

Red Bombs Showered on Trains, Hospitals

Dams Won't Impair Fishing, Officials Hold

Recent Charges Scouted by Project Men

Seeking to prove the construction of the seven dams in the Willamette river and its source will not impair either the propagation of salmon or commercial fishing, R. H. Portland, secretary of the project commission, met with the official chamber of commerce advisory committee Wednesday night.

In answer to a recent charge emanating from the office of the fish commission declaring the upper Willamette dams will impair the propagation of salmon, it was stressed that all salmon are being removed for such purposes below any of the three dams. The statements minimizing the amount of flood damage along the Willamette waterway were also without foundation.

Statement Made
The Willamette valley project committee, represented by Douglas M. Clark, state senator from Salem, and the Willamette River basin committee, headed by O. D. Eby, of Astoria, has released a statement in an attempt to explain that the \$82,000,000 already been expended, will not work to the advantage of fishing interests.

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Nazis Drop Umbrella for Chamberlain

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—DNB, official German news agency, said the German government has dropped the umbrella to him with the note: "The German air force regrets that Mr. Chamberlain was forced to ground in such bad weather that an umbrella, and decided to him this useful instrument of protection."

Reservoir Testing Completed; Visitors Are Invited

Testing of the water board's \$15,000,000-gallon reservoir on Sage hill has been completed, was announced Thursday by W. McArthur, superintendent. The structure built by the contracting company of Tazewell, was completed without a single leak, the superintendent said. Water is now being stored from the two basins. The reservoir will be open for inspection of Eugeneans all Friday. Lights are being placed inside to give visitors a view of the place where the water will be stored.

Astoria Finns Dispatch 450 To Homeland

ASTORIA, Dec. 21.—(AP)—G. A. Astoria, Astoria Finnish relief director, said today \$4,000 had been cabled direct to Helsinki, Finland.

NEW ASSISTANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—B. Hill of Gainesville, Tex., was appointed by President Roosevelt today to be assistant secretary of agriculture in place of Harold Brown, who recently resigned to take a position with the

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JAMES A. RODMAN, new president of the Eugene Realty board.

\$8,417 Is Spent To Oppose PUD

Grange Committee's Expenses At \$136

The sum of \$8,417.73 was spent by seven different firms and organizations in the campaign against the formation of the Lane county people's utilities power district prior to the election Dec. 8. It is revealed by statements of campaign expenses, filed in the office of the county clerk. The Lane county Pomona power committee, which promoted the plan to form the district, spent \$136.25, its statement filed with the clerk says. C. A. Schooling and F. D. Petzold, who were candidates for election as directors of the district, filed affidavits stating they spent nothing in the campaign.

The list of expenditures of the opponents of the measure, thus far filed, follows: Lane County Farm and Home Owners' Protective association, \$678.25; Associated Taxpayers of Cottage Grove, \$355.37; Oregon Tax Fax, Inc., \$2,107.42; Junction City Times, \$144.86, contributed by J. H. Chambers, Fisher Lumber company, J. S. Maglady and the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association; Mountain States Power company, \$4,781.93; Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, \$91.35; L. T. Harris and E. R. Bryson, of the law firm of Harris and Bryson, \$256.65.

Pay My Taxes? Aw Nuts!

OGLETHORPE, Ga., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Farmer Alva B. Robinson never worries about paying taxes. He just picks some nuts. His back-yard pecan tree, 50 years old and "still going strong" has paid his taxes for 25 years. One year, its yield was worth \$146.

Finland Is Seeking \$50,000,000 Loan From United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Finland was reported reliably today to be seeking a \$50,000,000 loan from the United States government to buy war materials for use against invading Russian armies. Representatives of the Finnish government were said to have sounded out congressional leaders on the proposal after they were unsuccessful in obtaining Wall Street financing for such a sum.

Winter Sports Theme Set For Luncheon

Winter sports will be the theme of the Eugene chamber of commerce luncheon Friday at the Osburn hotel. Members of the outdoor associations have been invited to attend the meeting and a number of speakers are scheduled to talk on the opportunities for winter recreation in Lane county. J. W. McArthur, utility superintendent, will also talk briefly on the completion of the water board's new \$250,000 reservoir on Sage hill. Chamber members will be invited to inspect the structure after the meeting. Mrs. Merle Stuart, census director for this area, will also speak briefly on the plans for census-taking.

3 Submar' Wars' Wait For Nazi Craft

German Freighter's Florida Refuge Being Watched By Enemy

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Three submarines and at least four warships were reported clustered today in the Atlantic near Port Everglades, where a German freighter sought refuge escaping a British cruiser Tuesday.

The three submarines were visible from shore. M. J. Kennedy, Amherst college swimming coach, and a group of other observers sighted the undersea craft from the tower of the municipal bathing casino. Nationality of the submarines could not be determined. Kennedy and the others estimated the submarines were about three or four miles from shore.

Some British

Earlier, Ted Thompson reported after a flight over the gulf stream that he saw two cruisers he thought were British and two destroyers about 10 miles offshore.

One of the destroyers was believed to be the Philip, from the U. S. naval base at Key West and one of the cruisers was thought to be the Orion, which fired a shot across the bow of the German freighter Arauca but was outrun by the Nazi merchantman. Thompson also reported seeing a submarine on the surface about 25 miles out.

4 Minor Car Scrapes Occur On Streets

Four minor accidents were reported by Eugene police officers Thursday. A. E. Anderson, Kanokoe, Illinois, and Ethel G. Roseland, Roseburg, were involved in a crash at Twelfth and High.

At Tenth and Lincoln, cars driven by Melvin E. Lord, 645 Olive, and W. D. Thomas, Salem, collided. J. G. Berger, 39 Ash street, driving a gasoline truck, crashed into a car driven by Mildred E. Sederlin, Rt. 1, Eugene.

At Sixth and Washington, cars driven by Dr. Amos B. Soward, 1456 Willamette, and Roy E. Spaug, Corvallis, collided. Dr. Soward was given a ticket for driving without lights.

None of the collisions were serious. No injuries were reported and damages to the cars were restricted to bumped fenders, smashed radiators, and damaged running boards.

Fate Of Columbus Crew Being Studied

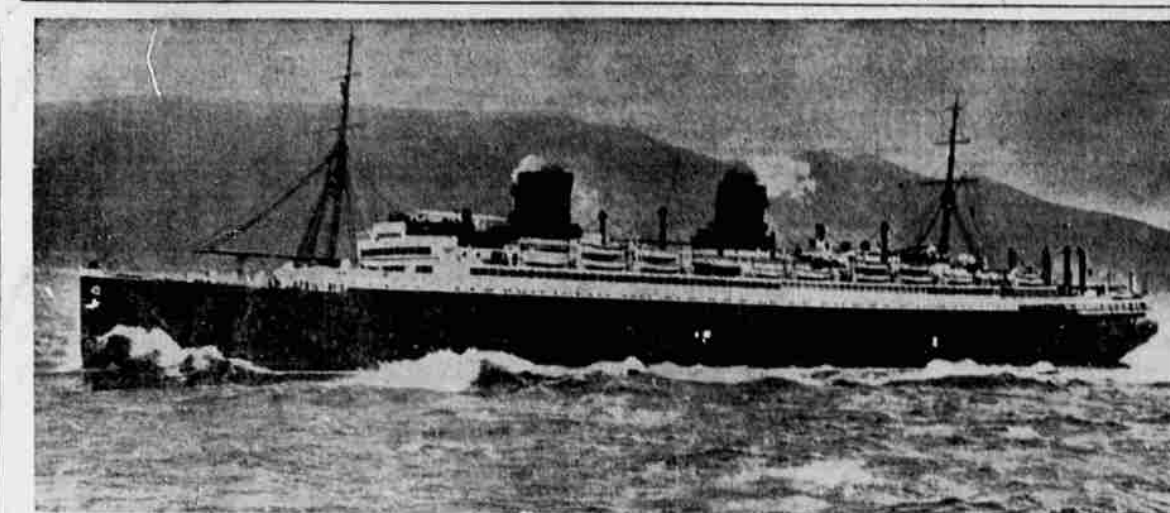
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Behind closed doors in a building on Ellis island six inspectors today began questioning survivors of the scuttled German liner Columbus to determine their status under the immigration laws. The examination of the seamen was expected to require at least two days. Byron H. Uhl, New York district director of immigration, said the task was rendered more difficult because the usual crew list was not available, it presumably having gone down with the Columbus.

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Eugenean Arrested On Federal Charge

M. Oliver of Eugene was arrested here Thursday by Sheriff C. A. Swartz on a charge of using the mails to defraud and he was turned over to Deputy U. S. Marshals L. A. Meikle and George Vranigan of Portland. He will appear in the United States court either in Portland or Spokane. Local officers said they knew nothing of the nature of the alleged offense.



SHOTS ACROSS THE BOW from British guns stopped the flight of the Nazi luxury liner, Columbus, off the eastern coast of Virginia. That was the signal for the captain to send his crew through the proud ship to open the pet cocks and light fires to destroy the ship. Survivors were taken to New York on the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa.

Western World Plans Protest

Americas Bothered By European Conflict

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The American republics prepared a strong statement to Europe's belligerents today, to tell them in effect that further violations of the neutrality belt will bring a stronger reaction than wordy diplomatic protests.

The statement, which may be issued tomorrow, is to be a general declaration of the 21 nations, including the United States, which laid down the zone at the Pan-American conference in Panama last summer.

Among the events occurring within the zone and thus disturbing neutral nations which want to keep the war off their doorsteps are:

The German-British naval battle off Uruguay, the pursuit of the German freighter Arauca by a British warship into Port Everglades, the scuttling of the German liner Columbus within gunshot of a British destroyer, and the halting of the American liner Santa Rosa by the French cruiser Jeanne d'Arc.

In London, it was said the British navy felt free to fight anywhere on the high seas but believed at the same time that if aims of the zone could be made to work it would be to the advantage of the allies.

The American republics intend to consult after Christmas on how to determine and enforce a common policy in handling belligerent warships which come into their harbors.

This point was emphasized in the case of the Graf Spee, scuttled on the order of Adolf Hitler after Uruguay ordered the German ship to leave Montevideo or be interned.

Laddie Gale Applies For 'Mail Order' Permission To Marry

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A "mail-order" marriage license application was received here yesterday from Lauren H. (Laddie) Gale, 23, and Hallie M. Dudley, 23, both of Eugene. A note accompanying the application said the couple would pick up the license here Saturday.

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Webb Miller Remains Midst Fierce Fighting on Cold Finnish Karelian Front

By WEBB MILLER

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY ON THE MANNERHEIM LINE, Dec. 21.—(UP)—

Russian troops attacked heavily on the Mannerheim line of Finland for the 15th day today, in bright sunshine, on glittering snow and at a sub-zero temperature.

The Finns have held their lines firmly at all points and during last night and the early hours of this morning, smashed eight more Russian tanks. Their total for two days was 20, according to official tally.

For the third day the sun dawned bright, unusual in this sub-Arctic climate, and portending intense air activity. Shortly after daybreak the Russians commenced bombing and reconnaissance flights.

The Finns are acclimated to the bitter cold and are warmly clad and housed. Russian prisoners, most of them from central and southern Russia, say they are unaccustomed to such weather. The Finns hope for more of it.

As we started for the front this morning the bitter, piercing, dry cold brought tears to the eyes and made the fingers and feet sting.

Internment Draws Protest

Argentina Receives Message From Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Germany protested today to the Argentine government against internment of officers and crew of the scuttled pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

A communique by DNB, official German news agency, said Germany called Argentina's attention to the fact shipwrecked crews of belligerent states customarily are released after reaching neutral ports.

Britain Would Buy U. S. Lumber If U. S. Ships Available

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain, official quarters disclosed today, has offered to buy between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of lumber in the United States if she can at the same time purchase American ships in which to transport it.

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Finns Holding Grounds On 3 Land Fronts

Clear Skies Favor Operation Of Airplanes On Stalin's Birthday

HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Soviet airplanes roaring in three waves along the south coast of Finland today, machine gunned two trains, Finnish officials said, and bombed principal Finnish cities, including the Helsinki hospital district.

As the Red air force operated a bright blue sky, the Finnish armies reported that they had marked the birthday of Russia's Josef V. Stalin by repulsing powerful new Red army attacks on the Karelian isthmus, pressing a counter-offensive on the eastern front and regaining some lost ground on the far northern front.

More than 30 bombs fell within the city limits of Helsinki, an official announcement said. Some of them damaged an emergency Red Cross station, a nurses' dormitory, a hospital building containing a children's playground and operating room, and several other structures in the hospital zone, most of which previously had been evacuated.

Officials lacked information regarding reports that one or two Soviet planes had been shot down, but said only two persons were wounded in the capital. Three persons were reported killed elsewhere.

Villages Hit
Five bombs fell in one small village near the capital, six more in another.

During the last of four alarms a plane was heard over the capital railroad station. All trains stopped but no bombs were dropped. One bomb falling in Helsinki pierced three floors of a five-story dwelling but failed to explode. The bomb appeared to be of the torpedo type, built to pierce a building before exploding.

About 15 houses were set afire at Aabo, (Turku) and two at Tammerfors, both on the south coast. Tammerfors is a factory town, known as the "Finnish Manchester." Most of the bombs fell on the workers district there. Nine houses were demolished at Aabo by the blasts and 10 bombs were dropped at Hango (Hanko) but caused little damage. It was feared casualties would be high at Aabo and Tammerfors.

Some On Hills
Twelve bombs were dropped on the hills or in the river around Provo and 12 at Lappviik, near Hango.

Among the cities raided during the day were:
Aabo (Turku) where 15 buildings were reported burning and where one Russian bomber was reported shot down.

Canada Will Send 6,000 Warriors

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Canada intends to send overseas a complete air squadron and between 6,000 and 7,000 troops of the technical services to support the first division in the field.

Defense Minister Norman Rogers announced last night that artillery, engineers, signallers, ordnance and hospital units, along with certain base troops, would join the first division in France. The landing of the division in Great Britain for a period of training was announced Monday.

The 110th army cooperation squadron of Toronto, senior unit of the auxiliary air force, will be sent over as a royal Canadian air force squadron.

The minister, in outlining the increased strength of Canada's defense forces since the outbreak of war, said 65,000 men had been enlisted in the Canadian active service force.

Nazi Sub Takes Huge Toll Of Shipping

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—DNB, the official news agency, announced tonight a German submarine commanded by Lieut.-Commander Herbert Schuitze, which has just returned from its third trip into enemy waters, has sunk a total of 80,350 tons of enemy ships.

Weather News

The rain let up Thursday morning, but clouds indicated there might be more. Comparatively cool temperatures continued. The forecast follows:
OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday, but fog and increasing cloudiness west portion Friday; little change in temperature; light northerly wind off coast.
AIRPORT BUREAU RECORD: Minimum temperature, Thursday, 36.9 degrees; maximum temperature, Wednesday, 52.2 degrees; precipitation to 4.30 a. m. Thursday, .17 of an inch; wind, at noon, Thursday, south.
RIVER BUREAU RECORD: Stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Thursday, 1.8 feet.