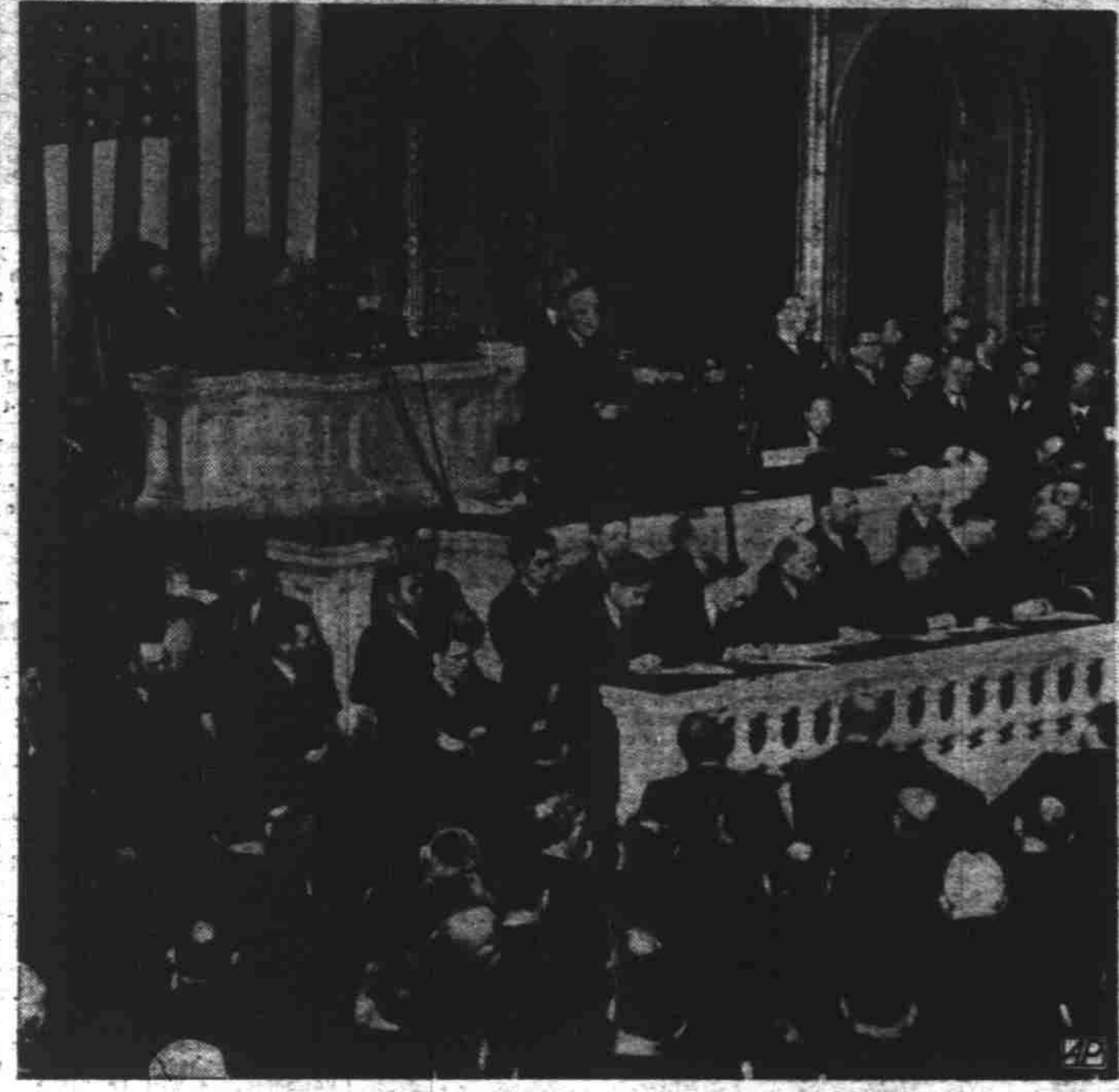
Local Union Wins Case Against CIO

Portland, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Circuit Judge James Crawford ruled today that the executive board of the CIO International-Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union exceeded its authority in ousting officers of local 1-24, Portland warehousemen's unit.

The ruling denied the executive board's petition for an injunction prohibiting the men from functioning as officers of the local. An ELWA trial board convicted the officers of violating the union's constitution.

Judge Crawford said the executive board's action constituted "an actual and threatened invasion into the internal affairs of the local, not justified by the facts before the limits of conferred authority."

PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR SPEEDIER ARMING



With members of both houses gathered in the house chambers for the first joint session of the 77th congress, President Roosevelt pleaded for a "swift and driving increase" in production of armaments and aid to the fighting democracies. Behind the president on the rostrum were Vice-President Garner (left), and Speaker Sam Rayburn.—AP Telemat.

Wulfmeyer Bound Over; Says Guilty

Three Forgery Counts Are Admitted; \$1000 Bail Is not Furnished

Malcolm Wulfmeyer, 17, held by Marion county authorities yesterday on three forgery charges, pleaded guilty to all three yesterday before Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton on a scale that embarrassed the victors.

He was also placed under bail totalling \$1000 for the three charges, and his commitment ordered when he failed to provide that sum.

Wulfmeyer was arrested on a similar charge several months ago, and was sent to the state industrial school for boys to remain for six months. He escaped from the school in September, and since, according to deputies of Sheriff A. C. Burk, has victimized small stores and service stations in Marion and Polk county with forged checks.

Sheriff's deputies also held Richard Terry in custody after he pleaded guilty in Woodburn justice court to a charge of failure to have 1941 license plates and was fined \$5 and costs.

Leslie Earl Terry was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Alf O. Nelson of Silverton on the same charge yesterday, and was fined \$250, assessed \$450 costs and sentenced to serve five days in jail, the latter sentence being suspended on payment of the fine and costs.

Writer Home From England Tells of Industrial Damage

Editor's note: Taylor Henry, back from service as a correspondent in England, discusses bomb damage to British industry in this article from the Birmingham Post, a writer versed in military science—and now unhampered by censorship. He is a graduate of the US Military Academy. Tomorrow: What did you do in the war?

Nine Men Called To Boeing Plant

Orders to report to work today noon at the Boeing Aircraft factory in Seattle were received yesterday by nine young men trained in national defense classes at Salem high school shops. C. A. Guderian, vocational coordinator, announced. This makes a total of 17 called from here within the past two weeks.

The youths are Jack Schifferer and Gordon Knake of Turner, Ray Kaser, Jack Peavy, Roy Murphy, Harlan Moorman, Lester Graham, Norman Wagner and Dale Ellis, all of Salem. All will be riveters.

About 140, other than some in special classifications, are at present taking the training at the high school, Guderian said, and facilities will be increased as calls for more help come in. A few classes still have vacancies. Placements are made through the Oregon state employment service.

Two Wards of Juvenile Court Reported Missing

Anna Baker, 16, and Rosemarie Donovan, 17, were reported missing from their foster home by the Marion county sheriff's office last night. They had been turned over to Mrs. Bender of route three, box 155, by Mrs. Norma White, former probation officer, after being assigned to juvenile court here, officers said.

It's Tag Day, so Green and White Only Safe Colors

It's tag day in Salem. Salem police started yesterday tagging delinquent motorists who have not yet attached the green and white 1941 license plates to their automobiles.

State police have been stopping motorists having 1940 plates since January 2.

Arrested by city police yesterday on "void license" charges were Eldon A. Snel, 754 Front street; John W. Hanna, route 3; and Milo R. Chrisman.

Crary Re-elected By Labor Council

Annual election of the Salem Trades and Labor council last night resulted in the reelection of President C. W. Crary and most other officers.

Re-elected officers were Ivan Martin, vice-president; Herb Barker, executive secretary; Archie Elliott, sergeant-at-arms; William J. Entress and Art Peters, trustees. Miss Margaret Burroughs was elected reading clerk and Wilbur Duncan, trustee.

Reception Honors 40 New Citizens

Spirit and Privilege of Citizenship, Theme of Dr. Harrison

Hope that 40 new citizens who were recently awarded their final papers will catch the spirit of American citizenship and in "all the years to come have in your hearts some of the enjoyment of this privilege we others have had" was expressed by Rev. J. C. Harrison at a reception given at the chamber of commerce last night in honor of the new citizens.

The reception and program, sponsored by the Federation of Patriotic Orders, was presided over by Herman Lafky, president of the Federation, who also welcomed the new citizens.

About 150 new citizens and members of patriotic organizations attended the reception.

Response to the address of welcome was made by Fern Crozier and R. A. Easmussen.

County Clerk U. C. Boyer directed presentation of citizenship certificates to the new citizens.

Uncensored!

Writer Home From England Tells of Industrial Damage

Tripoli Raided Also; Infantry Pressing West

Airport Is Captured and 40 Planes Seized, Is Nile Army Claim

Greek Destroyers Shell Valona; Uneasy Quiet Pervades Balkans

By The Associated Press
British airmen who have been using a number of air bases in the Tripoli area against the Italians in Libya carried out a heavy assault on Marshal Graziani's base at Tobruk, 70 miles beyond fallen Bardia, it was announced Tuesday night.

Fires visible 30 miles away were left among barracks, stores, sheds, and motor transport concentrations in Marshal Graziani's base which also is threatened by British land units, the high command said.

A heavy raid on Tripoli some 100 miles by air west of Tobruk also was carried out by the British airmen who dropped several tons of bombs among vessels in the harbor, the communique asserted.

An RAF official in disclosing the appearance of a number of British planes in the Libyan operations said they had done "exceptionally good work."

Since the war began in the Mediterranean area, more than 400 Italian planes have been shot down to only about 80 British planes air chief Sir Keith Park said.

Marshall Graziani and his approximately 50,000 troops in Tobruk apparently intended to stay behind the 25-mile ring of fortifications and "wait" for an open desert fight with the advancing British.

The first British units pushing on from battered Bardia already were reported attacking an Italian outpost in the Tobruk area.

Matching this bold thrust, Britain's little ally, Greece, reported a squadron of Greek destroyers sailed on a daring raid into the Gulf of Valona, Albania, shelled the Italian-held port without interference from fascist warships or aircraft, and sailed leisurely home.

A Greek government spokesman also reported that 35,000 sick and wounded soldiers from Valona alone, fascist casualties for the war, he said, run into "tens of thousands."

In the air saga of Britain, speedily German fighter-bombers subjected London to a 3-hour raid, the longest and most devastating daytime attack on the capital in weeks, and killed and wounded a number of people.

Other casualties were caused in a heavy German attack on a midlands town and the Nazis also raided East Anglia and the southeast coast. The Germans have returned to daytime raids after being balked recently by snow and bad weather.

Military Airport at Tobruk Captured
An RAF communiqué announced that British troops in the North African campaign captured El Adem, the military airport of Tobruk, and fast British motorized units were reported virtually at Tobruk's gates, daring at the base's outer defenses to test its strength. Approximately 10,000 Italian soldiers comprise the Tobruk garrison.

The RAF said British advance forces captured 40 Italian planes at the airport, which lies only 15 miles south of Tobruk, and that the Italians had abandoned the position—apparently without firing a shot.

British official quarters, recapitulating the 23-day-old British counter-offensive, said 94,000 Italian troops have been knocked out of the campaign so far—killed, wounded, captured or missing—including 70,000 prisoners. Turkish troops are reported to be in the Balkans. With 400,000 Turkish troops reported massed in Thrace, along the Bulgarian frontier, Turkish sources asserted that if Adolf Hitler should cross the Danube, the Turks would march into Bulgaria to meet them.