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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER—Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt (left), being led from courtroom here last night shortly after a jury convicted her of manslaughter in the gun slaying of Mrs. Vada Martin, 36-year-old nurse. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page 2).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sorensen

There was something plaintive in the tone of comments of Europeans following the decision of the UNO preparatory commission to locate the new world capital within the United States. The London News-Chronicle, which had strongly opposed such a location, remarked:

"The decision shows to what extent the political center of gravity has shifted. North America and Asia have grown in importance. Continental Europe takes a back seat."

The Yugoslav delegate, Stoyan Gavrilovic, said:

"The main issue is out of the way, resulting in a shift of the center of world politics to the new world. It had to come, but many Europeans were reluctant to admit that Europe is no longer the center."

This is confirmed the prophecy of Bishop Berkeley in his verses entitled "On the Prospect of Planting Arts and Learning in America."

Columbia Empire Industries Elects Riches President

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(P)—Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., today elected Lloyd Riches, Salem, president.

The new head of the organization, which expects to resume its pre-war program of publicizing Columbia Empire products and industries, is vice president and general manager of Western Paper Converting company.

Other officers, all from Portland, are: Phil E. Hodel, first vice president; J. A. Brewster, second vice president; Henry H. Pein, secretary-treasurer.

CHECK, DOUBLE CHECK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—The senate, rushing through a mass of legislation today trying to get away for the Christmas holidays, passed a resolution calling for an end of butter rationing. OPA ended butter rationing Nov. 24.

Animal Crackers



"When can I start shaving like papa?"

Soviet Papers Demand Land From Turkey

MOSCOW, Dec. 20.—(P)—Demands that Turkey cede a strategic 180-mile stretch of her Black Sea coast to Russia were published prominently today as the Big Three foreign ministers published prominently today as the Big Three foreign ministers conferred again on problems vital to world peace.

U.S. Secretary James F. Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov met for two hours and 20 minutes today.

The demands for the area were made in a letter from S. R. Djanashia, doctor of historical science, and N. Berdenishvili, both members of the Science academy of the Georgian republic, declaring:

"We appeal to world opinion about the situation of our ancient land, taken by Turkey. 'We are not talking about some small territorial dispute. This concerns the seized cradle of our people—a crime which has cut in two our living national body. The Georgian people must get back their land.'"

Salvation Army Lists 513 to Receive Help

Five hundred thirteen persons are on the Salvation Army, Salem post, Christmas list this year, Capt. R. B. Leshar said Thursday as proceeds from the Christmas cheer kettles were totaled. In 124 family groups, this number includes small children, widows, the aged, the ill, those who have met with other misfortune which has kept them from earning a living or enough to provide more than the bare necessities, Leshar said.

The kettles, which hang on downtown street corners during the Christmas shopping season, to date have had \$1172.24, largely in small coins, dropped into them. Occasionally a large bill is shoved beneath the wire netting, but \$171 in such larger bills and checks have been taken into the citadel offices. Last year, when many types of merchandise cost less, the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer fund here amounted to about \$1750, Captain Leshar said.

Weather

Table with columns: Max, Min, Rain. Rows: Salem, Eugene, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Willamette river.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Moderate to light rains throughout the day. Temperatures will remain slightly above freezing. Maximum temperature 33 degrees.

Salem's Service Clubs Combine to Conduct Victory Clothing Collection for Overseas Relief

To conduct the Victory Clothing Collection in the Salem area for overseas relief, representatives of Salem Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs have already completed over-all committee organization and secured a downtown collection spot, F. G. Starrett, general chairman for the drive to be held here in January, announced Thursday.

Rubber Output Mounting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—Tire rationing will end at 12:01 a. m. on Jan. 1, price administrator Chester Bowles announced tonight.

He said the rationing program can be terminated then "because production of tires, particularly passenger tires, the shortage of which has been most acute, has increased steadily during the past two months, reaching an output for this quarter of about 11,000,000."

Bowles said OPA and the civilian production administration had agreed that rationing could be lifted when production reached this level.

Holders of tire purchase certificates will have through Dec. 31 to turn in ration coupons to dealers and obtain passenger or truck tires before unrationed sales begin.

After tomorrow, no additional certificates will be issued except in emergency cases.

Bowles warned that termination of rationing does not mean there is an ample supply of tires to meet all requests.

"For many months," he added, "it will remain important that motorists continue to do everything possible to avoid excessive wear and tear on tires."

The prohibition on spare tires for new cars will be continued, along with restrictions on white side wall tires and tire exports.

Mac Denies Intent to Resign

TOKYO, Friday, Dec. 21.—(P)—General MacArthur today flatly denied he had any intention of resigning his post as supreme commander of the Allied powers. The denial was included in a statement which declared that Russian participation in the occupation of Japan is "a matter for other decision than my own."

MacArthur's press relations office issued the statement in reply to questions concerning a broadcast from Tokyo by Larry Tighe, American Broadcasting corp. correspondent.

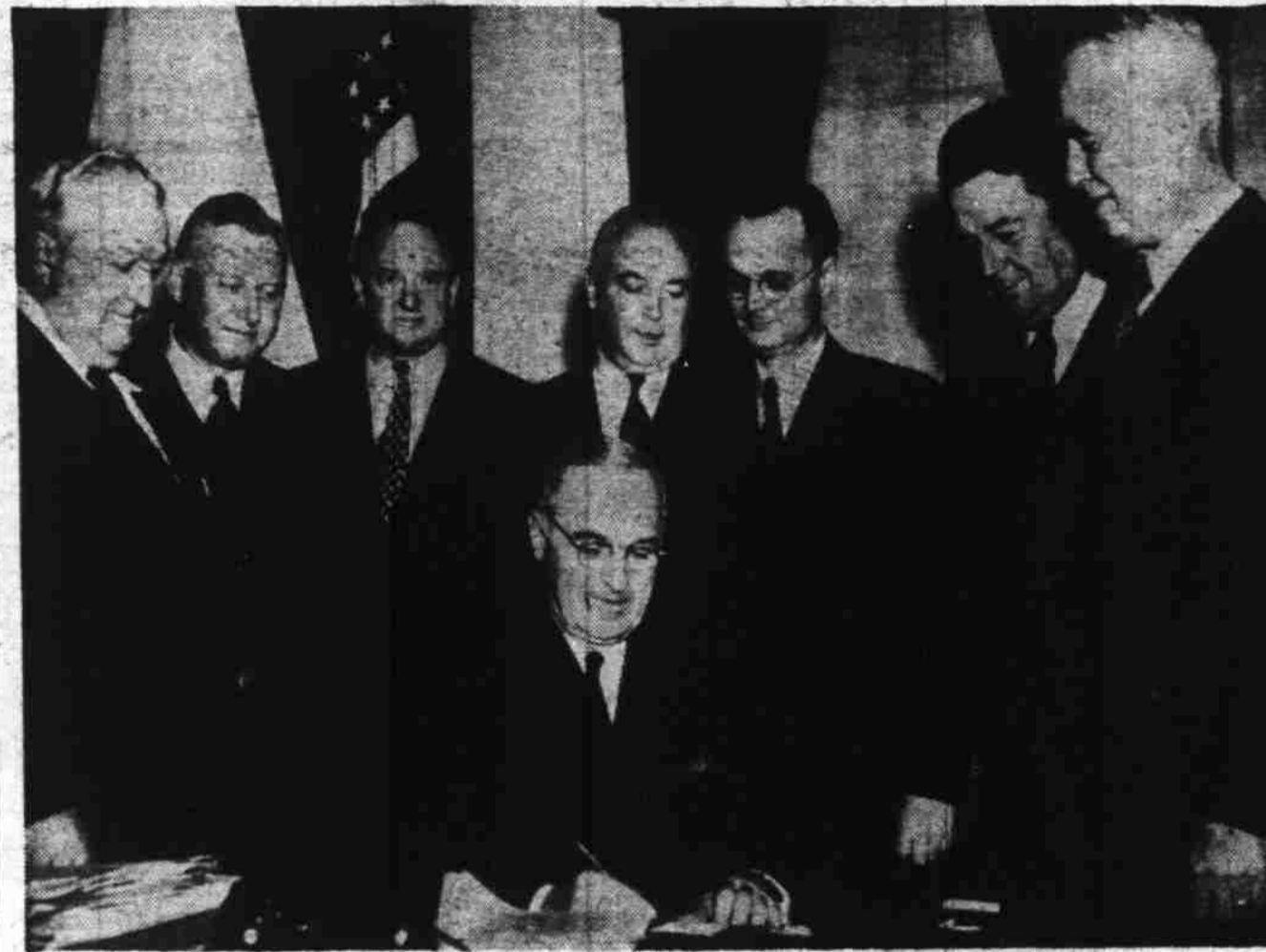
Tighe said that MacArthur told the U.S. state department if he were not let alone and if Russia were allowed any further participation in occupation affairs he would resign.

Gen. Patton Taking Turn for Worse

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 20.—(P)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., today contracted a respiratory infection, taking a turn for the worse, and tonight's medical bulletin declared "his general condition is not satisfactory."

Army sources at the 130th station hospital, however, said "there is no cause for alarm" and no immediate indication that the partly-paralyzed Patton might be contracting pneumonia.

President Signs Agencies Reorganization Bill



WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Truman (seated) signs into law the agencies reorganization bill as congressional leaders look on. In group (left to right) Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Va.), Sen. Abe Murdock (D-Utah), Rep. Carter Manasco (D-Ala.), Comptroller-general Lindsay C. Warren and Rep. William M. Whittington (D-Miss). (AP wirephoto to The Statesman)

Coast Cities Move to Provide Yuletide Parties for Over 100,000 Servicemen

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(P)—West coast port cities were planning Christmas parties today with more than 100,000 service men from the Pacific as guests because they can't get home.

Nearly 120,000 soldiers, sailors and marines are looking for rides from the western ports, and the pre-Christmas rush is bringing them in by ship at an average of about 15,000 a day.

Hopes of moving 25,000 by rail and a few thousand more by air, bus and automobile daily were dampened by these developments:

Severe cold and snowstorms east of the Rocky mountains have slowed the train schedules, and delayed airplane flights.

Shortage of railway cars continues to be critical because of a delay in construction of 1200 government troop sleepers, expected to be ready by Dec. 1.

C. E. Peterson, vice president in charge of Southern Pacific passenger traffic, said strike conditions were holding up delivery of the cars.

However, Peterson said the Southern Pacific had cancelled coach space on eastbound trains for all civilians except members of servicemen's families.

San Francisco's backlog of service men increased to 51,000, while the number in Portland soared to 9036. Similar crowded conditions in Tacoma, Seattle and the Los Angeles area accounted for the others.

Los Angeles moved 12 trains yesterday with 4661 men, flew 356 eastward and plans to add two army planes to fly a total of 480 daily.

Port officers in San Francisco arranged Christmas parties with Red Cross bags of gifts for

Gen. Marshall Lands in China

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.—(P)—General Marshall arrived today on his mission of peace for China as communists in Chungking spurred hopes for unity by asking for an immediate halt to all hostilities.

Hardly had Marshall's plane landed after a flight from Manila than word came from Chungking that the communists not only were ready to stop fighting but were prepared to make concessions for permanent peace.

It furnished an auspicious start for the general, who will fly to Nanking tomorrow for the opening of talks with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Congress Votes \$100 'Subsidy' to Pay for Melons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—Congress cut a \$100 melon today for Rastus Davis.

One hot July morning Rastus strolled out to his watermelon patch near Winona, Tex., and noticed: (a) that 300 of his prize melons were missing, and (b) that a well-beaten path led from his field to nearby Camp Fannin military reservation. Rinds and seeds completed the chain of circumstantial evidence.

The senate completed action on the \$100 claim today. It's up to President Truman now.

3 More Fliers Safe in China

TIENSIN, China, Dec. 20.—(P)—Three more survivors of U.S. marine plane crashes were brought here today by a rescue team which was fired upon three times by unidentified snipers.

The rescuers persuaded the Chinese communists to accept a reward of 2,000,000 in virtually worthless Japanese puppet currency for the safe deliverance of the airmen.

They said they were wine and dined by the communists.

We're Sorry, Too, But...

The Oregon Statesman's comic section will be a temporary war casualty Sunday, December 23.

With federal paper rationing still in vogue (and with but slight if any chance for improvements in the immediate availability of supplies even when rationing is lifted), The Statesman is reluctantly forced to take this means in order to insure continued publication of regular issues—which it has not missed, holidays and all, during the entire emergency.

The Sunday comics will be back in full, as a regular feature, on December 30 in YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER

Boards To See Firm Records

By the Associated Press President Truman stated yesterday that fact-finding boards investigating labor disputes "should unquestionably have the right to examine the employer's books. This does not mean that the government or its fact-finding board is going to endeavor to fix a rate of return for the employer," he added.

The president later told a news conference that boards also should have power to examine a labor union's books.

"Ability to pay is always one of the facts relevant to the issue of an increase in wages," the president's statement set forth.

The question whether fact-finding boards should consider profits and prices in connection with wage increase demands had stalled the first two such boards appointed by the administration, in the oil industry's wage dispute and in the General Motors strike.

Without mentioning General Motors or any other industry in his statement, President Truman's statement concluded that it would be "highly unfortunate if any party to a dispute should refuse to cooperate with a fact-finding board."

Later, the president's statement was handed to the GM fact-finding board, which was in session. Charles E. Wilson, GM president, said it would not alter the company's stand. (Additional details on page 16)

State to Lose Blanket of Ice

The icy sheath blanketing much of northwestern Oregon today will end this afternoon, the weather bureau forecast last night. Temperatures throughout the state generally were below freezing this morning. Baker with a minus 1 degree was a sharp contrast with Newport's 38 degrees and Roseburg's 36. Other points reported were Bend 23, Klamath Falls 12, Pendleton 15, Medford 31 and Portland 29. Salem temperature at midnight was 34 degrees.

All Columbia river highway traffic was stopped at Crown Point Thursday. Santiam Junction said that roads were slippery.

Bus service from the south was running one to two hours late, and schedules from Washington were delayed because of ice.

SHS HOMECOMING

Graduates of Salem high school are invited to attend the annual homecoming Christmas program at 2:30 this afternoon in the high school auditorium. (Program page 10)

APPLIANCES PRICED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—Small electrical home appliances will come back on the market at approximately the same retail prices charged before the war, OPA said today.

Camp Adair to Go on Block, Industry May Use Facilities

Camp Adair will be on the market as surplus, the war department announced Thursday in Washington.

In Portland offices of the surplus property administration no notification of the listing of Adair for sale had been received Friday night.

First notification to come to Salem was sent by Mrs. Dorothy E. Woodring, secretary to the late Rep. James W. Mott, who is still maintaining Mott's office in Washington.

Industrial possibilities of the camp site will be inspected today by Chester H. Spiering, industrial field man for the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Chester K. Sterrett, industries manager for the Portland chamber.

With Clay Cochran, Salem Chamber of Commerce manager, and a group of businessmen from

Hearings Scheduled To Begin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—An investigation of delays in homeward transportation for veterans landing at west coast ports was ordered today by the senate's war investigating committee.

It called public hearings for tomorrow and asked Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of defense transportation, to appear as the first witness.

Chairman Mead (D-NY) said the committee was concerned over "the bottleneck in transportation which will prevent returning servicemen and women who are disembarked on the west coast from reaching their homes promptly."

Nearly 100,000 Pacific veterans appeared doomed to day to spend Christmas at west coast ports by lack of sufficient transportation eastward.

Port of embarkation officials said today troops were pouring in to west coast ports at an estimated rate of 15,000 a day, far faster than they are moving out. Nearly 120,000 were stranded at the ports today, many of them still aboard their ships.

Secretary of War Patterson appealed to civilians to stay off trains and help the army and railroads get homeward bound troops to their destinations.

Kimmel Sent Pre-Harbor War Warning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(P)—The navy's 1941 war plans chief contended today that the Pacific fleet got specific orders 10 days before Pearl Harbor which should have sent it onto the high seas ready to fight.

Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner told the Pearl Harbor committee that he had assumed for days, in fact, that the fleet was at sea until news came of Japan's disaster-dealing Dec. 7, 1941, raid on the anchored ships at Hawaii.

At sea, he declared, was "the place for them under Admiral Kimmel's operating plan." Admiral Husband E. Kimmel was commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet when the Japanese struck.

In brief, the navy department's view here, as Turner presented it, was that navy men had talked for 25 years of a possible attack on Hawaii, there was correspondence with Kimmel about air defense, and "splendid plans" were received from Hawaii. (Additional details on page 4)

Epidemic Closes Silverton Schools

SILVERTON, Dec. 20.—Silverton schools were closed at noon Thursday because of flu which has reached the epidemic stage. There were 90 students out of the high school classes and 160 out of the grade school.

The high school students had their annual Christmas assembly Thursday morning. The grade school program was postponed until Jan. 4. The schools will reopen Jan. 2, according to schedule unless the number of flu cases continue high. No serious cases were reported.

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS



I WOULDN'T STAY IN THE WATER TOO LONG, SIR—THERE'S ONLY 3 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

Activated in the summer of 1942 Camp Adair provided major basic training for the 104th, 96th and 70th divisions, while the 91st have a portion of its training there and a number of separate units were based there during training prior to August, 1944. Last winter the camp became an army depot, with prisoners of war handling a portion of the work, and last June the army ground forces took over operation of the post as an army replacement depot, service which was discontinued at Adair in October.

Details of the disposal have not yet been worked out, war department spokesman said Thursday night in Washington.