

Subs Fire on US Tankers

Planes Scout Ocean After Ship Flees Safely to Shore

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that the Emidio had been struck in a submarine attack.

It was some 15 miles or more off shore when the reported incident occurred, and near the Blunt's Reef lightship.

At the naval district headquarters attaches said they had been told without confirmation that the lightship had picked up distress signals from the Emidio.

These signals, reported to have been heard about 3 p. m., apparently were not picked up generally by receiving stations along the coast.

Later, police at Eureka, Calif., 50 miles north of Blunt's Reef, said an unidentified tanker had been sighted at sundown off the coast. The vessel did not appear in distress and proceeded on its way.

Meantime, 300 miles southward, the Agawigworld steamed into Monterey bay and dropped anchor in the Santa Cruz harbor about 4 p. m. Reports to the navy said this was two hours after the alleged attack off Cypress point.

Civilians were prevented from approaching her.

No one from the Agawigworld came ashore.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20—(P)—Vice Admiral Percy Nelles, chief of the Canadian naval staff, commenting on a United States navy announcement of enemy submarines off the Atlantic coast, recalled his warning at Oakville, Ont., on November 5, that German U-boats were operating off the coast of Newfoundland.

"I said at that time that Nazi submarines would be operating shortly near the coast of Nova Scotia," he said.

In his Oakville address Vice-Admiral Nelles said "the battle (of the Atlantic) is growing ever more intense until today we have German submarines operating adjacent to the Straits of Belle Isle and in the vicinity of Newfoundland."

While the Willamette river continued its rise, mounting from 17.4 feet at noon Saturday to 18.7 at 12:45 a. m. today, to reach a new high for 1941, all highways in Oregon were open, state police believed, with the possible exception of the Coos Bay-Roseburg route. A slide there had halted traffic Saturday but had reportedly been removed by this morning.

Cessation of rain Saturday morning gave promise, long-time observers of the river's behavior said, of a slight slowing in the Willamette's swelling process. However, they pointed out that continued precipitation during the afternoon and night indicated that it would probably approach 21 feet which marks flood stage in this section of the valley.

River ferries were reported out of operation, but most county roads were passable late Saturday.

Lowlands were inundated by Saturday morning and, while residences in the Polk county hopyard area were said to be safely above water this morning, roads leading to them were under water and dwellers there planned to depend upon boats to leave should removal appear desirable.

River Reaches Winter High; Roads Open

Given some of the blame for the occurrence by officers, who believed the poor light might also offer explanation for a minor automobile-pedestrian accident at High and State streets earlier the same night.

Mrs. Curtis Stevens of Dallas, who was carrying her 11-month-old child in her arms, and Mrs. Ben Bergen, also of the Polk city, were bruised and skinned when struck by a car driven by V. P. Mentzer, 1245 North 17th street as it turned east onto State from High street, city first aid men said. They took the women and baby to a physician for examination after providing first aid.

Purse Thief Robs Woman

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There is no admission charge.

German woman jailed for hearing newscast

BERLIN, Dec. 20—(Andi Agency to A2)—A 62-year-old woman was sentenced Saturday to ten years in a penitentiary when a court in Katowice, Upper Silesia, found her guilty of listening to foreign radio broadcasts and disseminating the news to relatives. The court said she escaped a death sentence only because of her age.

George VI Plans Talk

LONDON, Dec. 20—(P)—King George VI will broadcast to the empire on Christmas day at 3 pm (8 a. m. PST).



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War News From World Capitals

CAIRO

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Mussolini's most ambitious colonizing efforts.

Although the British were hesitant to count ten over the once formidable German-Italian North African forces, commentators expressed confidence that the axis, harried from land and air, could not make another strong stand even at Bengasi.

They were confident also that there would be no axis escape to parallel the British withdrawal from Dunkerque, Greece or Crete.

Belief that Rommel will be unable to marshal his forces for another major stand was based on two assumptions: That there are no substantial axis reserves at Bengasi and that he lacks the tank strength to delay his pursuers while that port's defenses are prepared.

Even those British sources disinclined to optimism agreed that the Nazi commander is in a spot where heavy air reinforcements scarcely could help, especially since the axis is limited to a few landing fields in a relatively restricted area under constant RAF attack.

School Yule Programs Set

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reunion are Bill Shinn, ASB president in 1940; Iona Balson, graduate of 1941, and Bill Thomas, 1937 graduate.

Alumni will sign the Homecoming "book" in the center of the hall, according to Lois Fellows, adviser for the fete. The book dates to the homecoming of 1921 and contains signatures of all returning graduates. Plans for the event were canceled last year because of the flu epidemic.

The pageant at Parrish Junior high is set for 2:45 p. m. Tuesday. Music classes at Leslie will present a Christmas program at 2:45 Tuesday, in charge of Gretchen Kreamer. The same play as in previous years is to be given.

The choir, chosen from music classes in all grades, will wear surplices with black skirts and trousers. Candles will be arranged on the altar, and the choir members are to carry candles.

The three kings who will sing solos are Stephan Latham, John McKorkle and Harold Swinburn.

A huge silver star is to serve as background in place of cathedral windows which art classes were making but which were not completed.

Seniors Plan Carols Play

Townpeople are invited to see a student version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" Monday at 8 p. m. in the senior high school auditorium, presented by a high school cast.

The play, written by Joe Power and Carl Ritchie, seniors, will be given in pantomime with the voices coming over the loudspeaker. The voice of "Scrooge" will be that of Bob Scott. Bill Burns will enact the part on the stage.

Other radio voices will be those of Eileen Teel, Lillian Oliver, Pat Edgerton, Veta Smith, Carl Ritchie, Hugh Lovell, Joe Power and Ray Loter. The stage cast members are Bob Newman, Ronald Jones, Thomas Grimm, Dan Norris, Laurence Baer, Charles Lovell, June Nickel, Norma Wooton, Melvin Hagedorn, Albert Castello, Audrey Tucker, Winsor Acton, Marian Macy, Ethel Lawless, Ellis Teel and Wanda Steinbruck.

Lois Fellows, Homecoming program adviser, and Mrs. Gertrude C. Shister, aircraft adviser, are the faculty advisers. Bob Scott is student director.

Black Soviet Nights Give Nazis Jitters

MOSCOW, Dec. 20—(P)—It's so dark on the Russian steppes at night, the Moscow radio says, that Germans are getting the jitters.

At the same hour every night they send up a stream of rockets in the area where between December 7 and December 15 Russians have wiped out 5,500 German soldiers and officers.

Obituary

Small Calvin W. Small, resident of Turner, Oregon, died Saturday, December 20. Survived by daughters, Ada L. Sparks, Calif., and Blanche McCormack, Portland. Funeral arrangements later by W. T. Rigdon Co.

BERLIN

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a claim to German advances. In Russia, the high command merely said, the Russians were suffering extreme new losses.

His proclamation calling for a gift from the people to the army on this third war Christmas, Hitler declared:

"German people: While apart from air raids, German homes are safe from the enemy, millions of our soldiers now stand at the front, after a year of most severe fighting against an enemy vastly superior both in numbers and in quantities of material.

"Victories, such as the world has so far never experienced, were achieved, thanks to the leadership and the gallantry of officers and men.

"Thus, the greatest military front of all times holds and fights from the arctic regions to the Black sea, from the snowfields of Finland to the mountains of the Balkans, until the hour of the final annihilation of the most dangerous enemy of all times."

Every kind of fur and woollen clothing, from lined overcoats, socks and underwear to car-muffs, blankets, shawls, overcoats and blankets are needed to protect the soldiers from the "bitter cold," said Goebbels in a 20-minute speech.

Nazi party members will make the house-to-house collection from Dec. 27 to Jan. 4, he said.

"I know that at the last collection the German people have given all they could spare in consideration of the tense situation regarding textile supplies," the propaganda minister said, but he added:

"As long as a single object of winter clothing remains still in the fatherland, it must go to the front."

Boyer Rites Set Tuesday

Veteran County Clerk Held Post Since 1917, Active in Civic Life

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return to Salem late this fall, Mr. Boyer again prepared to retire, this time setting Saturday, December 6, at his last day in office.

Friday night, December 5, because he was feeling ill with a cold and thought he might not be able to attend to his duties Saturday, he stayed late to sign certificates of citizenship for 34 applicants who had that day passed final court test, and had never since returned to the courthouse, where he had been employed since 1913.

Born April 8, 1866, in Sulphur Lake, Ind., he had lived at Hastings, Neb., and Wadena, Minn., before coming to Salem in 1907 to operate, with A. A. Lee, the Salem Abstract company, which they had bought a few months earlier from the Waters brothers, George, Frank and Fred.

In 1892 he married Cora Bean, who survives him. Their only daughter, Mrs. Ruth Rice, preceded him in death by only a few weeks.

Mr. Boyer sold his interest in the abstract company in 1911 but remained in its employ until he was appointed a deputy county clerk in the office of Max Gehlhar in 1913. He succeeded Gehlhar in that office four years later and had remained there since.

Long active in the State Association of County Clerks, in which he had served as secretary and president, he had relinquished the organization's treasurership at its most recent convention less than a month ago.

Interest in civic and fraternal work did not wane with his health, which friends noted had become frail during the last months of his life and he had retained membership in the AF & AM, IOOF, grange, chamber of commerce and other organizations. A lifelong member of the Methodist church, he had been active in the work of the First church in Salem during his entire residence here.

Proud of the reputation for efficiency held by his office staff, the late county clerk was accustomed to say "We're here to serve" frequently to the large group of clients who called at his counters. Among this group and others throughout this section of the state, a large number of persons called him "friend."

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are a son-in-law, Harry E. Rice, and granddaughters, Jeannette and Ruth Anne Rice of St. Paul, Minn.; a sister, Mrs. E. A. Griffin, Bend; brothers-in-law, Harry Kloepping, Salem, and Frank D. Bean, Altadena, Calif.

Included among pallbearers are to be County Clerk Harlan Judd, Lee Ohmart, Henry Mattson, Arthur Roethlin and Garnet Six, all of the county clerk's office, and Connell C. Ward, Salem school clerk and business manager who was for many years a member of the same staff.

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"To all areas in Washington and Oregon, effective immediately: All neon signs, flood lights, advertising signs, theatre signs, road signs, billboard and all other illuminated signs or apparatuses are to be extinguished and remain so until further notice, or local city or county authorities are convinced that such signs can be extinguished in not to exceed 60 seconds after an alarm is sounded.

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"It has come to my attention that a limited number of persons in this service have apparently lost some of their interest in the job of observers and are causing considerable headship and confusion to the remainder of the Aircraft Observer service. While this department is under the 2nd Interceptor command, it was constructed through the efforts of Wilbur McCune as chairman whom we recommended to the army, and he with our assistance, selected what we supposed were reliable and patriotic citizens for this important job.

"Because we all depend so completely upon the observer's information for our safety through the county council, it is imperative that we use our best efforts to keep it intact.

"Accordingly, I must remind each of those who are not functioning that they not only own as much of this country as the rest of us, but their responsibility is equal to ours, and this is intended as an appeal to those few for their reconsideration and their careful attention to their responsibility that they may not, by their lack of such cooperation, unintentionally lend aid and comfort to the enemy."

Cigarette Tax Action Slated

A million excise stamps a week would be required for administration of the cigarette tax act passed by the last legislature and given the green light Friday by the state department, members of the state tax commission said Saturday.

The commission, after a conference Saturday, decided to proceed to set up machinery for collection of the new tax, two cents per package of cigarettes. The members expect to go to Olympia, Wash., to study methods utilized in administering a similar tax in that state.

Reporters from Portland Saturday indicated that the Oregon Retail Grocers' association was having legal proceedings prepared, designed to stay collection of the tax until validity of referendum petitions against the act has been passed upon by the courts.

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ing Germans had lost more than 40,000 men in two weeks while the German are against Moscow was now bent back. Leningrad forces reported a successful three-day attack upon its one-time besiegers.

The Leningrad fighting netted a large quantity of provisions and war material, re-captured an unidentified Russian railway station and killed 2000 Germans.

The Moscow radio said three fully loaded German troop transports in the Arctic (probably in the Barents sea) totalling 25,500 tons were sunk by a Russian submarine despite their guard of destroyers and patrol boats.

Southward along the vast field of battle Russian newspaper dispatches said 1600 German men met death before advancing Russians who took back 30 villages in the Donetsk basin area.

The soviet garrison at the surrounded Crimean naval base of Sevastopol was reported to have flung back an attack by German motorized forces. Soviet artillery and planes assisting the defenders were said to have cost the Germans heavily.

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mies, Canadians and Indian sikhs who have no hope of reinforcements fought on from atop Victoria Peak. Below them big fires raged and Victoria City was strewn with wreckage of a week-long artillery and air bombardment.

Governor Sir Mark Young, who twice rejected Japanese surrender demands, messaged London that "operations are proceeding." That was all. Tokyo predicted the garrison's fall sometime today.

Davao was a recognized center of Japanese fifth-column activity, and Manila dispatches said the Filipino defenders long had been expecting a Japanese thrust there. Some 1500 Japanese men of military age were interned as soon as the war began.

Japanese bombers again swarmed over Manila at noon Saturday, but their explosive aimed at Nichols field wide, it was announced.

Tokyo asserted that 21 American planes, a hangar and an oil depot were destroyed in a series of raids Thursday and Friday at Nichols field, Iloilo, and other points. Washington announced light casualties and damage to the Cavite naval base in Friday's raid.

British defense forces in Malaya meanwhile fell back to a new line south of the Krian river in Perak state after they reported smashing a Japanese stab on the main road leading down to Singapore 300 miles away.

Japanese troops occupied the island base of Penang off the Malay coast north of that area, but the British had destroyed all valuable equipment and removed their troops and civilians before the Japanese landed. Penang is an important base for operations in the straits of Malacca.

The Dutch continued to supply encouraging news. A communique in Batavia said that Dutch airmen scored direct hits on two Japanese cruisers, a transport and another warship apparently being used as a plane carrier in an attack off Miri, Borneo.

The Japanese hold Miri, a coastal point in Sarawak which is adjacent to British and Dutch Borneo. But the Dutch were confident that that base would not threaten their rich colonies because of difficult intervening jungle and mountain country.

A Washington communique said that a US submarine sank another Japanese transport.

For the first time American units stationed in China along the Burma road as volunteer airmen went into action. They shot down four Japanese planes without a loss to themselves when the Japanese attacked Kunming, a Chinese communique said.

In their attempt to relieve pressure on Hongkong the Chinese said their troops blew up the Shumchun station on the Canton-Kowloon railway right at the mainland frontier of the Hongkong colony, and that heavy fighting subsequently developed about 20 miles north of that point.

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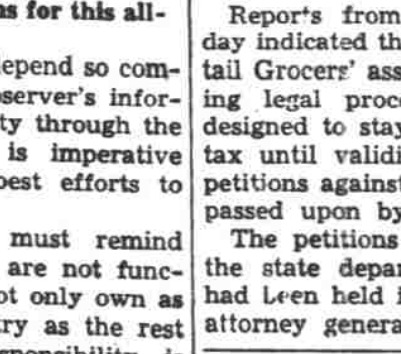
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Still in Thy Dark Streets Shineth...

Without the accustomed glare of neon signs, Salem streets were dark. Shoppers scurried and questioned. Above their heads the chimes rang out "Silent Night, Holy Night" from a building so tall it blotted from the view of those on the southwest corner of State street a brilliant star almost cradled in the crescent moon.

"Is this a blackout?" shrilled one hastening fur-clad woman to another, but the only answer was the tinkle of tiny silver bells in their coat-collar corsages and the continuous chiming of Christmas hymns.

To the whimpering child in her arms, the slender, pale woman who alone seemed going nowhere said soothingly, "It was dark in Bethlehem."

Annual Yule Party Slated By Civic Club

Salem Lions club will have twenty-four children as their guests during their annual Christmas party today at 1 p. m. at the Marion hotel. Originally scheduled for Monday night, the date was changed because of possible blackouts.

The children, members of the club and their wives will be served a complete turkey dinner. Following the dinner, clothing, toys, and candies will be distributed to the children by Santa Claus. Each youngster will receive a complete outfit.

Dr. Waldo Zeller heads the committee in charge for the Lions and Mrs. L. J. Steward for the auxiliary. In charge of entertainment features is Wes McWain of Willamette university.

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FDR Planning War Council

Group to Outrank Cabinet; National Leaders Considered

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sition as vice-president, and, second, because of the president's confidence in his ability to work out economic and sociological problems.

Whether Murray might be given such a post, informants declared, probably would depend upon whether the chief executive felt it advisable to have a labor representative on that type of council.

Informants said the general idea was that the war council would have power to work out differences between various departments and agencies, would perform "special tasks" which would not fall directly under the jurisdiction of any one department, and would relieve the president of many questions of policy which he now must handle.

Along with the supreme war council idea, the president was said to be considering an arrangement for unifying military commands by geographical regions. This would involve placing a single commander in charge of all allied forces in a single area.

Thus, one man might command the army, navy and air forces of the United States, Great Britain and The Netherlands in the southern Pacific; another might have command in the zone around Alaska. The Atlantic might be similarly divided, and zones might be established in Russia and Africa.

Some speculation has developed that General Douglas A. MacArthur, commander of the Philippine defenses, might be given complete control over the allied war effort in the far Pacific.

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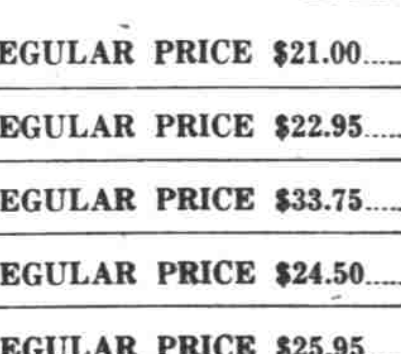
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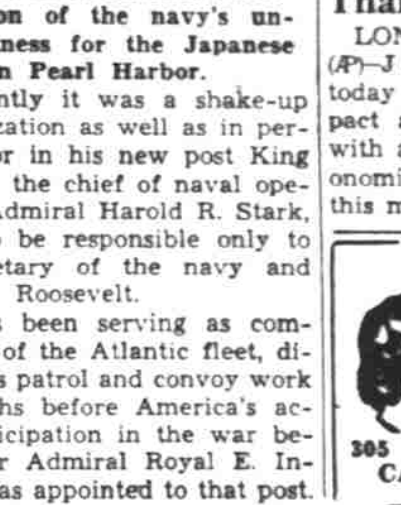
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Registration will begin December 23 at 9 o'clock and will continue until 10 a. m. The alumni will then visit classes for the next hour and assembly will take place at 11 o'clock under the direction of Patricia Stringer and Steven Enloe.

The program at assembly will feature an old-time school room, starring Eunice Torwood and the teacher. In the afternoon there will be a basketball game between the alumni and the junior boys.

At night the annual alumni dance will be held with decorations featuring a lighted Christmas tree. Tommy Serine's orchestra will furnish the music.

Matinee Nets Truckload of Yule Cheer

One can of food was the admission price and a small truckload of Christmas cheer was the result of the benefit matinee at the Capitol theatre Saturday morning. Canned food collected was used to swell the Salem Elks club Christmas cheer baskets, for the benefit of needy families in Salem and vicinity.

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