

Santa Claus To Signal Christmas Opening Friday Evening

The Weather

Forecast
Fair tonight and Friday but considerable cloudiness, little change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday... 63
Lowest this morning... 29

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MINES AND SUBS SINK 6 MORE SHIPS



Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—The way President Roosevelt has been spoofing the reporters of late is strengthening the belief of some politicians that Mr. Roosevelt has no designs on a third term; that he will declare himself out of the picture at the Jackson dinner in January. And these politicians conclude that Mr. Roosevelt wants his mantle tossed to Paul V. McNutt, the platinum blond chief of Federal Security Administration.

Three times in the past two weeks Mr. Roosevelt has departed from prepared speeches for the express purpose (the confessions) of startling reporters and causing them to speculate on the third term. He expressed hope that he would participate in the dedication of the Jefferson memorial in 1941 (his second term ends January 20, 1941); he announced his Franklin D. Roosevelt library (administration 25 cents) would be open to the public in August, 1941, and all his private and public papers would be available.

Mr. Roosevelt says he was having fun at the expense of the scribes. Imagine Herbert Hoover, Calvin Coolidge or Woodrow Wilson unbending to that extent.

Until Mr. Roosevelt decided to have his little joke with the working press he has been annoyed, peeved, displeased whenever a correspondent put the third term question directly or camouflaged.

All a reporter had to do at a White House conference to be

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PORTLANDER GETS AUTO PLATE NO. 1

Salem, Nov. 23.—(P)—A. M. Mears, 684 Pittock block, Portland, won 1940 Oregon automobile license plate No. 1 today in the drawing for the first 100 numbers. About 21,000 applicants were in the drawing.

No. 2 went to Gus G. Johnson of Klamath Falls, while C. Dudley Miller of Harrisburg got No. 3.

Dr. Floyd Dodds of Bandon won lucky No. 7, while the equally lucky 11 went to H. M. Edson, Portland.

Unlucky 13 was awarded to T. J. Ayres of Cottage Grove. Other low numbers included: 4—George L. McMillan, 3305 S.E. 84th Ave., Portland.

5—George Hart, Jr., Westfall (Malheur county).

6—Mrs. Louis O. Anderson, North Bend.

8—Milo Dixon, Dexter (Lane county).

9—A. E. Eckhardt, 1636 S. E. 25th Ave., Portland.

10—Earl P. Conrad, Toledo.

12—Walter E. Matthews, Lebanon.

NAZI PLANES SOW MINIATURE MINES IN THAMES MOUTH

New Technique Adopted By Germans To Harry Allied And Neutral Commerce.

London, Nov. 23.—(P)—Six more British, French and neutral vessels today were added to heavy maritime losses of the past week from mine and submarine warfare.

Losses disclosed today were: The British steamer Darino, 1,351 tons, sunk by a submarine Nov. 19. Sixteen of the crew were believed missing. Eleven survivors landed on the east coast after spending three days in a submarine before being transferred to an Italian ship.

The 4,576-ton Greek freighter Lena R., sunk by a mine; twenty-four persons saved.

The British steamer Geraldus, 2,494 tons, formerly named the Candeston Castle; 26 saved.

British trawler Sulby, 287 tons, sunk by a submarine off the Scottish coast; seven saved and five missing.

French fishing trawler Saint-Clair B-922 sunk by mine; eleven of 12 crew members feared lost.

French fishing trawler Bayles II sunk by submarine; 16 saved.

15 Mines Cast Up
Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary under-secretary to the admiralty, told the house of commons that 15 mines, all German, had come ashore on the eastern English coast within the last fortnight.

In addition to the exchange telegraph agency reported that German planes flying low over the Thames estuary last night had sowed miniature, high-explosive mines by parachute.

The admiralty related the destroyer Gipsy was beached on the east coast Tuesday after striking a mine. Forty of her crew were missing and 21 injured. Built in 1936, she carries a normal complement of 145.

As partial consolation, Britain had the spectacular destruction of a German air raider off the east coast which witnesses aerial combat for the third successive night and the third time in one day.

Villagers over a wide area heard the bark of anti-aircraft batteries and saw searchlights grope the skies while fighting planes went up to give chase.

Success In Air
It was officially announced a German plane was shot down at sea and another driven off.

The British and French forces on the western front also reported success in the air, with destruction of eight German planes yesterday.

British naval writers have suggested the sudden increase in ship losses is due to "magnetic mines" planted by the Germans at depths too great for minesweepers to detect but so devised that they rise when a sizable vessel passes overhead.

Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, said in a radio broadcast last night: "You have been reading in your newspaper of this latest abomination of German savagery—the magnetic mine—secretly deposited in channels of the sea in order to blow up without warning neutral and British shipping alike. . . . all that skill and science can devise is devoted to meeting the new danger. We are confident our efforts will be successful."

Appealing to small investors to buy new national savings certificates, Sir John called the war "the most expensive ever fought," and set the expense at 6,000,000 pounds (\$23,589,000) daily.

Brussels, Nov. 23.—(P)—Ambassador Joseph E. Davies arranged today to sail for the United States from Genoa, Italy, Dec. 3, aboard the liner Rex for consultations in Washington on Belgian trade negotiations.

Only One Bath For Eighteen Inmates County Poor Farm

McMinnville, Nov. 23.—(P)—The Yamhill county grand jury recommended immediate action in a special report today to eliminate "deplorable conditions" at the county farm for the aged before there was a "major tragedy."

The wooden structure housing 18 persons was described as "unsafe, inadequate and unsanitary" and a "dangerous fire hazard." The report added there was only one bath for the residents and "no hot water for a week."

FEDERATION OF LABOR ASKS ATTORNEY GEN'L FOR FRANK STATEMENT

Washington, Nov. 23.—(P)—The American Federation of Labor, angered by government prosecution of labor unions under the anti-trust laws, has asked Attorney General Murphy for a "frank statement" of policy.

President William Green of the AFL made the demand on Murphy yesterday in a letter replying to the announcement of Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, that anti-trust prosecutions would be instituted against any labor union engaging in "unreasonable restraints."

Green said if Arnold's statement was the policy of the justice department, it was "a grave perversion of the law." He argued the Sherman anti-trust act was amended by the Clayton act to "completely exempt" labor unions from anti-trust prosecutions.

Arnold said Sunday in a letter to the Indianapolis central labor union that union practices may become illegal where they have no reasonable connection with such "legitimate objectives" as wages, hours, safety, health, undue speeding up, or the right of collective bargaining.

PORTLAND CIO SEEKS TO OUST NLRB CHIEF

Portland, Ore., Nov. 23.—(P)—The Portland Industrial Council CIO affiliate, addressed a letter to the National Labor Relations Board yesterday asking the immediate removal of E. J. Eagen, regional NLRB director, and Thomas P. Graham, Jr., regional attorney.

Charles Ross, union secretary said the letter charged Eagen with "mishandling" cases in Portland and causing "confusion, uncertainty and chaos in the lumber industry."

The famous Comstock lode of Nevada has produced nearly \$800,000,000 in gold and silver.

Half of Nation Celebrates Thanksgiving Week Earlier

By the Associated Press
Families in 25 states sat down today at the "first table" of the nation's dual Thanksgiving, joining in President Roosevelt's expressed hope the world soon will be at peace.

The "second table" will not be served until next Thursday, in states whose governors declined to follow the president's decision to advance the holiday a week.

Despite the confusion over the date, there was unanimity in pulpits and in quiet households in echoing Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation: "Let us give thanks to the Ruler of the Universe . . . for the hope that lives within us of the coming of the day when peace and the productive activities of peace shall reign on every continent."

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt led today's celebrants. As usual, Mr. Roosevelt will carve a big turkey tonight at the Warm Springs, Ga., infantile paralysis foundation.

In Washington, with the president and several members of his cabinet absent, the holiday was observed with church services and family dinners just as it was in half the country. Government offices were closed.

NATIONAL GRANGE AIMS RESOLUTION AT LABOR UNIONS

Would Make Labor Organizations Responsible — Property Destruction Hit.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 23.—(P)—The National Grange was on record today with a resolution asking that labor organizations be required "individually and collectively to be responsible for their acts."

Delegates representing more than 800,000 farmers adopted the measure yesterday at the Grange's 71st annual convention. The resolution opposed strikes which result in the destruction of property.

Another resolution, subjected to extensive discussion before its adoption, condemned discriminatory and punitive tax legislation designed to destroy or burden unnecessarily any legitimate business.

Would Break Trusts
More drastic enforcement of anti-trust laws was asked in another approved resolution which stated it was "impossible for the farmer to cooperate fully or form alliances with either monopolies or organized labor."

Other resolutions adopted by the convention opposed the establishment of any form of socialized medicine which would be administered by any branch of government, and new reclamation activities by the federal government until the nation needs a greater agricultural production. One measure urged support of investigation of un-American activities.

Central Pt. Schools Closed by Flu; May Re-open on Monday

Central Point, Nov. 23.—(Spl.)—Influenza beat the Thanksgiving holiday in closing the public schools here.

With about 40 per cent of the city's 325 students out with the disease, the schools were closed Tuesday noon. Ordinarily they would have closed yesterday for the holiday. Superintendent H. P. Jewett said he hoped the schools could be re-opened Monday, end of the usual holiday recess. The sickness, while light, seems particularly contagious and spreads rapidly, he stated.

Gold Hill, Nov. 23.—(Spl.)—With about 60 per cent of the students absent with influenza and colds, Gold Hill schools were closed for the Thanksgiving holidays Tuesday, a day earlier than usual. School officials hope classes can be resumed Monday.

Four Girls; Handful of Duds Bring Fine



When a Philadelphia detective brought these four girls (above), into Magistrate Elias Myers court as witnesses in his complaint that they had appeared in a show too scantily clad, he proved his point by placing two costumes in two match boxes, then held all four costumes in his hand (below). The manager of the show was fined \$12.50.

STORE WINDOWS TO BE UNVEILED, BANDS WILL PLAY

Santa Claus will make his initial 1939 appearance in Medford at 7 p. m. tomorrow and all the children of the city and county are invited to come downtown and meet the jolly gentleman.

Santa's appearance will mark the formal opening of Medford stores for the Christmas holiday season. Santa Claus will appear first at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and at that very moment, 7 p. m. curtains in all store windows will be unfurled to reveal Christmas scenes and Yuletide merchandise. After his formal appearance at the chamber of commerce, Santa Claus will mingle with the expected crowds along the downtown streets and greet all the children who come out to see him.

Seven o'clock will also be the hour of other big doings. At that time Mrs. Harry Prentice's combined Medford and Grants Pass accordion bands will assemble at the chamber of commerce to give a concert either there or in a truck in which a tour of the business district will be made. There are more than 40 pieces in the combined group and these musicians are expected to add a gala note to the formal Christmas opening. Also at 7 o'clock the Medford senior high school band will assemble at the chamber of commerce to start a tour of the city. The band will play at various spots in the downtown area.

Most of the decorating of city streets will be completed by Friday evening.

The stores will not be open for business Friday evening. They will close at the usual time at the end of the business day. The formal opening is intended solely to give the public a window pre-view of Christmas merchandise, to afford children a chance to meet Santa Claus and to create the proper Christmas spirit of good cheer. It was explained by the retail merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

So there will be nothing on sale Friday evening and everyone in the county is invited to come downtown and take part in the celebration.

There is ample room for cars in the new parking lot opposite the Mail Tribune office on North Fir street and visitors to town were invited to use the area. There is no charge for parking. The lot is conveniently situated only a stone's throw

Germany Growing Desperate As Blockade Halts Supplies

By DeWitt MacKenzie.
The Anglo-German argument over whether the Nazis in violation of international law have set mines adrift in the crowded shipping lanes off the east coast of England is of small moment as compared with the real significance of this whole situation.

Armed disputes over points of law don't get very far, anyway, when great nations are gripping each others' throats.

The importance of the position is that with the war less than three months old the British blockade already has produced a crisis.

No Balkan Aid.
Germany not only finds herself cut off from the vital food and military supplies by water, but recently has made the disconcerting discovery she cannot draw on the Balkans for what she had expected.

The World war ghost of privation is beginning to rattle its chains a bit as a grim warning.

Hitler's only solution thus far has been to smash a hole through that blockade. And so as the garrote of warships has tightened about the neck of the reich, the fuhrer has struck back fiercely with the double purpose of freeing his country and turning the tables by cutting off supplies from England.

The disastrous plague of mines is new in this war. Germany

has denied laying unanchored mines, but hasn't denied laying anchored mine-fields in vulnerable spots on the British coast, as the fatherland did throughout the World war.

Laid by Submarines.
In the last conflict mines were laid in fields of hundreds along the English Channel where both Allied and neutral shipping passed. After 1915 almost all German mine laying was carried out by submarines.

The total number of German mines laid in all parts of the world is set down as 43,636 in British records.

Naturally, Britain is worried at the wholesale sinkings of the past few days. She is far more dependent on the outside world for supplies than is Germany. Her safety lies in absolute control of the seas.

Hence British Premier Chamberlain's grim announcement of what amounts to an unrestricted blockade of Germany by the Allied fleet. This extreme measure, which means seizure of Nazi exports as well as imports, is in retaliation for "many violations of international law and the ruthless brutality of German methods."

These latest sensational events strengthen the likelihood that the outcome of this war will be determined by the struggle on the sea—by strangulation which will crack civilian morale somewhere.

FEAST PROSPECT TEMPTS CONVICTS

Folsom, Calif., Nov. 23.—(P)—A food strike at Folsom prison was broken this Thanksgiving day by the prospect of a tempting holiday meal.

Warden Clyde I. Plummer said only 11 men refused breakfast this morning, exclusive of 21 placed in solitary as leaders of the incident which started Tuesday.

A tempting Thanksgiving day meal, coupled with the hunger of the strikers and the isolation of nearly a score of ringleaders, apparently broke the resistance of the strikers.

from the chamber of commerce. Car owners were asked only to utilize the lot thoughtfully and to park carefully so there would be no waste of space.

1 MAN KILLED AS 19 PLANES BURN

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 23.—(P)—One workman was killed and two injured critically today as flames destroyed the Des Moines municipal airport hangar burning 19 airplanes valued at \$70,000.

City authorities fixed the total loss at \$106,000 covering the building, planes and equipment. An airlines hangar nearby was not damaged.

The dead man, trapped after an explosion during welding operations, was identified as Martin Barnes, a WPA worker. His companions, Louis Bender, 30, and William L. Richardson, 43, were both burned and injured.

There are seven authenticated signatures of Shakespeare in existence.

BATTLE PREDICTED OVER TRADE PACTS IN NEXT CONGRESS

Capper Holds Farm Groups Oppose Agreements As Favoring Industry.

Washington, Nov. 23.—(P)—Senator Capper (R., Kas.) joined some of his Republican and Democratic colleagues today in predicting a "real battle" next session over extension of the administration's reciprocal trade program.

He contended farm groups were opposed to the trade agreements on the ground they had favored industry at the expense of agriculture.

Capper upheld the United Mine Workers (CIO) and the National Coal association in expressing opposition to a trade agreement cutting the excise tax on crude and fuel oil from Venezuela. He added he thought the whole reciprocal tariff policy was "very unfair."

Expires In June
The authority to negotiate the agreements expires next June. Some members of both major parties have announced they would seek to terminate the program entirely or to obtain for congress a veto power over pacts negotiated by the state department.

Meanwhile, it was said authoritatively trade talks between the United States and Argentina were progressing smoothly despite issuance of a circular by the exchange control office in Buenos Aires saying it was necessary that the country's imports "shall continue to be supplied from their normal sources, avoiding unnecessary deviations to other sources of countries."

KLAMATH SEARCHERS LOSE HOPE FOR BOY; FEW CONTINUE HUNT

Klamath Falls, Ore., Nov. 23.—(P)—The disappearance of 4-year-old Irwin Jack Maxwell continued a mystery today and only a few of the 1500 persons, who made up the original searching party, refused to abandon hope of finding the freckle-faced, red-haired youngster.

Sheriff Lloyd Low said every lead had been exhausted and expressed the belief that if the youngster had become lost in the sagebrush-covered hills east of the city he would not be found alive.

His mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxwell, and his father, Elmer Beebe, continued to hope for the boy's safety and joined in buoying up spirits of the remaining searchers who abandoned last night after the hills to the east and various sections of the city, including the hobo jungle, had been covered without revealing any trace of the youngster.

There was speculation that he might have been abducted but the sheriff would not comment on such a theory.

Radio Highlights

By the Associated Press. (Time is Pacific Standard.)
New York, Nov. 23.—Prime Minister Chamberlain's Sunday broadcast via British Radio, already announced for relay in this country by the MBS chain, also is to be carried by the WEAF-NBC network. The time is set for 1:15 p. m.

Tonight: Thanksgiving features — NBC-Blue 4:45; Warm Springs Foundation dinner; Europe—WABC-CBS 8:55; 8; MBS 6.

Friday: Europe — NBC Chains 5 a. m.; WABC-CBS 5 a. m.; 3:30 p. m.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Dorothy Hoppe and Anne Fuson discussing at great length and with much fervor the cause and results of the one-over-one bridge bid or something equally confusing.

Peggy Gordon defending an acquaintance from the vicious but comic verbal cracks of Charlie Gilbert.

Marie Ulrich and hubby Lewis showing up at a Thanksgiving social event a couple of hours behind time.

Bert Ross advising a friend pleasantly but firmly regarding the friend's slip-up on an item of importance.