

# Correspondent Gets 'Cross'

### Roosevelt Criticizes Faticious Column With Nazi Medal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt Friday dispatched a German iron cross to John O'Donnell, Washington correspondent of the New York Daily News, and O'Donnell issued a statement saying he was "amazed and bewildered" by the president's action.

Apparently disapproving a column O'Donnell had written, Mr. Roosevelt picked up the iron cross from his desk after this morning's press conference, and handed it to Radio Commentator Earl Godwin, who said Mr. Roosevelt told him to present it to O'Donnell.

O'Donnell issued a statement Friday night saying that for the entertainment of readers he had quoted some "obviously facetious" and humorous letters from newspapers in Australia and regretted that "they have been misinterpreted and misunderstood at the White House."

In the column O'Donnell said he had sometimes pondered over the lack of news from energetic newsmen assigned to Australia, but now the mystery was solved. He quoted letters from Australia as indicating "the boys have turned to flutes and piccolos just to keep their fingers nimble for the time when the censorship lets them beat the keys of their portable typewriters to turn 'a tell-all story.'"

One letter from Australia, written by Jack Turcott of the New York Daily News, said George Durno is "busy the whole day" playing a flute. Durno, a former Washington correspondent for International News Service, is now a captain in the air transport command.

The letter added that Turcott himself was playing a whistle "but I've been here for ten months, and in that time it's expected a guy will go slightly nuts."

It added that Larry Lehrbas "is busy cutting paper dolls and doodling on perfectly good writing paper." Lehrbas, former Associated Press correspondent, is a colonel in the army.

A letter from Durno, also reprinted in the column, said Durno had "just read portions of that libel Jack Turcott has composed" and added:

"I just want to tell you about the hardships being endured by Turcott. It is something terrific. Turcott's bath was drawn by his gentlemen's gentlemen this morning and was two degrees off temperature."

# Oregon Jobs Plan Lauded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Oregon was lauded in the congressional record this week for its post-war employment plans.

Rep. Beiter (D-NY) inserted in the publication a review of the program in which this state plans to spend \$600,000 for each biennial appropriation period to prepare for post-war unemployment. Projects are constantly added to keep the program ready.

The program would cover a six-year period. Some of the projects would be completed before the war ends but others would carry over until well after hostilities end.

# Lodge Distributes Clothing to Needy

Christmas cheer and comfort will be brought Salem's needy again this year by members of Elks lodge No. 236. Today, clothing will be distributed to those in need between the hours of 10 and 5 o'clock, from the basement of the lodge.

# ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Exchanging gold braid for goggles, Joe has gone to the shipyards.

And, with suitable expletive, he declares "The only things I like about that job are quitting time and payday," but the morning after they had steamed up the vessel on which he is a shrinker, there was an extra note of pride in his voice, an added glow to his eyes.

Not so much the throb of the engines, sending life pulsing through the great metal hull, as the technicians who did the job, moved him to start recruiting for his yards.

Men to whom this was no new experience, who knew by walking over the length of the craft whether she is what they ordered, young men with intelligence reaching out to their fingertips—they intrigued him! Or so we guessed.

And just let anyone pan the administration! Joe, and anyone else, may cry about working hours (but try to keep him from putting in all seven graveyard shifts that the week offers); all of us may complain about the new price schedule at Martha's (and he is loyal to Martha, as are we all); Joe is, there is little about which Joe cannot and will not grump.

For those who actually make the engines turn over he has nothing but respect, unless, perhaps, that might be multiplied many times over into actual "reverence."

As we daily over our ration of coffee to hear Joe's opinion on many things, there are those of us who wonder if on other jobs we cannot, figuratively, wield a welder's torch and thus gain an added knowledge of the ship that we call state and, perhaps, a sharper thrill in its functioning, more understanding of the skill which must be required to operate its great and withal graceful bulk through stormy seas.

# Laval Going To Paris?

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Swiss government has definitely decided to return to Paris, the Geneva Tribune said Friday night in a dispatch from Paris.

(Originating from Paris, the story may have been inspired by German or pro-Fascist French sources.)

Although the change implies elimination of the old demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied zones, the paper said a 30-mile wide strip of territory along all France's boundaries would be declared a "forbidden zone" to which entrance could be gained only by Nazi permission. France thus would be hermetically sealed off from the rest of the world.

# Legion Finds No Assistance Call; Membership High

For the first Christmas in many years, no cases of war veteran families needing assistance have been brought to the attention of Capital post No. 9, American Legion, Commander Ira Pilcher announced Friday.

Local American Legion membership, Commander Pilcher announced, is the highest as the year closes. It has been in many years, and now that all veterans of the present war who are honorably discharged from the various branches of the service are eligible for membership, it is expected that the post rolls will probably be more than doubled before this time next year.

# Eastern Gas Sales Halted

### Pricer Hopes Plan Ready for Monday; Barges Slated

A construction program to provide more than 1000 barges, towboats and tugs, designed to boost oil deliveries into the east by 150,000 barrels a day next year. New terminal facilities at Cairo, Ill., and Jacksonville and Panama City, Fla., also will be built.

Nelson warned that the program would provide little relief until next spring because of the time required to construct the equipment. Work will start immediately, however.

Commenting on the suspension of sales, Henderson said that "Reports from our regional offices show that the public has, as always, taken the commander-in-chief at his word and recognized instantly that this is a military emergency."

President Roosevelt said this morning that the suspension would last only a few days and was necessitated by emergency needs of the armed services in north Africa.

# 1942 Harvest Sets Up Many New Records

market for practically everything that farmers could produce.

The board found that the record production of feed and forage crops gave assurances that the currently heavy production of livestock and livestock products will continue at close to record levels for some time if weather conditions permit.

Growing conditions for the season were reported above average in nearly all states and especially good in the Great Plains area, a region hit by drought in the mid-30s.

The 1942 wheat crop of 981,327,000 bushels was exceeded only by the World War I crop of 1915. Production last year totaled 943,127,000 bushels.

The corn crop, estimated at 3,175,154,000 bushels, is the largest on record, topping the previous peak crop, that of 1920, by 105,000,000 bushels. The yield per acre averaged 35.5 bushels or 3.8 bushels more than in any other year.

Hay production exceeded 105,000,000 tons for the first time. Allowing for oranges and other citrus fruits still to be picked, the 1942 crops of all major fruits appeared to be above the ten-year average, with prunes and apricots being the only exceptions.

# Norway Merchant Ship Sunk; Wife Of Skipper Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A medium sized Norwegian merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine during mid-November in the Atlantic off the northern coast of South America, the navy reported Friday.

Survivors have landed at a United States east coast port.

AN EAST COAST PORT, Dec. 18 (AP)—A ship captain's wife who for three dangerous war years sailed at sea after seeing him taken prisoner aboard an Axis submarine that torpedoed their merchant craft.

# Plane Crashes

### VICTORIA, Dec. 18 (CP)—Officials of a west coast station of the Royal Air Force Friday listed eight men as missing and two others dead in flights off the east coast of Vancouver island during the past week.

One aircraft has been missing since Wednesday and the other crashed Thursday off nearby Salt Spring Island. Each was a medium bomber, carrying a crew of five men.

Aboard the missing plane, which is the object of widespread search, was Pilot Officer W. W. Harris, Milwaukee, Wis. Sgt. Sydney Conlon of Long Island, NY, was listed as missing aboard the plane that crashed.

# RAF Trades Blows With Luftwaffe

man high command said heavy explosions and fires were observed along the Humber river. It admitted the loss of two planes.

Two villages in Sussex and Kent were bombed by daylight Friday. One bombing caused havoc in an apartment building and wrecked a number of houses, including a vicarage, but only one woman was injured.

Among the killed in the day's bombing were at least nine Christmas shoppers in one store that was demolished. A number of others were missing.

One plane, a Dornier 217, one of Germany's latest model bombers, crashed on some shops.

# Fats and Oils Shortage in 1943 Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Latest surveys on this year's production indicate, an agriculture department official said Friday, that the United States faces a shortage in 1943 of between 800,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 pounds of fats and vegetable oils for food and industrial purposes.

This shortage would be equivalent to between 7 and 9 per cent of present requirements, which have been curtailed to some extent by government orders restricting industrial use.

The major products listed as fats and vegetable oil and lard, butter, oleomargarine, cooking compounds, cottonseed oil, soy bean oil, peanut oil, olive oil, tallow, linseed oil, coconut and babassu oil.

Fats and vegetable oils are important nutritional elements. They are sources of energy and contribute to the diet not obtained from any other foods.

Soaps, paints, varnishes, plastics and drying oils are among some of the industrial uses.

The official, who asked that he not be quoted, said that apparently action would have to be taken to limit consumption of some of the fats and oils, or shipping needed for war purposes would have to be used to bring in supplies from South America.

Before the war, the United States imported a substantial portion of its vegetable oils from the orient.

# Willamette U Slates Change

### Selected Seniors May Be Enrolled; War Fund Established

Willamette to continue its full instruction program and to participate in any special training program that might be assigned to the university by government agencies.

Expansion of federal educational programs pointed toward training for specialized military service was announced in Washington, DC, Thursday.

The campus news bureau added:

"Dr. Smith further stated that the change in admission requirements to permit the admission at the end of three years of high school work of carefully selected students able to profit by work on the college level would enable the university to participate fully in any such program which should be announced for the state of Oregon, and would further permit the university to give high-grade college training to the young men who might normally be expected to be selected after being drafted for the educational programs which today have been announced by the armed services.

Students thus receiving one year of college training prior to their age of induction, in which they would have their basic training in mathematics and science, could be expected to be far ahead in the service which they could render to the armed forces and in the training which they might receive after being inducted into service."

The obtaining of money for the Centennial fund, already under way, was put in charge of a trustee's committee consisting of Paul B. Wallace, Salem, general chairman; Clarence Bishop, co-chairman for Portland; Tinkham Gilbert Amedee M. Smith, C. E. McCullough, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter and C. L. Starr.

# Rommel Plight Unsure, Libya

A (Continued from Page 1) A order, observed that he was under "continuous attacks into the flank."

In Tunisia, said a US war department communique, allied patrols had been active along the whole front, and a spokesman at allied headquarters in north Africa stated in supplement that British and American patrols had established contact with the enemy at various points in central Tunisia, including the Medjez-El-Bab sector, which is 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

The communique told of new air attacks on the axis-held ports of Bizerte and Tunis, where many fires were left blazing. In operations of Thursday, it was added, five enemy planes were shot down without allied loss.

In the last three days, it was shown, 14 enemy planes had been shot down.

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# Harry Mosher Gains Doctorate

### Harry S. Mosher, son of Mrs. D. H. Mosher, 354 North Winter street, Salem, was awarded his doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry at early graduation exercises conducted at Pennsylvania State college Thursday night. He is a graduate of Willamette university, class of 1936.

# Clifton Cass Back From N. Africa

C (Continued from Page 1) C mits grinning, but goes on to declare that the men on the troop ship, from which "passengers" earlier had been discharged onto the beaches in small boats, went about their duties calmly even after the first torpedo had struck. It was the second that sent Cass flying into the ocean.

The Rutledge, second vessel in the convoy to be torpedoed, was struck at sundown and Cass and 19 others made their way to shore on a raft, one of many that rode the breakers in that night.

Casualty, Cass reveals that this wasn't his first experience under fire. A breaker, he declares, saved his life when it rolled him into the bottom of a small boat in which 28 men had rowed shoreward at the moment that several Italian planes flew overhead and strafed the little craft. Men just ahead and just behind Cass were killed.

The landing was run off to the split minute, according to Cass, and the American public knew about it as soon as landing troops did, he declared after reading The Statesman for November 8.

# USC-Airdevils Clash Today

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (AP)—The football season in southern California closes Saturday for 12 days, or until the Rose Bowl contest, as the St. Mary's navy Pre-Flights engage USC's Trojans.

A few weeks ago the navy Airdevils might have been the favorite but they have some of their best performers in active service now. Then too, Ed Manske, one of their best pass receivers, will not be available to take in Stanford Frankie Albert's aerials. Nevertheless, the Trojans will have to show improvement in pass defense to win.

# Capitol Building Office Moving Set

Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle will occupy the same suite of rooms on the third floor of the state capitol building during the 1943 legislative session that he utilized during the 1941 session, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced Friday.

The state civilian defense office staff, now occupying rooms on the third floor of the capitol building, will move into the state library structure for the duration of the legislature. Jerrold Owen is in charge of the state defense headquarters.

# Wallace Says Thinking Need

### Common People Called To Push Adequate Peace Planning

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—Vice President Wallace believes the common people should do some constructive and united thinking about our peace and postwar problems in their homes and churches and town meetings.

He outlined his views in an interview which was printed as a Christmas message Friday in the Christian Advocate, official publication of the Methodist church.

Wallace also advocated a comprehensive program of education for peoples of "backward" nations.

"We must push for positive commitments on the part of the trustee nations to bring about a reasonable standard of literacy in the areas under their control—and bring it about within certain time limits," he said. "Before any nation can rise toward democracy and self-government, its people must learn to read and write—and to become literate with their hands."

The vice president, told that public opinion was not being created to support post-war planning stated:

"If it be true that official Washington does not feel that the time is ripe for a thorough-going discussion of post-war aims—and I cannot agree that that is wholly the case—there is nothing to prevent private agencies, such as the church, from engaging in such discussion and making such recommendations as they feel will help the government."

Here he opined that adequate solutions of post-war problems are not come by fiat from Washington, Moscow or London, but would come when and if the common people do some united and constructive thinking on the subject whatever they assemble.

Wallace was asked if there were signs that such problems as trade regulations, economic and political imperialism, racial antipathies and hatred and vengeance were being licked.

"The signs, I am sorry to say, all point in the wrong direction," he replied. "But I have faith that men of faith in every walk of life, seeing the signs pointing the wrong way, will swing into the action necessary to prevent the coming peace from being just another interval in a long series of wars."

# Russians Gain On West Front

### D (Continued from Page 1) D fighting on the southern outskirts of Stalingrad itself as the Russians methodically fought to cut the Germans from the city in a block-by-block struggle.

Action within the city was confined to artillery and mortar duels interspersed with small shock groups attacking each others dugouts.

Another German infantry company was reported wiped out and eight Nazi tanks disabled in the repulse of an enemy counter-attack in the Mozdok area of the mid-Caucasus.

Japs Bar Partners LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Netherlands news agency, Aneta, said private sources had reported Friday that the Japanese are bargaining their axis partners, the Germans, from The Netherlands East Indies. Germans wishing to visit the conquered Indies are finding it impossible to secure visas, the agency said.

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Advertisement for 'Flying Tigers' starring John Wayne, John Carroll, and Anna Lee. Text: "SENSATIONAL! FLYING TIGERS starring JOHN WAYNE JOHN CARROLL ANNA LEE".

Advertisement for 'Moscow Strikes Back' starring Bob Madrine and Hope Carroll. Text: "MOSCOW STRIKES BACK starring BOB MADRINE HOPE CARROLL".

Advertisement for 'My Favorite Blonde' starring Bob Madrine and Hope Carroll. Text: "My Favorite Blonde starring BOB MADRINE HOPE CARROLL".

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