

Church News

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.

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Weather

Occasional rain today. Sunday probably fair with valley fog. Little change in temperature. Max temp. 54, min. 47. Trace rain. River, 15.1 feet. South Wind. Cloudy.

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British To Declare War On Three Nations

Jap Reply Fails To Convince

Tokyo Proposes Commission to Save Deadlock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Japan responded Friday to President Roosevelt's request for an explanation of the massing of troops in French Indo-China and its reply in no way relieved the gravity of the acute far eastern crisis.

In a terse 150-word note, the Tokyo government said its forces were in the French colony as a precautionary measure, induced by Chinese troop movements across the border. It said their presence there has the approval of the government at Vichy, France.

Washington officials, however, frankly suspect that the Japanese troop concentration is in preparation for an invasion of Thailand, formerly Siam, and it was obvious that the government here would find the Tokyo explanation far from satisfactory.

In some quarters, it was pointed out that to accept Japan's statement as justification for the troop movements in Indo-China would be indirectly condoning the Japanese war in China, since that con-

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Quakes Hit Panama and Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 5—(AP)—An earthquake violently shook the Central Plateau region of Costa Rica and the southern area bordering Panama Friday, causing considerable property damage and some injuries.

The tremor, felt throughout virtually all of Costa Rica, sent panic-stricken residents fleeing into the streets in the most sharply affected areas.

Ten houses were destroyed at Santo Domingo Heredia, in the coffee country 10 miles north of San Jose. Early reports told of property damage also in Guadalupe, Corralillo Cartago and Puerto Jimenez.

Friday's quake followed a series of slight tremors that past several days.

PANAMA, Dec. 5—(AP)—Two strong earth shocks toppled the municipal building and a school Friday at Santiago, midway between Panama City and David, and panic spread temporarily among the population.

There were four strong shocks at David, Panama's third city, 60 miles from the border at Costa Rica where damage also was reported.

FDR Cheers Boy Facing Operation

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 5—(AP)—Shim Malone, 10, only son of Attorney and Mrs. Dudley Field Malone, III for more than two years with a leg infection and now facing a major operation received a telegram from Washington, D. C., Friday, which said:

"I just want you to know that I am thinking of you and wishing you best of luck. Keep your chin up. Faith and courage will do the rest." The message was signed Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Air Executive Keeps Promise

Seely V. Hall, UAL Chief Predicts New Business for Salem

Seely V. Hall, the man who promised Salem an air service 13 years ago and came back Friday as vice-president of United Air Lines to make his word good, predicted that what the city now has in its airport "is just a drop in the bucket to what you'll have when it's completed."

Hall declared it his experience that initiation of a major air service in a city had with seldom an exception led to an influx of business and an expansion of government services.

"The army or the navy frequently follows close on our heels," Hall said, a few minutes after Brazier C. Small, member of the American Legion committee that campaigned for the "original airport bond" issue in 1928 had declared there was good prospect of Salem's obtaining an army air base.

Hall's forecast, made at a civic banquet at the Marion hotel Friday night concluding the observance of "Salem Air Transportation Day," also included the prediction that just as soon as needed additional flying aids are installed at the municipal airport it would become an alternate stop for Portland, frequently used, as well as a regular stop for his company's Pacific coast service.

Forefront of the committees that selected and laid out the Salem airport site was commended by Hall.

"There are very few places in the United States that purchased

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British Ship Losses Lower

LONDON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Naval circles expressed belief Friday night that November shipping losses in the Atlantic were probably the lowest since the fall of France, perhaps less than 100,000 tons compared to the 180,000 tons a month officially declared lost from July through October.

New British shipbuilding has been averaging approximately 80,000 tons a month, they said.

Salem Air Jay Draws Big Crowd

Definite Daily Service Starts At Celebration

Fifth day of the month and sixth day of the week, Friday became the "first" in a new epoch of Salem transportation and communications history when United Air Lines inaugurated its regular passenger, air and express service here, with thousands of residents of the area joining in the celebration. What fliers declared was close to excellent flying weather greeted the new transportation system following a week of storm.

By air and highway, traffic streamed to the Salem municipal airport throughout the day, filling automobile parking spaces and shouldering of nearby roads with constantly changing groups of cars until police and other observers ceased all attempts to tally the crowd.

Several thousand persons were known to be on the airport grounds at the time of principal dedicatory ceremonies early in the afternoon, when Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, first lady of the state, broke a beribboned champagne bottle across the hub of the 12-ton, first Mainliner on regularly scheduled flight to arrive in the capital city and announced in a clear voice "I christen thee City of Salem!"

Against the silver and blue (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Sprague Names WU Graduate New Judge

Charles W. Redding, 37, who was graduated from Willamette university college of law here in 1928, was appointed Friday by Gov. Charles A. Sprague as a Multnomah county circuit judge. He succeeds James P. Stapleton, who died in Portland Monday.

Now active in Portland civic affairs, Redding was also prominent throughout his years on the Willamette campus. He was president of his freshman class, president of the student body in his senior year, participated in debate for four years and winner of the cup awarded annually for the student selected as outstanding in forensics.

He was a member of Alpha Psi Delta social fraternity and of four honoraries—Theta Alpha Phi, dramatics; Blue Key, service; Delta Theta Phi, legal, and Tau Kappa Alpha, forensics. In 1935 and 1936 Redding served as president of the Portland junior chamber of commerce and as a director of the national junior chamber in 1938 and 1939. He was an unsuccessful candidate for a Multnomah circuit judgeship in 1932.

Monmouth Cuts Power Rates

PORTLAND, Dec. 5—(AP)—A second electric power rate reduction by Monmouth, first city in Oregon to build its own lines to distribute Columbia river power, was announced Friday by the Bonneville Power Administration.

The administration estimated that the new reduction would save residential and commercial customers \$1,000 a year.

Adoption of the complete Bonneville standard resale rate schedule was announced last week by McMinnville's Milton H. McGuire, manager of the municipal system, said it would save consumers several thousand dollars a year.

Commerce Club Elects Chief

PORTLAND, Dec. 5—(AP)—E. Don Ross was succeeded Friday by K. C. Conyers, shipping executive, as president of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Conyers, district manager of the McCormick Steamship company, was born at Clatskanie in 1895. He attended Oregon State college from 1915 to 1918.

When City Welcomes New Air Line Service



Salem air enthusiasts who Friday witnessed the ceremonies at Salem airport marking the inauguration of air service from the capital city saw (top) Grover Tyler, veteran 2,000-mile United Air Lines transport pilot wave farewell as he headed the 21-passenger United Mainliner, City of Salem, for the first flight mail, express and passenger trip to San Francisco. Middle photo finds Postmaster Henry R. Crawford (far right) aiding with the loading of first bundles of mail to leave Salem by air. Pictured from the left are Art Willoughby, assistant superintendent of air mail, US postoffice; Harmon Garret, president of state letter carriers association, and William Weiss, airline mechanic. A United sleeper plane (lower photo) was open for inspection by the public all afternoon. (Statesman photos).

Finns, Hungary, Rumania Get Formal Notes Action Taken to Put Combatants On Axis Side At Peace Table

Russ Offensive in Southern Russia Jolts New Nazi Line; Action Light on Libya Front

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 6—(AP)—Britain announced Friday she was declaring war against Finland, Hungary and Rumania in an action without immediate practical effect but aimed at seating those three axis satellites definitely on the nazi side of the peace table after the war.

The announcement by the foreign office followed expiration of a Friday-midnight deadline which Britain set for those three countries to accede to a British demand that they cease fighting Russia.

Technically, the British announcement meant that a state of war would not exist until the three governments were notified formally.

These notifications will specify the exact time when Britain deems herself at war with them, but the time is not expected to be made public until the three governments are informed.

The British conceded that actual declarations of war would not materially change the relations between Britain and Finland, Rumania and Hungary, since diplomatic relations had been broken off long ago and Finnish shipping subjected to seizure.

One source explained: "The primary difference will come at the peace conference, when these countries will be sitting on the other side of the table."

Formal notices will be directed by Britain through the United States diplomatic channels which handled the earlier notes.

Paris Defiant, Nazis Attacked

Invaders Demand City Produce Guilty Ones By December 10th

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Dec. 5—(AP)—Parisians defied stern German warnings and ultimatums Friday to make at least two new attacks on Nazi officers in the occupied capital.

Coincident with the presence in Paris of the Vichy vice-premier, Admiral Darlan, for continued negotiations with the conquerors, these outbreaks were reported:

1. A German major was shot and seriously wounded in the hip by a cyclist on the Rue de Seine, in the St. Germain district. The cyclist escaped.

2. Another officer was fired upon by a band of men at suburban Issy-les-Moulineaux, near the Versailles gate. He was unhurt.

Rear Admiral Rene Bard, the Paris prefect of police, issued a new appeal to the people of the city to help capture the authors of the recent series of assaults.

At the time of Friday's attacks, Paris was under an ultimatum from Lieut. Gen. Ernst von Schaumburg, the German military commander in Paris, to find the perpetrators of previous attacks by Dec. 10 or suffer dire consequences to the population as a whole.

Whether the line actually was breaking generally was in dispute. The Russians reported as much, saying that nazi troops desperately trying to cross the Mius to the west on pontoon bridges were under violent bombing attack, but Berlin insisted that Marshal Timoshenko had at last been "fought to a standstill."

Timoshenko was throwing out his forces in several columns. His right wing, operating 80 miles above the coast of the Azov sea, was declared to have swept over the mining town of Katveyev Kurgan, just east of Stalino, and appeared to be threatening the German hold on that captured steel city.

His left was proceeding in a mixed but essentially orderly pattern—frontally along the coast and obliquely from an area above the coast; the latter thrust being

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Chicago Paper Played Army Bomber Pilot Dies In Crash

CAMAS, Wash., Dec. 5—(AP)—A light bomber on its way to the wars and already painted up for fighting, crashed into the snowy soil of Prune hill three miles north of here Friday, killing its pilot, Second Lt. Harry O'Neill, member of the army's ferry command.

It was one of 18 A20 Douglas machines consigned to the RAF, en route from Portland possibly to Boise, Idaho, which had been turned back by thick weather in the Columbia river gorge.

Lt. O'Neill, the only man aboard, apparently lost his bearings in the low clouds that enveloped the hills on either side of the canyon. The ship struck with motors roaring, 75 feet from the farm house of George Blanchard. It exploded and caught fire. Only fragments of the pilot's body were recovered.

Lt. O'Neill, a graduate of the advance army flying school at Barksdale, La., was to have reported to a bombardment squadron at Boise. The planes were manufactured at the Seattle Boeing factory under Douglas patents.

Film Mogul Grandpa HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 5—(AP)—A daughter was born Friday to Betty Warner, daughter of Film Executive Harry Warner, and her movie producer-husband, Hilton Spiering.

Acknowledging that the general staff had plans for every conceivable type of emergency, the war secretary asserted that documents disclosed Thursday by the Chicago Tribune were "unfinished studies of our production requirements for national defense" and "never constituted an authorized program of the government."

"Their publication will doubtless be of gratification to our potential enemies and a possible source of impairment and embarrassment to our national defense," Stimson told reporters at a press conference.

The Tribune's copyrighted story said the study envisaged an American expeditionary force of 5,000,000 to be dispatched to Europe and Africa to deliver a final blow to Germany and its allies some time after mid-1943.

It was indicated that Stimson's statement would be the only admission of treasury securities for cash since the World war. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

US Bond Sale Far Over Top

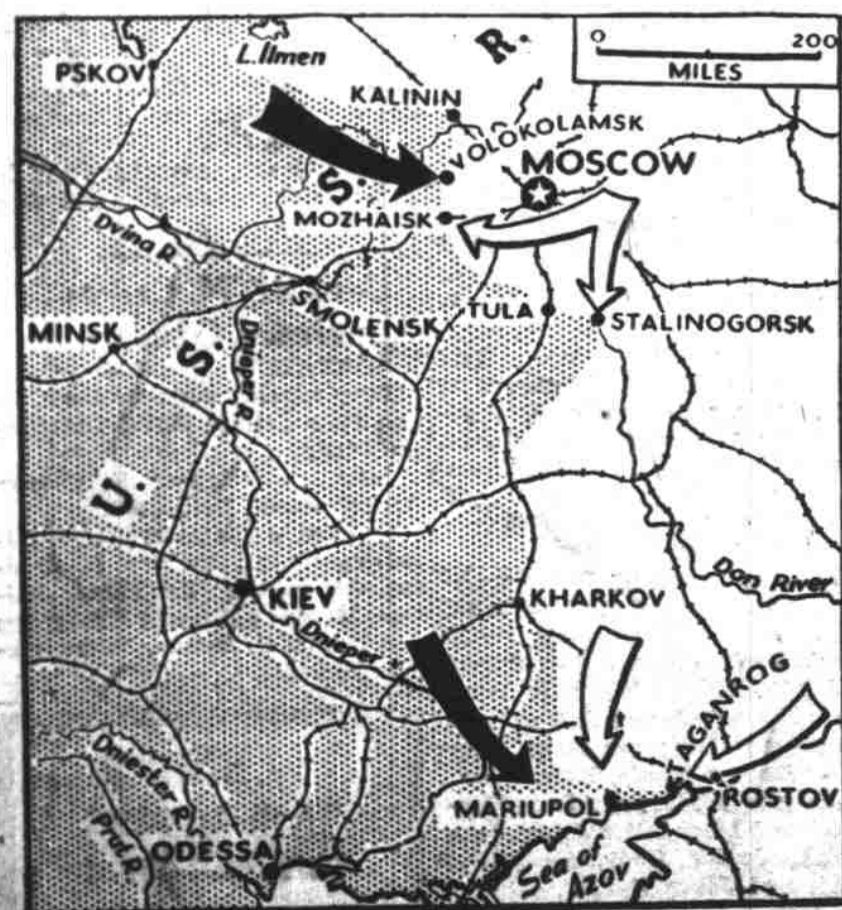
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5—(AP)—The treasury announced Friday night that preliminary reports showed a heavy over-subscription of the record-breaking \$1,500,000,000 bond sale offered Thursday.

Investors over-subscribed the \$1,000,000,000 in 2 1/2 per cent bonds with 1967-72 maturity by 6 1/2 times, a spokesman said, and the \$500,000,000 in 2 per cent bonds five by times. The latter mature from 1951 to 1955.

He added that since there was already \$1,600,000,000 outstanding in the 2 1/2 per cent bonds, Thursday's sale would close the issue.

It was the largest single offering of treasury securities for cash since the World war.

Both Sides Claiming Gains



Black arrows show how Germans are continuing pressure toward Moscow in the Volokolamsk area, where Russians admit a "serious situation" exists, and how, according to London reports, German reinforcements were moving into the Mariupol area to stem the Russian southern drive. White arrows show where Russians claim to have made gains near Moscow, and the direction of reported Russian thrusts in the Rostov attack.

16 Shopping Days Left BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS