Battleship Oregon Takes 'Ghost Cruise' Over Pacific



the gift of prophecy as strongly pride of the United State in the as has Winston Churchill. In the Spanish-American war, was back first world war he was first lord of in its berth today after an unthe admiralty, and as the war scheduled cruise without engines clouds lowered in the summer of or crew. 1914 he adroitly massed the Britthe wars, as he noted German re- with its dash around Cape Horndoom unless Britain strengthened Cuba in 1898: the heavy blows fell which crush- the main one of Guam. ed France and the Low Countries, Lacking Superstructure Churchill was given the responsibilities of government. How he rallied the British people, stood clean, was called upon for one alone against Hitler for over a last service to the nation when year, and conducted the negotia- peace came. tions which brought support from the United States is history so reef, 30 miles southwest of Guam,

Now, out of power, he is only dress in the commons he read a her with bombs. letter which he had addressed to The Oregon remained moored April 29, 1945. Its contents sound 13, when a typhoon struck. drawn aside and Churchill given no longer on the reef. opportunity to see what would Sighted Old Ship

What Churchill foresaw and

(Continued on editorial page)

French Give Berlin Village To Russians

BERLIN, Sunday, Dec. 13-(AP) The British-licensed newspaper Telegraf said today the Russians bombed Jogjakarta, the republican capital, today. Jogjakarta is can capital, today. Jogjakarta is as general law enforcement. French sector of Berlin, and that the French had complied.

The report could not be confirmed officially immediately.

French commander, last night. Russian troops were reported Police Frank Minto. to have reoccupied the village,

they took over in 1945.

Stolpe was originally part of previously. the Russian occupation zone but authorities in 1945.

The reported Russian request men's discharges. was regarded here, if true, as retaliatory action for demolition by French engineers Thursday of 3 Rail Crew Soviet-controlled Berlin radio

Weatherman Falls 2 Stories While **Bannister-Sliding**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18-(AP)-A weather bureau forecaster fell Capt. Gordon Auburn said the two two stories down a stairwell today cars came together on the Union when he slipped while sliding down bannisters at the office.

Police said Arthur J. Rozette, 30, Vancouver, Wash., had suc- fering leg and arm fractures, cumbed to the temptation of the slick, wide bannisters. He suffered in ambulances. hip, back and possible internal in-

Rozette fell from a third floor level to the first floor.

RIVER LOCKS TO OPEN

WEST LINN, Ore., Dec. 18-(AP) Locks on the Willamette river here, closed by last week's flood, will be reopened to river traffic tomorrow morning.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



Typhoon **B** Warship

By Douglas Lovelace

GUAM, Sunday, Dec. 19 -(AP)-Few modern statesmen have had The ancient battleship Oregon,

its military arm, particularly its The Oregon was brought here air force. When his warnings were during World War II to serve as tardily and scantily heeded and a breakwater for Apra Harbor,

> The Oregon, shorn of superstructure and her innards picked

lately written as to be known by for use as a practice bombing tar-But someone, way up in the

world listens, especially when he was too ignominous a fate for such discusses international affairs. Ten a gallant old lady. Navy flyers days ago in the course of an ad- never were permitted to plaster

Marshal Stalin, under date of on the reef, however, until Nov. now as though for a few moments Then about a week later somethe veil of the future had been one noticed that the Oregon was

happen in the postwar years. Rare- Early this month, the crew of a No one could do anything about

> After the typhon passed, the navy tug Matoca was sent out from Guam to bring the wanderfrom Guam to bring the wander-

The tug caught up with the Oregon as it was about half-way to Indonese City,

Now the Oregon has been se-Now the Oregon has been secured to the dock so that there Start Invasion will be no more unattended jaunts for the old lady.

Work Monday

police officers recently exonerated a Dutch invasion of Indonesian The paper said Gen. Alexander of political activities charges by territory began at dawn. G. Kotkov, Soviet commandant the civil service commission, will for Berlin, had addressed the re- report for his regular shift as a ment communique issued in the plainclothesman Monday, it was Hague last night said the Dutch

The chief said he had not been

was incorporated in the French concerned and we'll bury the sector of Berlin by agreement be- hatchet," Chief Minto said in hours after the military action between French and Soviet military commenting on the civil service gan.

Multnomah river gorge just east of Bonneville

were brought to Portland hospitals This Year

98th Year

Here is the story of the grand ish fleet in home waters. Between old lady who stirred the nation vival and rearmament, he became the tip of South America-in joina veritable Cassandra foretelling ing American naval forces off

She was towed to Santa Rosa

a voice, but when he speaks the navy chain command, decided this

ly indeed has a forecast proven so navy privateer weather plane accurate when events actually sighted the battered old Oregon drifting far southwest of Guam. what he feared were the growth it then because another typhoon boomed in. The Oregon was permitted to continue her ghost

gallant lady back to Guam.

which has a population of about contacted by the other reinstated officer, Leland Weaver, but that The French were said to have it was planned that Weaver, too, taken horses and cattle with them, would return to his regular day leaving what had been there when shift although possibly not on the north - central coast of Java. It

commission's action in voiding the

Workers Killed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 -(AP) Three railroad track maintenance Salem workers were killed and 13 others Portland injured early tonight in a collision San Francisco of two small gasoline crew cars

county sheriff's

The injured, many of them suf-

Weather

Willamette river 7.8 feet. cars came together on the Union Pacific tracks in the Columbia by cloudy this afternoon with show-43. Low tonight near 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Board Asks Milk Control Law Separated from State Bureau

ing in Salem, recommended that being given other fields of agriadministration of the Oregon milk culture and even other segments control law be separated from the of the dairy industry not involved administration of the Oregon state in milk pricing controversies. department of agriculture, it was Such supervision of the prodisclosed Saturday.

Board members stated that the department of agriculture as originally constituted was not charged with the functions of milk control law enforcement and the board has never regarded the fixof milk distribution as a proper function of the department. The state department of agriculture was created in 1931 and it was not until 1943, at the suggestion of the late Governor Snell, that the legislature saw fit to transfer the duties of the milk control board to the department of agriculture, it

while the state department of agri- more efficiently administered by culture was created to give serv- a unit organized for this specific ice to all of Oregon's agriculture, purpose and implemented to carry their studies disclose that since out the purposes of the milk conhas been added to the duties of the duties of state.

The Oregon state board of agri- | department there has been an imculture, at its semi-annual meet- pairment in the service which is

duction and sale of fluid milk as MILD QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA will insure the people of the state healthful milk af reasonable prices and at the same time protect the 90 miles from Los Angeles was dairy farmer in his efforts to maintain production under exacting Institute of Technology seismogstandards, the board declared, is raph. But there were no reports of ing of milk prices and the policing necessarily and properly the duty of the state.

But they pointed out these duties are highly technical and specialized involving the conflicting interests of several segments of society and "unfortunately must be Section 1 administered under group pressure and political stress.

It was declared the considered opinion of the board that supervision of the production, distribu-Board members declared that tion and sale of fluid milk can be milk control law administration trol law unencumbered by other Section 3

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State Police to End Period with Budget Surplus

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 18 Dr. Rafael A. Calderon Guardia, (above) leading invasion services. forces from Nicaragua into

19 -(AP)- The republic of Indonesia said today Dutch airplanes mercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders supplied unmercial fisheries laws and 7,179 for to keep householders and to keep household

An official Netherlands govern-

declared Saturday by Chief of had started "police action" against what it called terrorist elements in Indonesia.

The Indonesian radio announcement said Dutch amphibious forces had made a landing on the motorcycle assignment he held said Dutch planes, including two- gress. engine B-25 medium bombers "It's all over as far as I am were still attacking Jogjakarta known that veteran republican

> SINGAPORE, Sunday, Dec. 19 (AP)- A spokesman for the Netherlands consulate general told newsmen today Dutch paratroopers have captured Neguve airfield at Jogjakarta.

Chicago New York

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bu-Warmer today, High today near

Broken in State

lem area over the weekend. He snap which had sent the mercury Saturday morning.

matched Salem with 20. Other minimums Saturday were; The Dalles 21, Roseburg 31, Tillamook 23. North Bend 28, Pendleton 10 and Ontario 9.

A mild earthquake centered about recorded today on the California damage or that the quake was even felt in inhabited communities.

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* Invader * Maison to 13 Killed as Buses Collide in Utah Continue

The state police department will turn about \$200,000 back to the general fund at the close of the current biennium June 30, H. G. Imperilled to ent, said Saturday.

In a report to Gov. John Hall, Maison said the money will be left over from the department budget of \$3,388,891 appropriated by the 1947 legislature. The report covers a period from July 1, 1946, to June

Maison said the return of this money to the general fund is possible despite the addition of more than 50 men to the operating force, rising prices of equipment and materials, increased wages and new

Of the total police appropriation Costa Rica, reportedly has been of the 1947 legislature \$2,200,860 promised help from Nicaraguan was earmarked for salaries and Dictator Anastasio Somoza. wages, \$864,724 for general, operof Costa Rica. (Story on page 2.) \$273,307 for capital outlays. "Prudence dictated caution

> without impairment of service." Maison's report showed that dur- ing caps. ing the two-year period depart-

Hobart Kiggins, one of the two an official radio statement, said Taft to Fight to Beat the Ad! Keep Top GOP Role in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 -(AP) Senator Taft (R-Ohio) made it lady's purse was picked up on the United States, Britain, France when their car apparently went clear today he will fight to retain street and brought to The States- and Russia - have agreed now off the road, sheared a telephone a top role in forming senate republican policy in the new con-

At the same time, it become shift in leadership assignments. Taft talked at a news conference in which he also promised a fight against outright repeal of the Taft - Hartley labor law. He de- and would look for her purse. clined to say whether he will seek Returning to the phone she rea spot in the republican leader- ported it was gone, that she must ship lineup. But he added: "I did not start any ideas of

man of the policy committee." **Cold Weather**

The weatherman turned off the cold and turned on the rain with al secretary, and possibly six or the promise of warmer, above- seven other witnesses will be freezing temperatures for the Sa- questioned by the house un-Am- (A)-The defense ministry of Belleft open the possibility of some tee chairman, announced after an announced today that construction snow during early hours Sunday, exchange of radiograms with of a huge military base will be but said Salem was definitely due Sayre, who is returning from started in the Belgian Congo next for a break in the four-day cold France. to a winter low of 20 degrees PORTLAND JEWELRY THEFT

Salem wasn't the only cold spot of 260 unset semi-precious jewels in the state, however, Portland re-valued at \$3,500 were reported corded its lowest mark of the year stolen today by Roy & Molin Saturday with 21.7 degrees. Baker jewelry store. Police said a clerk was the state's coldest city with 11 had shown the stones to a man below zero, and La Grande shiv- and two women a short time beered in 8 below cold. Eugene fore.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 18-(AP)

Today's Statesman

Gas Service Lower House of Oregon Legislature 'Örganized'

Northwest Cities Gas company plant today, blew one man into Walsh of Coos Bay, who appears Young's bay, and threatened to certain to be president of the state 4 Buildings Burn curtail the gas supply in 1,150 senate, were in Salem Saturday

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Astoria homes. Forrest Salisberry, 38, was resrued from the water immediately and taken to a hospital with serious burns. Attendants said he

The explosion blew off the roof, scattered windows and bricks at the end of the statutory 50 for hundreds of feet around, de- days). Guardia is a former president ating and maintenance expense and stroyed three rooms, and re-

against over expansion." Maison the time - Foreman Charles said, "including state boards and averred, "with the result we are Macy and Albert Bennett - es- agencies." now in a very comfortable financi- caped harm. Macy's 12-year-old al situation. It is our purpose to daughter, Adeline, had been sent 10. (Pictures of all houses are continue strict economy where home from the plant only a few on page 8 of section 2 of today's such economy can be practiced minutes before because workers Statesman).

were having trouble with leak-One generator was expected to ment operatives patroled 11,241,479 be put back into service tonight, miles with 85,033 arrests. Of the and officials hoped that by doubarrests 72,814 were for violations ling the output of that generator of the motor vehicle and motor they could keep the gas tanks BATAVIA, Java, Sunday, Dec. of the motor vehicle and motor transportation codes, 5,040 for of-level. Enough gas was in storage to keep householders supplied un-

Results Even

sults-that's admitted by those sentative was acting as chairman waiting for the ad to appear.

That happened Saturday, A mas office to be advertised under that negotiations should be re-"Lost and Found." It contained sumed. currency and a check in favor of Mrs. Rex Gibson of West Salem.

son said she hadn't lost her purse. that she had had it just five minutes before. When told about the check, she said it must be hers have laid it on the runningboard of a car which had just called at stepping down or retiring as chair- her house. It made the trip across the bridge and dropped off on a Salem street.

> For quick results . . . try The Statesman.

SAYRE TO TESTIFY State Francis B. Sayre, his person- Huge Congo Base Former Assistant Secretary of

Special Statesman Delivery to North **Marion County**

Lateness of early morning northbound trains and failure to get paper bags on the right trains delayed delivery of The Statesman two days last week to towns north of Salem on the Southern Pacific.

It took the circulation department considerable time and many 'phone calls to locate the cause of the trouble. The trains have been running late because of the heavy load of Christmas mail and express. Until trains are back to nor-

mal operation The Statesman will run a special motorcar delivery north as far as Aurora. We regret very much the inconvenience caused our subscribers by this interruption in regular service.

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Blast Wrecks Gas Plant at Astoria

Committees for Oregon's 1949 house of representatives all have been arranged and the house "could start work tomorrow," it was ASTORIA. Dec. 18 -(P)- An declared Saturday by Rep. Frank VanDyke of Medford, who is de-

> hopeful" the legislative session could end within 60 days (the 1947 session lasted 83 days; pay halts

"We want all groups interestsounded foor a two-mile radius. ed in legislation to have their bills Two other men in the plant at ready the first day," VanDyke

The 1949 session starts January

Kuss Agree to

Treaty Talks LONDON, Dec. 18 -(AP)- Russia agreed today to take part in a Hurt in Wreck new effort to write a peace treaty

The next move seemed to be up

for Austria.

who use them. And sometimes The when the last four-power meet-Statesman gets results without ings on the subject ended without result. All of the Big Four powers-

When called by phone Mrs. Gib- of wrangling here among deputies the right leg. Stevens suffered street between 14th and 15th of the Big Four's foreign minis- slight injuries when thrown clear streets.

> reparations. Russia supported Marshal Tito's

claims. The United States, Britain and France balked. Russia's recent coolness to Yugoslavia probably inspired the Austrian government to plead anew on December 6 that the Big Four countries make another try

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 -(AP)- Belgium to Build

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 18erican committee next week. Rep. gium, an American ally in the pro-Mundt (R-S. D.), acting commit- jected north Atlantic defense pact,

The Belgian Congo at present is PORTLAND JEWELRY THEFT the world's largest producer of Ur-PORTLAND, Dec. 18-(P)-Theft anium ore used in development of named state chairman of next Marion Forks Reports

explosion partially wrecked the clared to hold sufficient pledges to assure himself the speakership. VanDyke and Sen. William

conferring with legislative lead- In Business Area VanDyke said he was "very Of Forest Grove

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 19, (Sunday)-(AP)-A fire in the business section of this city early today destroyed four store buildings and threatened an entire block before being grought under control

Flames gutted the Kunze Meat Market, Miller's hardware, and two groceries known as Ray Giltner's and Harney's markets. An hour after the blaze was discovered in the meat market flames were still threatening a large frame structure in the center of the block, but firemen believe they were winning their fight at

2 a. m. today. Damage to the four buildings destroyed was estimated at \$250,-

Dallas Couple

Two Dallas residents were in Statesman want-ads bring re- to the United States, whose repre- day morning following an automobile accident just west of the Bonneville substation on the Dallas-Salem highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Stevens, sr., Dallas route 2, were injured pole and turned over in a field. Mrs. Stevens was pinned in the for more than four hours Satur-The talks over Austria's future car. She suffered possible inter- day morning when a 14-inch watbroke down last May after weeks nal injuries and a severe cut on er main ruptured beneath Mill

of the car. The big issue was Yugoslavia's State police said the accident demand for a big slice of southern occurred about 11:45 p.m. Sat-Austria plus millions of dollars of urday when the Stevens were returning to their home near Dallas.

Detroit Hotel Operator Fined

Burdette Younge and Margaret Earl Strain, 1435 Mill st., shortly Haich, operator and employe re- before 8 a.m. He notified the waspectively of the Detroit hotel, ter department immediately and were fined \$150 each in Marion crews were rushed to the scene. county district court Saturday on When the workers arrived the charges of selling liquor illegally gushing water had lifted two sec-

liquor control agents after the investigators bought a bottle at the a master valve controlling water hotel. Judge Joseph Felton remit- mains in the area. The water ted \$100 of Miss Haich's fine. MAY TO HEAD CANCER DRIVE repairs. Bus service over Mill PORTLAND, Dec. 18-(AP)-Walter W. R. May, publisher of the street until afternoon.

at the hotel November 26.

year's cancer campaign today. **Both Hall, McKay Preparing** Legislative Recommendations

legislature are now being pre- ration.

service commission. Governor Hall pointed out re- been mentioned here during the cently that the \$20 a month past few days. emergency salary and wage in-crease for state employes, approv-repeal the 1947 legislative act creed by the state board of control ating the Oregon Vocational school and state emergency board, ex- at Klamath Falls; ask repeal of pires on December 31 of this year, the entire milk control setup

Recommendations to the 1949 month increase rise now in ope- RUSS, FINNS SIGN TREATY

pared by both Governor-elect sizing finances, was expected to and Finland have signed a new Douglas McKay and Gov. John comment at some length on re- agreement for the "mutual ex-Hall, the officials said Saturday, cent reports of the 1947 legisla- change of commodities" during While the exact nature of either message is unknown, reliable of which he was one of the origsources indicated both McKay and inal members. Important recom-Hall will stress finances in their mendations of the committee, already released, include an in-Hall, according to reports, will crease of one cent a gallon in suggest elimination of all un- the state gasoline tax and innecessary governmental expenses, crease oof the motor vehicle regbut a substantial raise in wages istration fee from \$5 to \$10 a year. for state department workers as A number of proposed new recommended by the state civil bills for the 1949 legislature, all considered controversial, have

The civil service commission which is now a part of the state has recommended to the state agricultural department; re-estab-budget director a \$30 a month lish the state milk control board; salary and wage increase for state and eliminate the state aeronauworkers, including the \$20 a tics board.

44 Injured in Wreck West of

DELLE, Utah, Dec. 18-(A)-The flaming crash of two Burlington Trailways buses on a snow-bordered higway in desolate western Utah killed 13 persons today and

injured 44 others. Bodies of 12 victims were taken from the burning wreckage. Another died at a hospital several Identification of the victims,

many of the bodies charred beyond recognition, was difficult. Burlington officials said the eastbound bus carried the driver and 37 passengers. Eighteen and a driver were aboard the westbound bus. Some were hurt only slightly. The accident occurred 63 miles

State Highway Trooper John F. Ross of Ogden, assigned to assist in the investigation, said the burned wreckage of the two buses was so intermingled it was difficult to determine just what happened. He and County Attorney Pharis Johnson said they had in-

west of Salt Lake City.

formation from two witnesses that a third car was involved, but escaped damage. Both officers said the witnesses. told them the westbound bus start-

ed to pass the car, skidded, then

collided with the eastbound bus. Salem Homes **As Main Bursts**

About 100 Salem homes were cut off from their water supply

The break in the cast fron pipe sent water pouring into yards of several nearby residences and buckled about 50 feet of paving The street was flooded for about 30 minutes. Service was restored about

noon when city water depart-

ment crews valved around the

break. The pipe was replaced by 6 p.m. No estimate was made on damage to the street. The break was noticed first by

tions of pavement and flooded

The pair were arrested by state the street. The crews immediately shut off flowed away within a few minutes and workmen began to make street was detoured to a nearby

48 Inches of Solid Snow

MARION FORKS, Dec. 18 --Forty - eight inches of snow here is now solid in the present freezing temperatures, with just a skift of snow on top. This is considered an unusual amount of snow for so early in December.

LONDON, Dec. 18 -(AP)- The McKay, in addition to empha- Moscow radio said tonight Russia

