

**The Weather**  
 Forecast: Rain tonight and showers Friday, cooler Friday.  
 Temperature  
 Highest yesterday 54  
 Lowest this morning 46  
 Precipitation  
 To 5 p. m. yesterday .09  
 To 5 a. m. today .00

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# ITALIAN TROOP MOVES WORRY FRANCE

## The Capital Parade

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HEADACHES FOR F. R. IN FILLING VACANCIES  
 SENATE EXPECTED TO BE STUMBLING BLOCK  
 SMITH REAPPOINTMENT MAY BE BLOCKED  
 SUCCESSOR FOR CARDOZO HELD BIGGEST PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Appointing patronage has generally been regarded as one of the lighter White House duties, yet it is sure to give the president a severe headache this winter. The places he has to fill are numerous and important. His choices will be irritable and newly encouraged to rebellion. And the kind of choice he is likely to make will, in many instances, arouse the maximum opposition.

Finding good men for big jobs is hard enough. For example, there's a good chance that Dean Charles Clark of the Yale Law school will accept a seat on the circuit court of appeals in the New York district. Dean Clark is young, brilliant, aggressive liberal, a former court plan supporter—in fact, a man precisely to the president's taste. But a strong movement is already on foot to get Clark's post for Chairman William O. Douglas of the SEC, if Clark leaves it vacant.

Should Douglas's friends, who hark back to the conservativeness of the Yale corporation and persuade Douglas to leave the government, the president will be deprived of one of his best lieutenants. Add the fact that SEC Commissioner Jerome Frank is also likely to be appointed to the circuit court of appeals in the District of Columbia, and it is clear that the president may have to rebuild the SEC almost from the bottom up.

The search for acceptable appointees will be as nothing, however, compared to persuading the senate of their acceptability. There should not be much trouble, to be sure, when and if the president sends Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson's name to the bill for the attorney generalship. Jackson's enemies looked for sticks to beat him with (and found very few) when he was made solicitor general.

But there is certain to be an unholy row over the president's reappointment of the chief justice.

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Told by County Judge Grant W. Matthews that they might be held liable if their injured son Ben, 7, did not receive proper care. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whorley of Jerome Prairie last night consented to taking the boy to a hospital.

They refused yesterday on religious grounds after Ben had been struck by a truck driven by Everett Dow. County Physician S. B. Orwood who said the boy's injuries might be serious, reported today he had spent a fair night.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

John Day averring he was on the verge of collapse from strenuous house moving and all the things that go with it.

Most Alfred showing Neva Samuels how to type a name at the bottom of a page when there was little space left for doing so, Neva being unable to perform the trick on her typewriter.

Joe Grey getting a lame shoulder by swinging a sledge hammer too vigorously.

Jack Horner being pleased to meet a scribe as long as the scribe didn't mention Jack in any part of this family journal.

Hattie Gore being terribly curious to find out all about a surprise for her.

Oswald Woodcock spreading good cheer and kindly Yuletide thoughts already.

## 10,000 SOLDIERS CONCENTRATED IN NORTHERN SPAIN

General Belief Germany Backing Rome's Colonial Aspirations Added Worry — Movement Continues

By The Associated Press  
 Reports of Italian troop concentrations in northern Spain, within easy striking distance of the French frontier, caused concern in France today as Italians in Tunisia demonstrated in support of Fascist colonial claims on France.

France's worry over the Italian campaign also was aggravated by widespread belief Germany was backing Rome's colonial aspirations.

President Lebrun summoned Premier Daladier unexpectedly for consultations. They held a long talk, presumably on the new French-German no-war declaration and the possibility of German support for Italy.

Scores of Italians were arrested in Tunisia. They began forming in processions in Tunis streets, chanting the Fascist marching song, "Giovinezza," and police had broken up anti-Italian demonstrations by French residents.

The reports from Spain, which lacked official confirmation, said Italian troop movements had begun November 22 and still were continuing. They said concentrations included motorized units and much artillery. About 10,000 troops were reported to have been massed at Logrono, in northern Catalonia.

Domei (Japanese news agency) reported in Tokyo Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita had told the United States and British ambassadors "it may be necessary to revise the principles of equal opportunity and the Open Door in China."

Arita, the agency said, told the envoys in separate interviews there need be no conflict between Japan and other powers over interests in China if they would "recognize realities in the Far East."

Tom Ribbentrop Leaves In Paris, as German Foreign Minister  
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## ORDER REHIRING OF SITDOWNERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Labor Relations Board issued an order today directing the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., at Santa Monica, Calif., to cease its discouraging membership in CIO's United Auto Workers Union and to withdraw recognition from Aircraft Workers' Union, Inc., as a collective bargaining agency for its employees.

Under the terms of the order the aircraft concern must reinstate with back pay 32 employees and award back pay to 13 others already reinstated after participating in a sit-down strike in February, 1937.

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Today's ruling of the National Labor Relations Board, ordering the Douglas Aircraft Co. to reinstate 32 sit-down strikers, was termed "one more absurd ruling" by Donald Douglas, president of the company. He said he would appeal.

## Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(AP-USA)—PEARS: 10 arrived, 5 California, 7 Oregon, 7 Washington unloaded, 43 on track, Medford Box 7670 No. 1, \$1.70 @ 2.30; average, \$1.99; 720 fancy, \$1.70 @ 1.90; average, \$1.82; Comice 720 No. 1, \$2.00 @ 2.10; average, \$2.02.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(AP-USA)—PEARS: 2 Washington arrived, 4 on track, nothing offered.

## Highway Blocked By Tumbleweeds

SILVER LAKE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—It wasn't snow but tumbleweeds that blocked the Fremont highway 12 miles east of here.

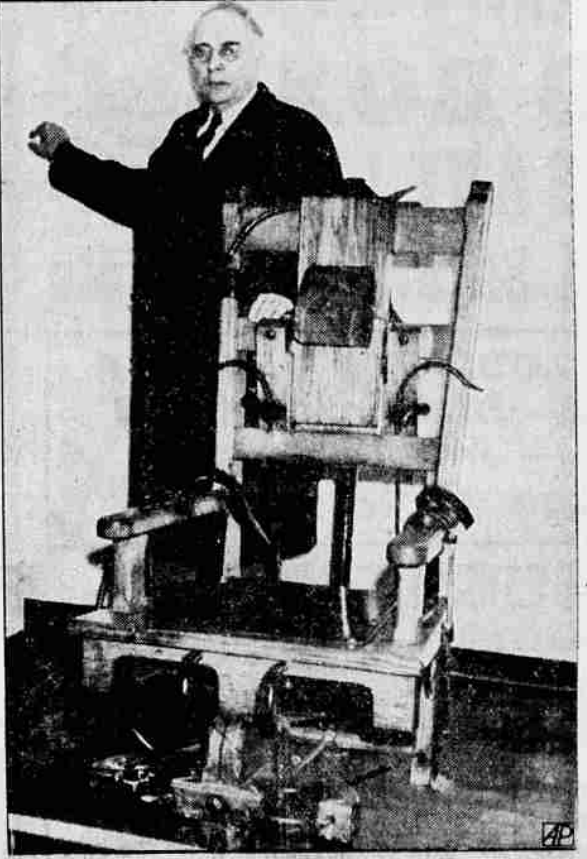
The dry weeds, blowing from the dry bed of Silver Lake, were matted into a solid wall by the wind. Motorists had to detour around the lake for two days.

## Auto Show Section

An eight page section of today's Mail Tribune calls attention to the annual Lions' auto show at the armory Friday and Saturday evenings.

# Jacksonville Postoffice, Two Stores Burglarized

## Lethal Shock Stills Borgia's Pleas for Life



## Execution of Poison Slayer Ghastliest in Ohio Annals

By E. E. Easterly  
 COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Anna Marie Hahn, her golden hair disheveled, begged vainly—"Won't somebody please help me?"—and then was put to death in Ohio's electric chair last night as she gasped out the Lord's prayer.

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us..."  
 The prayer, intoned after Catholic Chaplain John A. Sullivan, was still as 1930 volts struck the body of the convicted slayer of 78-year-old Jacob Wagner of Cincinnati, one of four old persons men she was accused of poisoning to obtain their meager savings.

A bluish wisp of smoke curled upward from the electrode on the right leg of the five-foot figure clad in blue cotton pajamas and brown all-rite shoes. Four and a half minutes later, at 8:13 1/2 p. m., prison physician George W. Kell announced the death of the first woman ever placed in Ohio's electric chair.

Ghastliest on Record  
 Veterans of many executions said this was one of the ghastliest of the 214 conducted in the state's 104-year-old penitentiary.

"I never saw anyone protest so against death," said Warden J. C. Woodard.  
 Mrs. Hahn, a 32-year-old German born alien, was assisted into the execution chamber by her three matrons—Mrs. Bene Tipler, Mrs. Josie O'Brien and Mrs. Esther Lyle, first women ever to witness an electric chair in Ohio.

"Oh, oh-h-h," she moaned, and collapsed as she neared the chair. Guards quickly grabbed her and placed her, squirming, into the brown-varnished chair of death.  
 "No, no, no!" she implored. "Mr. Woodard, Mr. Woodard, don't do this to me."

"I'm sorry, but we have to do it, Mrs. Hahn," the warden said softly. "Don't do it, oh-h, please don't," she moaned. "My boy, think of my baby."  
 (She referred to her son, Oscar, 12, who was praying in the prison's Catholic chapel.)

Nobody To Help  
 "Can't anyone do something?" she asked, looking at the seated witnesses as the guards fastened her legs and arms. "Isn't there anybody who will help me?"  
 She shook her head in despair and said, "Nobody's going to help me."  
 "Father, come close," she called to Father Sullivan as the black leather mask was placed over her face.

The priest took her hand and Warden Woodard stepped to the button which signals the three anonymous guards at the switch.  
 "Be careful, father, you'll be killed," she cautioned in a whisper, fearing the current would be applied as he held her hand.

"Our Father who art in heaven," she began, "hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come..."  
 Thus the condemned woman continued until the electricity arched her body and silenced the prayer.

He signed the note bore a sweat as a signifier.

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## ICKES' DELIVERED RADICAL ADDRESS WITNESS ASSERTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes was accused by a Dies committee witness today of delivering a "radical" speech.

Latham R. Reed, the witness told the house committee investigating un-American activities—headed by Representative Dies (D., Texas)—that Ickes was addressing the American Civil Liberties union at the time.

Reed, describing himself as a retired colonel in the army reserve, also said the union was guilty of un-American activities.

After associating Ickes and Felix Frankfurter, Harvard law professor, with the union, Reed replied to a question from Representative Starnes (D., Ala.), a committee member:

"Ickes was a speaker at the annual banquet of the union in New York City last December. The address was on the subject of 'Nations in Nightshirts.'"  
 "Do you recall the theme of it?" Starnes asked.

"The tenor of it was, in my opinion, distinctly radical and it wound up with an unwarranted attack on the supreme court."  
 Representative Thomas (R., N. J.) asked Reed if the Frankfurter, to whom the witness referred, was the one mentioned as a possible appointee of the supreme court.

"There is no question about it," Reed replied.  
 Representative Dempsey (D., N. Y.), another committee member, interrupted to remark "a lot of people" had been mentioned for the vacancy created by the death of Justice Cardozo and asked the witness to name some of them.

Pamphlets Shown  
 Reed said he could not recall the names of any others and said he remembered Frankfurter "because of his connection with the American Civil Liberties union."  
 The witness exhibited to the committee (Continued on Page Twelve)

## K. F. WOMAN ARRESTED ON HUSBAND'S CLAIM SHE KILLED MOTHER

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Sheriff's Deputy Dale Mattson last night arrested Ollie Dyer, former Pineville, Mo., farm woman, after her husband, Jack Dyer, told Deputy District Attorney L. Orth Slesmore she had killed her mother, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, near Pineville, in 1933.

Dyer was arrested last Saturday by Klamath Falls police who charged him with threatening his wife.  
 Mrs. Sullivan's mother-in-law told her husband by striking her over the head with a piece of wood in a barn. The Dyers had convinced authorities Mrs. Sullivan had been killed in a fall from a hayloft.

At Pineville Prosecuting Attorney W. R. Tracy of McDonald county filed a first-degree murder charge against the woman and her husband.  
 Tracy said the murder complaint was signed by Al Maness, Picher, Okla., chief of police, and brother of Mrs. Sullivan. In Jefferson City, Mo., Governor Lloyd C. Stark issued a requisition asking return of the pair to McDonald county and Sheriff Floyd Bone left for here to return the couple.

## MERCURY HITS 92 IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The mercury soared to 92 degrees in Los Angeles at 1:30 o'clock today, a December record.  
 The previous December high in the weather bureau's official 61-year records was in 1897, when the temperature reached 87.

At 1 p. m. the reading was 90 and a half hour later, 92. That is 24 degrees above normal.  
 San Francisco, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Frank Fuller, Jr., flying ambassador for the 1939 Golden Gate international exposition, has another speed record for his collection today.

Yesterday he flew here from Vancouver, Wash. in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 40 seconds. That beat his own time flying up to Portland Monday which was a record flight, too, made in 2 hours, 13 minutes and 27 seconds.

Roosevelt Confers  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt invited advisors to the White House today to discuss prospects of getting a government reorganization bill through the next congress.

## BODY OF MAN IN 'FRISCO GARBAGE FULLER BREAKS OWN S. F.-PORTLAND TIME

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 8.—(AP)—A garbage truck from San Francisco started to unload its cargo at the Bayshore City dump today when the body of an unidentified man, with a red beard, toppled out. Sheriff James J. McGrath and Coroner William F. Crosby began an investigation.  
 The body was that of a man about 60 years old.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL RIFLED IN HUNT FOR VALUABLES

Robbers entered the postoffice at Jacksonville Wednesday night, rifled Christmas packages and registered mail, cracked the safe, opened the regular letter mail, and stole the stamp supply and a small amount of money. It will require an official check to determine exact amount of the loss.

The robbery was discovered when the postoffice was opened by the postmistress, Mrs. L. A. Eaton, today. Letters were found open, and scattered about the room. A number of packages marked "Do not open until Christmas" were opened and contents scattered. The greater portion of the day's receipts had been deposited before the postoffice closed.

The postoffice safe was blasted between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning, as near as can be determined. Mrs. Amy Dow, who lives near-by, reported about that time she was roused from her sleep by a noise, but thought it might have been a mine blast. No other residents reported hearing any unusual noises.

The near-by stores of Ray Wilson and the Godward Mercantile company were also entered, presumably by the same band. At Wilson's, \$25 in money, hunting equipment and cigarettes was taken. At the Godward store, \$6 of \$7 was obtained.

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According to Deputy Sheriff William Grember, the postal robbers took their time, and made a "night job" of their rifling. The letters—both registered and common—were opened, in a search for money. It is thought a number of checks were taken, but the loss could not be immediately determined.

The postoffice robbery is a federal offense, the store looting a state crime. It is the first postoffice robbery in Jackson county in a number of years, the last being at Ruch, about 12 years ago.

## UNHAPPY MOTHER SLAYS SON, SELF

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 8.—(AP)—An unhappy mother who said she could not face the holiday season separated from her husband, killed her 14-year-old son and herself here today, apparently with the boy's consent, authorities reported.

Victims of the tragedy, Coroner C. C. Spaulding said, were Mrs. Peggy Mason, 38, and Dale Mason.  
 Their bodies were found in their apartment by M. Stark, the manager, when she investigated what she thought was the sound of shots, Spaulding said.

The boy was lying in bed, a bullet hole in his head, and his mother was on the bedroom floor, also shot through the head from a gun found near her body, the coroner said.

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## Official Nazi Organ Raps U.S. Armament Reasoning

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The German foreign office mouthpiece today sharply criticized recent American utterances on the United States armament program, some of which it attributed to "President Roosevelt and said were 'extremely regrettable.'"

"Admitting every state has the right to arm as it pleases, we must sharply protest against the reasons presented for such action" in the United States, said diplomatic-politische korrespondenz. It continued:

"Again and again American armament propaganda proceeds from the slanderous argument Germany is a threat to the American continent. Such propaganda also extends to Latin America, where it is calculated to poison the international atmosphere."

"Extraordinarily amazing is the fact President Roosevelt talks about the aggressiveness of authoritarian states at the very moment the German ministers for foreign affairs (Joachim von Ribbentrop) has concluded a declaration of peace with France and when the Anglo-Italian pact (which went into force November 18) has reduced the dangers of divergences very materially.

"It seems in comprehensible these events could be deliberately overlooked by a responsible statesman." (Although the article apparently was inspired by President Roosevelt's press conference of Tuesday, the president then made no mention of the totalitarian states. He merely said the a pay-as-you-go basis.)

## WEEK IS ENDED HERE MINUS PLANE SERVICE

Medford was to have another day without airplane service today. United Air Lines having cancelled all north and southbound trips between Portland and Oakland, Cal., because of unfavorable weather.

There has been no United Airliner in or out of Medford since last Thursday afternoon. Two United flights flew over Medford yesterday afternoon, one southbound from Portland to Oakland, the other northbound from Oakland to Portland. Service was being operated today between Portland and Seattle, Wash.