

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.

Generally fair today and Sunday. Maximum temperature Friday, 46, Min. 28. Rain .02 inches. River 6.1 feet. Southeast wind. Partly cloudy.

## Axis Reels In Attacks By British

### Imperial Troops Strike Telling Blows in Desert

By The Associated Press

The invading British with their new American-made weapons appeared late Friday night to have won the initial stages of that great Libyan battle which Winston Churchill had ordered to rid North Africa of the axis armies.

The British middle eastern command said that the quick decisive engagement predicted by the prime minister had been "joined in earnest" since Thursday, declared that all main axis lines were now directly threatened and that the German and Italian tank columns had been sent reeling back to defeat in every major action where they had offered battle.

The loss of at least 187 axis tanks in this developing all-out struggle was reported by British authorities.

British military informants in Cairo summed up with the declaration that the showdown was at hand and that matters were going "very well" for British arms.

The strongest of all British pushes—and they were spread out upon a front of 140 miles wide—was by General Sir Alan Cunningham's center, the main force of which was reported to be beating on beyond Tobruk over the high plateau barely south of the town, while subsidiary British forces turned off the main line of that advance and struck to the north to meet the long-besieged defenders of the Tobruk garrison itself.

The main drive, reaching up nearly to the Mediterranean shore, apparently had cut the main axis armored forces in two.

Tobruk's men apparently were breaking out to the south, thus forming a trap for the German and Italian forces in that area. The siege, it seemed clear, was not only being lifted but was about to be converted into an axis disaster.

More important, however, was the progress of the main British column which, by-passing Tobruk in a total advance that was approaching 90 miles, appeared to be drawing a wide arc to envelop all the axis forces between that area and the Egyptian frontier to the east.

Authoritative sources declared (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

# Blazing Guns Fell 10 in Coal Strike

## UAL Agent



OLIVER JUDD

## Flight Times Air Schedule

First official announcement of the United Air Lines' flight schedule serving Salem was made Friday by Oliver Judd, UAL agent.

Planes southbound from Seattle are due to arrive in Salem at 1:05 p. m., continuing on to San Francisco, where they are due at 5:19 p. m.

Northbound planes leave San Francisco at 1:30 p. m., Oakland 14 minutes later, arriving at Salem at 5:15 and continuing on to Portland and Seattle.

## Airline Day Program Set

### Eight Committees for City's Celebration Named at Meeting

Naming 11 men to head eight committees for the day, Irl S. McSherry, general chairman, Friday outlined plans for the city's celebration of the coming of regular air mail and transportation service.

The committee on distinguished guests and the noon luncheon to be given in their honor December 5 is to be headed by Mayor Chadwick; transportation, by W. L. Phillips; police and traffic by Assistant Police Chief E. C. Charlton; dedicatory program at the airport, Tom Armstrong; reception hour at 6 p. m., Frank Doerflinger; banquet at 7 p. m., Jerry Owen; decorations, Harry Brown, Oliver Judd and Don Black; school and service (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## CIO Chief To Fight 'Shackles'

### Murray Accepts New Term, Asks For Cooperation

DETROIT, Nov. 21—(AP)—Phillip Murray accepted a second term as president of the CIO Friday with a plea to government and business to cooperate with labor in good faith and a declaration that he would fight against any attempt to place legislative "shackles" on union organizations.

Murray, 55 years old and a veteran of the labor movement, was re-elected by acclamation at the CIO's annual convention. A 34-minute demonstration by the delegates when his name was placed in nomination indicated he had become the No. 1 man in the CIO in fact as well as title since he took over the top office when John L. Lewis relinquished it last year.

Addressing his remarks to President Roosevelt and business men, he asserted:

"Accept us in good faith, sit around the industry council table with us, perfect your programs of expansion with us, give us an administrative part in the development of these great projects."

Murray charged in his acceptance speech that industrialists and opportunists were "taking advantage of the present grave national emergency," by making efforts to prevent labor from using its "economic weapons" and that some congressmen were seeking to place the "shackles" of law on labor. He promised to fight such moves.

He called upon President Roosevelt to give labor "a better chance to join with you in the Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

## Price Control Measure Gets Right-of-Way

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—Long-awaited price control legislation was given right-of-way to the house floor Friday after members of the rules committee said they had obtained assurances from the democratic leadership that measures to curb strikes in defense industries would be next in line.

The rules committee voted for procedure under which the "selective" price control bill recommended by the house banking committee will open to all germane amendments. Rep. Cox (D-Ga) explained that this would permit all provisions of the overall price control measure sponsored by Rep. Gore (D-Tenn), except one dealing with recapture of excess defense profits, to be offered as a substitute. Thus, the house will have a chance to vote on whether to regulate wages as well as prices.

## Train Wreck Suspect Is Questioned

SUSANVILLE, Calif., Nov. 21—(AP)—Sheriff Olin S. Johnson continued Friday night to question C. Alexander, 24, Cleo Springs, Okla., but said he was beginning to doubt the man derailed a \$2,000,000 streamlined train in Nevada during 1939, in which 24 persons died and 108 were injured.

"He still sticks to his story after 18 hours of questioning, but I'm beginning to have my doubts," the sheriff said.

"There is the possibility he'll turn out to be more or less of a crackpot." The sheriff called in FBI agents (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

## Gen. White Still Ill

PORTLAND, Nov. 21—(AP)—Physicians said the condition of Major General George A. White, commander of the 1st division who has been seriously ill at his Camp Clackamas home near here, was unchanging Friday.

## Searched for Weapons as Shooting Starts



West Virginia state troopers stopped vehicles entering Gary, W. Va., looking for pickets who might be carrying weapons. Ten men were arrested. Here two are being searched. President Roosevelt proposed that discussion of one issue in the captive coal mine strikes—that of the closed shop—be postponed until after the national emergency. John L. Lewis flatly rejected the proposal. Ten men have been reported wounded at various mines.

## School Clash Seen Settled

### Linn Non-High Board Offers Plan on Bus And Pupils Schedule

ALBANY, Nov. 21—The drawn-out dispute regarding the attendance of non-high pupils from Linn county in the Stayton high school has apparently reached what is believed to be an agreeable settlement between the two non-high boards.

According to the plan as worked out by the Linn county non-high boundary board, the school bus from Stayton may continue to pick up pupils from the Queener, Kingston and Mt. Pleasant districts and also the Cole district except the southern part adjacent to the Scio territory.

These pupils include those approved for attendance at the Stayton school but includes a provision that should any pupil have a good and sufficient reason he may attend elsewhere when approved by the non-high school board.

The agreement further cites the fact that pupils from Linn county non-high districts not designated in the former paragraph and now attending the Stayton schools may do so when so approved by the board. Those attending at present have already been approved, for continuing in that school if they so desire.

The boundary board further asks the discontinuance of the Stayton school bus from the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## Defense Road Bill Signed By President

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—A defense highway bill, authorizing appropriations of \$220,000,000, received President Roosevelt's reluctant approval Friday. The president signed the measure, he said, because it authorized \$150,000,000 for access roads to military and naval reservations and defense industry sites and \$10,000,000 for airplane landing strips.

He objected to inclusion of \$50,000,000 in authorizations for a "so-called strategic network of highways and bridges" and \$10,000,000 for "surveys and plans" on grounds they were not essential to defense.

That was a spot at which millions could have been saved, he told a press conference, but it wasn't done. He indicated, however, that he might do something about it himself.

## Angell Charges Cemetery Bill

WASHINGTON, DC, Nov. 21—(AP)—Rep. Angell (R-Ore) urged the house Friday to pass without amendments a senate-approved bill (S-793) to authorize the war department to purchase, construct and maintain a national cemetery near Portland.

The house amendments would require Oregon to provide the site for the burying grounds of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington veterans, Angell said.

## Violence Flares While FR Waits Union's Reply

## Mediation Board Chief Wires Commercial Miners for Aid In Settlement of Strike

## Labor Unrest At A Glance

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President withholds action pending union's reply today to newest proposals for ending Captive mine strike; mediation board makes new move for peace; war and navy departments endorse legislation for government seizure of strike-bound plants.

PITTSBURGH — Ten pickets shot in coal strike disorders; steel production of 20 per cent.

CAMP FORREST, Tenn. — Thirty thousand troops ready for possible move into coal fields.

DETROIT — CIO, by resolution, demands training of army "for strike-breaking" be stopped; re-elects Philip Murray president.

WASHINGTON — Trainmen brotherhood head says railroads refuse to go beyond emergency board's recommendation for averting nationwide railroad strike December 7; conferences adjourned and report to be made to President Roosevelt.

NEW YORK — Federal conciliators seek compromise to end threat of strike by long lines telephone workers.

## British Bomb Italo Bases

### Naples, Tripoli and Brindisi Feel Tons Of High Explosives

VALLETTA, Malta, Nov. 21—(AP)—British planes in the central Mediterranean are supporting the African offensive with tons of bombs dumped on targets in all directions from this island fortress.

Fliers reported the attack on Brindisi Wednesday night produced particularly spectacular results, with fires so great that the red glow in the sky on the "heel" of the Italian boot could be seen from the "toe," more than 100 miles away.

The first wave of planes oombombarded the Brindisi railway and port and pilots said they also saw a large factory go up in flames. A second wave, flying over the shorter southerly arm of the harbor, dropped heavy bombs on oil tanks which burst into flames and belched forth new explosions.

One rear gunner said he counted 24 explosions as his plane circled the target before heading home. Another said the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Meat Markets Reopen Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21—(AP)—Portland AFL meatcutters and their employers announced Friday night that 67 major meat markets in the city would re-open Saturday.

A joint statement said an agreement had been reached in a wage dispute. Details were not disclosed.

The union struck at the Portland Provision company three weeks ago, and other members of the Oregon Meat council shut down the next day in what union officials termed a lockout affecting 500 workers.

The union had asked a wage boost from \$40 to \$47.50 for a 48-hour week.

## Maiden Flight Of Mars Set

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21—(AP)—The Glenn L. Martin company announced Friday that the Mars, the navy's huge new flying boat, would make its maiden flight in a few days.

The Mars is described as the world's largest flying boat. The plane was launched with full naval ceremonies Nov. 1.

## Railway Strike Peace Parley Breaks Down

### Union and Management Chiefs Fail On Agreement; Will See FDR Today; Seattle Welders Seek OPM Probe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(AP)—A series of conferences between railroad union and management representatives on the threatened nation-wide railroad strike ended abruptly Friday night after a five-minute session, with a hint that the latest peace effort had bogged down.

## State Power Saving Seen

### Bean Reports Result Of Study; Governor Seeks Possible Plan

Ignoring distribution costs, the state could save approximately \$15,000,000 a year by buying its electric power for the capitol and institutions in Salem and vicinity from the Bonneville administration at Bonneville's wholesale rates, according to a report made to Gov. Charles A. Sprague by Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner, and released Friday.

Gov. Sprague indicated he was asking the utilities commissioner to pursue the investigation further to ascertain if means of distribution might be devised that could bring a considerable part of this saving to the state.

"The board of control has no funds for capital outlay to construct a new (power) line, and preliminary figures of investment and operating cost do not indicate that that would be feasible," the governor said.

"We will now ascertain whether Bonneville would make direct distribution, or whether the Portland General Electric company, which now serve Salem and vicinity, will permit the use of its facilities for the distribution of the load to the capitol buildings and state institutions."

The governor asked the utilities department to study the Bonneville power proposition on October 1 at the time a proposed five-year contract for renewal of service from the Portland General Electric was under consideration by the board of control.

The state's 21 institutions are now served through 25 1/2 miles of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

## Sparks Keeps Loop Post

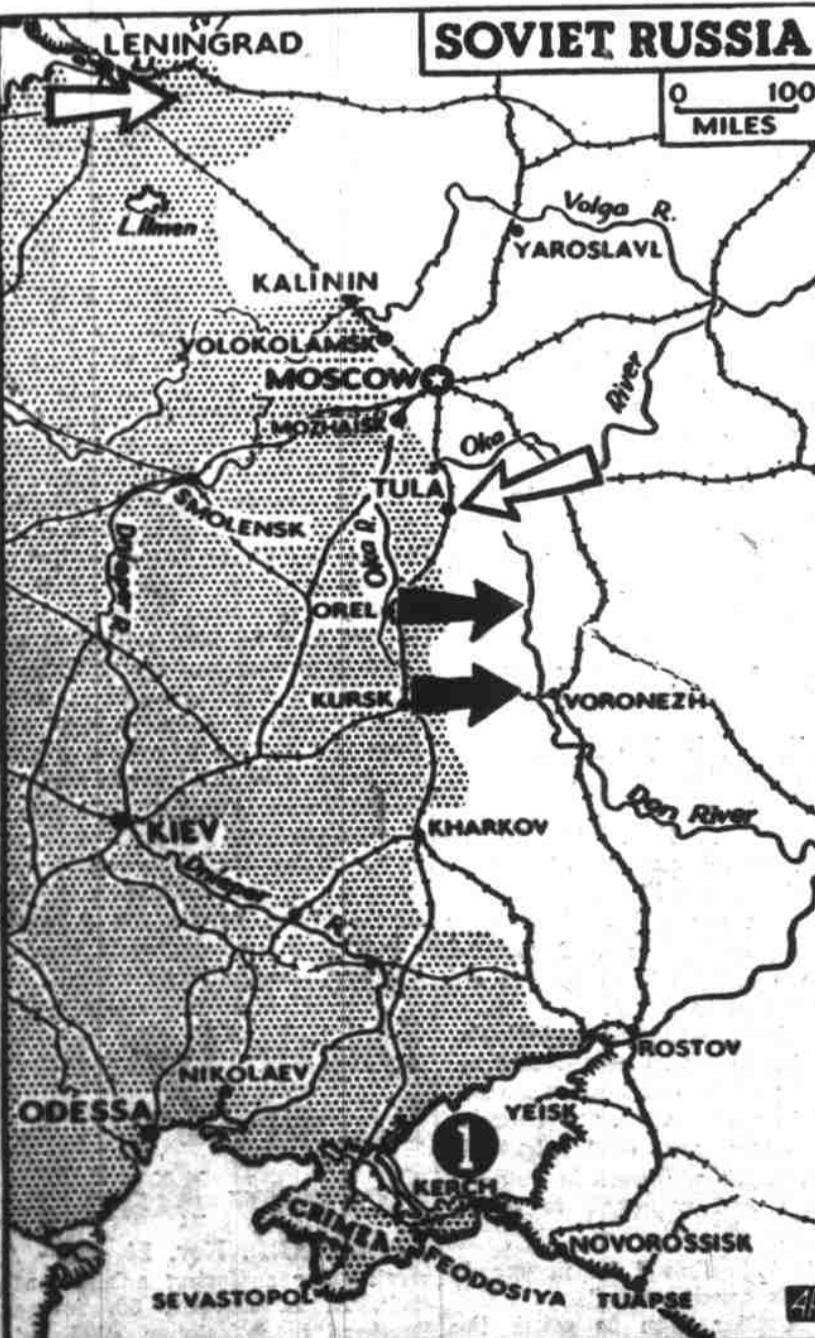
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21—(AP)—Coaches and managers of the Northwest conference re-elected R. V. "Nig" Borleske, veteran Whitman college coach, as president Friday night.

Lester J. Sparks, Willamette university, was renamed secretary.

Faculty representatives re-elected Paul Murphy, College of Idaho, president, and Harry Dillon, Linfield, secretary.

The group drew up schedules for the coming year, but decided to call another meeting to consider cancelling of the schedules in case of US war entry.

## Reds Claim Gains at Moscow



Russian armies reported they were pressing the Germans back around Volokolamsk and Moshaisk, northwest and west of the capital, but acknowledged a withdrawal in the Crimea as units also drove toward the Moscow-Rostov railway line from Orel and Kursk (black arrows). Russians claimed successes on the Leningrad sector but say situation serious at Tula (white arrows). British sources said Germans were exerting tremendous pressure to reach the Caucasus through Rostov and Kerch (1).