

Churchgoers, many of them, depend on the Saturday Statesman for news of the Sunday services they wish to attend—meeting times, subjects and special events.

Partly cloudy with slowly moderating temperature, today and Saturday. Probable occasional rain. Maximum temperature, Thursday 48, Min. 26. No rain. Southeast wind. River 6.9 feet. Partly cloudy.

British Drive Within 10 Miles of Tobruk

US Hints Break To French

Halts African Colonies Aid; Hull Sees Japs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—The United States Thursday suspended economic assistance to France's north African colonies, and broadly hinted that diplomatic relations with the Vichy government might be severed because of increasing Nazi domination of French affairs.

In announcing that "American policy towards France is being reviewed," Secretary of State Hull made it clear that the attitude of the United States would be determined by France's future action toward Hitler's schemes "to take over by force or threat of force the sovereignty and control of the French empire."

His statement stemmed from the Vichy government's action in re-

Captive Mine Pickets Shout at Workmen



Pickets at Red Lyon Captive mine, Uniontown, Pa., shouted at workmen entering the mine. Strikes by CIO unionists in the captive coal mines spread to the commercial fields, with 13 Pennsylvania pits shut down by sympathy walkouts.

USTroops Ready In Coal Row

Shootings Told As Mine Strike Spreads in East

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—Reports of new shootings in the captive mine dispute and the spread of sympathy walkouts in commercial pits came Thursday night along with word that troops at Camp Forrest, Tenn., were standing by for possible strike duty.

Officers of the 58th signal battalion, discounting reports that part of their outfit already was on the way to Pennsylvania coal fields, said, however, that the unit, along with others at the big camp, expected momentarily to be called to duty.

Earlier, a defense spokesman had said that "The government will not give in, but it doesn't want to use troops."

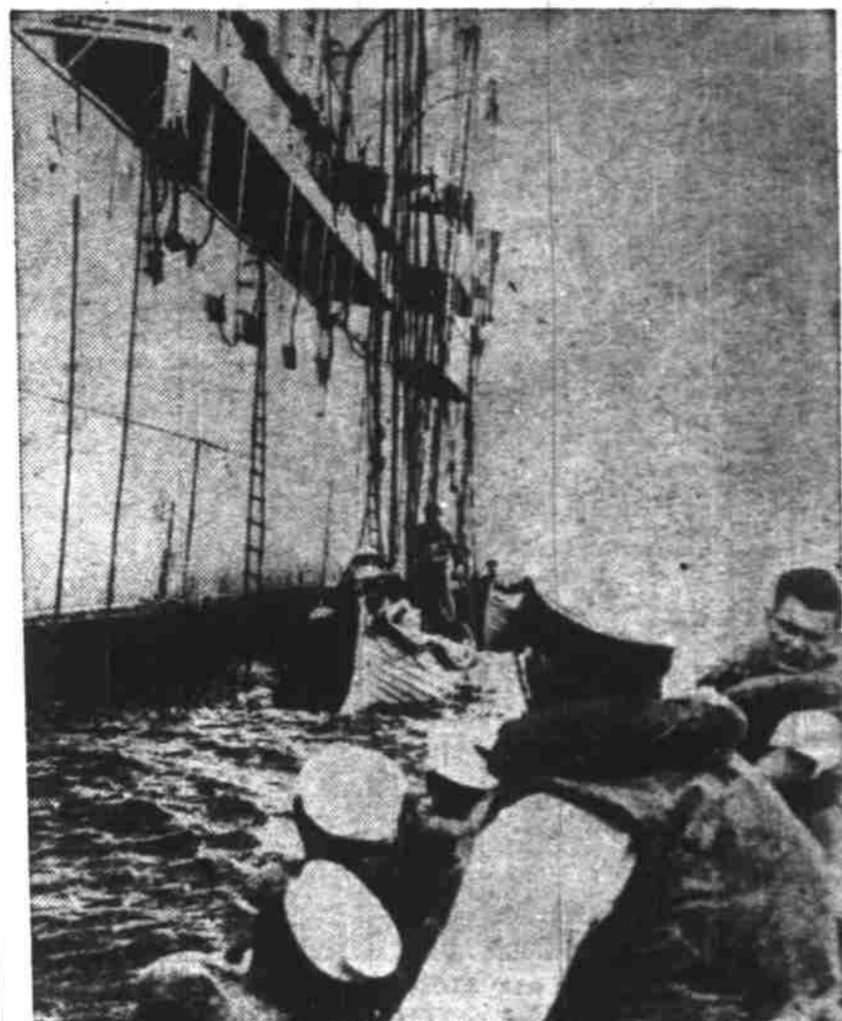
This was followed by hints from other defense officials that legislation would be offered shortly for government seizure of the closed workings.

William H. Davis, chairman of the disrupted national defense mediation board, was mentioned as having a hand in drafting of the projected legislation. It was the board's 9 to 2 adverse recommendation on the "union shop" demand of the United Mine Workers that precipitated the new strike of 53,000 miners in captive pits and nearly twice as many more in supporting walkouts in commercial mines.

An office of production management source said OPM's labor division was aware of the legislative plans, although its head, Sidney Hillman, has given no indication of reversing his hitherto firm stand against any form of strike-repressive law.

Some administration leaders (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

German Crew Flees Odenwald



Members of the crew of the German ship Odenwald, captured in the Atlantic flying the United States flag, attempted to flee the ship as a boarding party (foreground) from a US cruiser approached. As the boarding party reached the side of the ship there were two explosions and the crew said it would sink in 20 or 30 minutes. However, the ship was brought safely into port. This official navy picture was made by a member of the boarding party.

Axis Units Fall Back In Libya

English Troops Plan to Bring Decisive Fight

By The Associated Press

The center of the imperial British offensive into Libya has beaten forward 80 miles within axis territory to within ten miles of the outer defenses of the long besieged British garrison of Tobruk, the middle-eastern command announced Thursday night, and it thus appeared that large bodies of German and Italian troops were in imminent peril of encirclement.

This advance of the central forces, said the communique of the British command, had overrun and captured the town of Rezegh on the plateau just to the southeast of Tobruk itself. Quick relief for that city was in sight.

But, more important, the British apparently were about to drive a line from Sidi Omar, one of the jumping-off points for their offensive, clear to the Mediterranean—Tobruk being on its shores—and thus split the rear and forward axis armies.

Moreover, the British declared that their armored forces—using American equipment—had smashed an Italian tank detachment on this line and on the right flank had advanced more than 30 miles west of Capuzzo, putting to flight a number of German units which refused battle.

All this strongly supported earlier expressions of belief in London that the great British expedition, which was charged with the supreme task of destroying the axis armies of northern Africa, had put the Germans and Italians in danger of envelopment.

The British, it was clear, had loosed their supreme effort since the fall of France and with by far the greatest striking force yet assembled by them in any theatre were beating forward on land, sea and in the air with the grand objective of forcing the German-Italian Commander Erwin Rommel to a showdown in the border areas just beyond the Egyptian frontiers.

While the British field commander, General Sir Alan Cunningham (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

State WPA Director Lauds Salem Art Fair

Val Clear Says Portland Fair No Finer Than Exhibits Here; Ceramics Prove Popular; Saturday Is Closing Day

Quality, effective arrangement and variety both of items offered and of price range in the Salem Art fair were praised by Val Clear, state WPA-art projects director, when he visited the fair at the Salem Art center this week.

Portland's fair, while larger in some divisions, cannot boast

finer quality of craft merchandise and strictly cultural art than Salem's, he told staff members at the center.

The fair, which continues the remainder of this week in the art center at the old high school building, opens at 10 o'clock each morning, continues through the late afternoon and is reopened from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

An especially large collection of work by blind students has been on display and on sale this week, according to Mrs. W. E. Anderson, chairman.

Woven rugs in Indian colorings in cotton, linen-cotton and wool combinations represent the work of educationally blind and totally blind boys and girls as do a set of gay-colored woven table mats, bracelets, bright beads and similar products.

Indian baskets of willow with, spruce root and squash grass, woven by women from Grand Ronde and Siletz, some of them at the art center, have attracted numerous admirers and purchasers.

Possibility that an additional collection of ceramics might be available for sale today was expressed at the center by members of the staff, who pointed out that the collection of small potteries had moved rapidly.

A number of the articles which have been sold have been left in the display by their purchasers so that the fair may still be considered largely complete so far as "lookers only" are concerned.

Oldster Joins Young GOPs

Honorary Member, 96, Staunch Republican, To Address Group

moving General Maxime Weygand as France's pro-consul in north Africa.

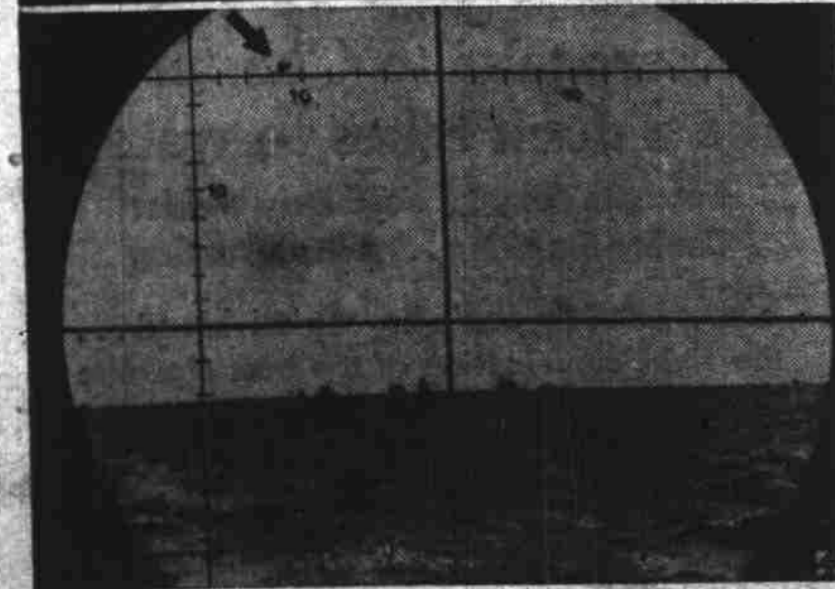
After devoting the morning to the European situation Secretary Hull, disregarding the Thanksgiving holiday, met with Admiral Kichiasuro Nomura, the Japanese ambassador, and Saburo Kurosu, special envoy, in another talk designed to find a peaceful solution of Japanese-American tension in the Pacific.

The Japanese had received new instructions from their foreign office during the night. These orders were based on developments in the several talks they have all (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Corvallis Buys Airfield Land

CORVALLIS, Nov. 20—(AP)—Purchase of 499 acres three and one-half miles south of here for a municipal airport has been authorized by the city council. The land will cost \$75 an acre.

U-Boat Chief Spots Convoy



A German submarine commander (top) peers through the periscope of his craft at a British convoy, according to German sources. At bottom is the convoy and an airplane (arrow) as seen through the cross-hairs of the periscope.

Hubbard Men Crash Train

Two Hospitalized in Wallace Road Wreck; Locomotive Stalled

Two Hubbard men who reportedly drove head-on into the side of an almost halted railroad locomotive at the Wallace road crossing at 9:50 Thursday night are in the Deaconess hospital today, where one of them is considered possibly seriously injured.

Only highway mishap reported in the Salem area in spite of what state police termed "brisk holiday traffic," the mishap left Robert Pickrell, 21, Hubbard highway zoo employe, suffering from bruises and possible internal injuries, hospital attendants said. Extent of injuries sustained could not be determined immediately, the physician in charge said.

Albert Tichenor, 28, also an employe at the zoo service station, driver of the light pickup truck which crashed into the engine of the freight on the Salem-Dallas SP line, was apparently not seriously injured, it was declared.

Trainmen, unable to move the locomotive from the crossing north of the Polk-Marion bridge following the accident because they said the drive had been damaged (Continued from page 1)

Thanksgiving Welcomes Two New Citizens

Two new male Salem residents had their first Thanksgiving and probably their last Thanksgiving birthday Thursday.

Unless a calendar reform or a change of heart overtakes congress, November 20 can never fall on the final Thursday in the month, which national lawmakers have indicated they will declare the official Thanksgiving holiday.

The two are boys, born in city hospitals Thursday to Salem parents. At 12:28 am a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Patzer, 130 Lansing avenue, at the Deaconess hospital, and at 8:57 am Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Courtney became the parents of a boy, born at the Salem General hospital.

Strike News At A Glance

By The Associated Press
Washington—Legislation for seizure of captive coal mines reported in preparation.
Pittsburgh—Three men wounded by gunfire in coal strike clashes; sympathy walkouts spread.
Detroit—CIO votes to fight measures restricting strikes.
Washington—Union leaders to confer with President Roosevelt Friday on threatened railroad strike.

US Weather Hot, Chilly

By The Associated Press

A hodgepodge of weather conditions over the United States prevailed Thanksgiving day.

A mass of cold air overspread the northern part of the nation from California to the Appalachians, and thence as far south as central Mississippi, southwestern Louisiana, and northwestern Alabama.

To the north and east of the Appalachians summer-like temperatures were reported during the day. New York City had a 72, Boston 78, and Washington (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Blast Injures Man

An anti-freeze solution exploded in his face Wednesday night as he poured the liquid into the radiator of his car. A. B. Meyer, route 6, Salem, said at the Deaconess hospital Thursday night after members of his family had persuaded him the burns he had sustained should receive more than the first aid treatment he had given.

China Charges Use of Germs By Japanese

CHUNGKING, Nov. 20—(AP)—The authorized spokesman of the Chinese army in a conference with foreign correspondents Thursday accused the Japanese of starting germ warfare.

He said that on November 4 Japanese planes dropped foodstuffs and clothing at Changteh, northern Hunan province, and that many persons who ate the food or used the clothes developed symptoms of Bubonic plague and died.

The Chinese government, the spokesman said, is sending investigators to make a full inquiry into the affair. He called it the first use of bacteria as a weapon in the Japanese-Chinese war.

Mercury and River Fall

Temperature and the Willamette river both soared down, down, Thursday night, and although the official weather forecast predicts slowly moderating temperatures for today and Saturday, attendants at the Salem weather station declared that Thursday morning's frigid minimum of 26 degrees might be approached again this morning.

The chilly mercury rose to 48 degrees Thursday afternoon, but began its descent about 4 o'clock, fell steadily, and at 11 p.m. read 31 and was still dropping.

Receding rapidly, the Willamette river stood at 6.7 feet above normal, a check on the weather bureau gauge showed late Thursday night. This mark records an approximate drop of 7.5 feet in the last 24 hours.

War Prisoners Shifted

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 20—(AP)—With their guards doubly alert because two bold young Nazi flight lieutenants tried to escape Wednesday by concealing themselves in pianos, 500 German war prisoners were paraded through Kingston streets Thursday en route to a new place of internment.

British Naval Action Told By Eye Witness

Shelling of Axis Bases on Libyan Shore in Aiding Land Campaign Revealed by AP Correspondent

By LARR YALLEN (Associated Press Writer)

Aboard the flagship of the Mediterranean fleet off Libya, Nov. 20—(AP)—The flash of big British naval guns mingled with stabs of lighting during a violent thunderstorm early Tuesday morning as hundreds of high explosives were pumped into German and Italian bases on the Libyan shore to aid a huge British land drive westward across the desert.

There was little answering fire from the shore, and no British warships were hit in this bombardment, officially described as successful.

From the top deck aft of this flagship which stood farther out to sea to screen the attacking cruisers, destroyers and other light units, from any Italian warships, I watched the attack concentrated mainly on Salum, nearby "Hellfire Pass" and Bardia, all east of Tobruk, where a British garrison has held out since April.

Later at twilight of that same day I saw axis torpedo-carrying planes approach this ship and the others, but American-made planes manned by the British streaked out from the Libyan coast and drove them off.

The British ships jockeyed into position just after midnight. Rain fell in torrents. At times lightning lit up the area in blinding flashes, but most of the time it was the flames belching from British guns which illuminated the sea and the dark Libyan coast.

Heavy explosions rumbled from ashore after the crackling blast of landing shells. British officers said these indicated hits on axis (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Vichy Retires Gen. Weygand

US Blames Hitler for African Leader Shift; Darlan Takes Over

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Nov. 20—(AP)—Gen. Maxime Weygand, regarded as lukewarm to collaboration with Germany, was "retired" Thursday night as delegate-general and military commander of French North Africa, and that strategic area was placed under the direct control of the pro-German Vice-Premier Jean Darlan.

The 74-year-old Weygand, who commanded the final unsuccessful allied stand against Germany in France, sent this farewell message to his African army and colonial heads:

"Remain faithful to your magnificent traditions and to Marshal Petain." (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Burns May Get Moscow Post

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—Maj.-Gen. James H. Burns, lend-lease executive, was reported in diplomatic circles Thursday to be a likely choice by President Roosevelt for the post of ambassador to Russia.

Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt, the present envoy who is enroute home by plane, is understood to have asked to be relieved after more than two years in Moscow.

Tank Battle on Southern Russia Front



German troopers (left) carry off a wounded comrade who had been shot by a Russian soldier in the smoking soviet tank (center), according to German sources which said the incident occurred near the Sea of Azov. The red tank, Berlin said, had attempted to break up a German advance unit and was put out of action by German anti-tank fire. When a German soldier approached the tank he was fired on by an occupant of the tank.