

The Weather
Forecast
Rain today and tomorrow, snow in surrounding mountains; moderate temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 45
Lowest yesterday 45

Leisure Time
If you have some leisure time this morning just turn to the classified page. There are some very interesting propositions offered that may appeal to you. If you find what you want, contact the advertiser at once.

FINNS TURN AVALANCHES UPON FOE



Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Converging on Washington today are several hundred politicians. In white tie and tails they will be wandering from one hotel room to another tonight before and after their alibi for being in the national capital—the winter banquet of the Gridiron club. From the headman, himself, down to the satraps of new deal and the innumerable aspirants for the White House job, the gang is on hand.

More politics is being cooked up in smoke-filled rooms (has been since the executive committee of the republican national committee met Thursday), than in a similar space of time in the past four years. Aspirants for the democratic or republican nominations are in town in conversation or by proxy.

The conversations do not deal with possible planks for party platforms, but what are the chances of this or that aspirant; how many delegates can he muster; will Mr. Roosevelt decline a third term and, if so, will he be drafted?

For the next few days the news columns carrying Washington, D. C., date lines will be saturated with accounts of the doings of the past three days and the probable effect on the future.

AS A matter of western interest it can be said that prominent republicans of the east have been holding little talks with Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, who will go to the convention as Oregon's choice for president. The Oregon senator is in the happy position of not seeking the republican nomination for president and holds the good will of all the aggressive aspirants for that honor. This is a fine status if the convention is deadlocked and a compromise candidate must be found.

The far west has two potential names: Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, and Oregon's McNary. They represent and carry the banner of western thought, know its problems and each has a long record as a forward-looking statesman. Nationally, McNary's name is a household word among farmers; Wheeler's among railroad workers. Both have good labor records and have been identified with the building of the west. Wheeler, democrat, whose fight against the supreme court bill placed him in the dog house with the 100 percent new dealers, is making an active campaign; and someone is circulating a coin-like disc with Wheeler's face engraved upon it.

MORE RAIN SEEN FOR COMING WEEK

Northern California: Intermittent rain and snow over high mountains Sunday; mild temperature; strong southerly wind off coast.

Oregon: Intermittent rain Sunday; snow over high mountains; little change in temperature; strong southerly wind off coast, reaching gale force tonight.

Outlook Far Western States, Dec. 11-16, inclusive: Showery weather Monday, followed by clearing, but rain again latter part of week west of Cascade mountains; temperatures normal or slightly above normal.

Wool Market Slow
Boston, Dec. 9.—(AP-USA)—Sales were somewhat slower than in the previous week in the Boston wool market.

Stocks Irregular.
New York, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Speculative inspiration was lacking in today's final stock market of the week and slightly irregular price changes ruled throughout.

VICTORY SCORED ON ARCTIC FRONT; SWEDEN NERVOUS

Boats of Reds Landing Force Swamped By Waves — Capture Tanks, Planes.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Swedish government tonight appointed an active commander-in-chief of all Swedish military forces—a step usually taken only in anticipation of an emergency.

The new commander is Lieutenant General Olof Gerhard Phoenell, previously a "coordinator" of army, navy and air force branches, but without power of active command.

Kirkenes, Norway, at the Finnish frontier, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Thundering avalanches loosened by Finnish dynamite charges were reported today to have caused mountainous waves which drowned between 600 and 800 members of unsuccessful Russian landing parties in icy Arctic waters off northern Finland.

Reports reaching here from across the border said masses of steep hillsides on the edges of fjords near Petsamo and Linnahamari were sent tumbling into the water with such force that the boats of the red army landing parties were swamped.

The Finns were said to have employed similar tactics previously, in repulsing landing attempts by the invaders. Many of those surviving the man-made waves were reported captured.

East of Petsamo, the reports said, Russian tanks attempting to cross frozen lakes plunged into holes cut in the thick ice by the Finns. Crews were reported to have perished in the plummeting tanks.

Greater numbers of Norwegian troops were understood to be massing along this section of their frontier, 200 miles above the Arctic circle. Civilians were moving south as a precaution.

Helsinki, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Finnish high command reported tonight that three Russian planes were downed and numerous enemy tanks, armored cars and cannon destroyed today.

"No naval engagements worth mentioning," the communique added.

Officials said the enemy planes bombed four towns yesterday without inflicting serious damage.

Official quarters neither confirmed or denied reports that the Finnish port, Hanko, had been bombed by Russian planes.

Earlier today, 30 British Blenheim bombers were reported to have arrived to augment the Finnish air force.

The text of tonight's communique:

"December 8 fighting continued on the Taipale river on the eastern Karelian isthmus.

"The whole eastern front was the object of enemy attacks. Our troops offered successful resistance at all places and the attacks were completely repulsed.

"In various sectors, numerous enemy tanks, armored cars and cannon were destroyed.

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"In the air, enemy planes on December 8 bombarded Laeskelae, Vaertsilae, Valamo, and Mantinsaaari. The bombing caused no damage worth recording. At Suistamo, enemy fliers machine-gunned civilians, wounding several.

"Our own air force performed several reconnoitering flights and bombed enemy troop concentrations and columns. Our air defenses shot down three enemy planes."

Dredges Laundered.
Portland, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Gold dredges turning up rock piles in once fertile lands of Jackson, Josephine, Baker and Grant counties create more wealth than they destroy, F. W. Libby said today.

German Planes Drop Bombs on Shetland Island Town



This smoke rose over the rooftops of a Shetland island village from a burning Royal Air Force plane, fired by bombs dropped by the two German planes faintly seen in the sky above. The British caption stated that this was the eighth German air raid on the islands, which are north of Scotland, in less than four weeks and that the planes had been driven off by anti-aircraft fire.

6 KILLED, 3 HURT IN CRIME SERIES, ONE MAN STAGES

Murder, Robbery, Kidnaping And Arson Linked To Chippewa Falls Suicide.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The killing of six persons today, a \$40,000 kidnaping plot, robbery and arson—all seemingly related—sent the police on a hunt for clues confirming their theory that the crimes were the work of Donald T. Cameron, one of the dead.

Chief of Police Edward Holtz said these things were known:

1.—Cameron, about 35, committed suicide about 1:15 a. m., a few minutes before the bodies of his wife, Louise, 35, his two-year-old son, David, and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilk, of Minneapolis, were found in the charred ruins of his Lake Wissota cottage, six miles east of Chippewa Falls.

2.—Marshall Brenden, about 40, was shot to death and his body left in an Eau Claire cemetery, nine miles south of here. Two empty cartridges found nearby were similar to those found in the German type pistol with which Cameron killed himself in the garage back of his home.

3.—A note addressed to a Mr. Linton, demanding "\$40,000 or else" and warning that "marked money means death your boy" was found in Cameron's pocket.

4.—Earl Richard, Chippewa Falls filling station attendant, identified Cameron as the man who robbed him of \$20 at 12:45 a. m., slugged him and wounded him and two motorists whose help he had solicited.

5.—The odor of gasoline was strong in the Cameron cottage when police broke in after answering a fire alarm. Gasoline had soaked one of Cameron's trouser legs.

6.—Cameron attempted to borrow \$2,000 several days ago from the Eau Claire Citizens Loan and Investment Co., headed by Arthur Linton. Linton has an 11-year-old grandson, Donald, whom he adopted after the death of his daughter, the boy's mother.

Portland, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Oregon-Washington council of A.F.L. lumber unions decided in a resolution today pay raises were in order but announced demands would await an industry-wide survey by the executive committee.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's reported desire to sidetrack controversial issues as far as possible in the coming session of congress got a cool reception today from Republican leaders.

BULLETIN

Helsinki, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Thirty British Blenheim bombing planes were reported today to have reached Finland to strengthen the Finnish air forces resisting the Russian invasion.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The University of Washington basketball team, already warned by various observers that the going may be muddy and wet this season, found out just how bad it can be tonight when a collection of alumni handed the 1939-40 crew a 54-33 trimming in a practice game here.

The defeat was the worst ever administered by alumni to a team coached by Hec Edmundson.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Oregon State college's Beavers scored an easy 52 to 30 win over Willamette University here tonight in a basketball game. It was the Beavers second victory of the season.

STATE OF SEIGE ON FRISCO DOCKS

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The waterfront dispute which has virtually closed the harbor to commerce appeared to be settling into a stage of seige today, while cargoes lay untouched at the docks and business men fumed helplessly as the holiday season advanced.

Ed Whelan, publicity chairman for the striking CIO Ship Clerks, said soup kitchens were being prepared for strikers, first steps had been taken to seek aid from the state relief administration and appeals for funds had gone out to other Pacific Coast unions.

He said San Pedro longshoremen had voted \$250 a week for the strikers' fund as a "starter." Roy Donnelly, southern California member of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union executive board, issued a statement asserting San Pedro longshoremen had also voted confidence in California CIO director Harry Bridges.

FARLEY PREDICTS HUGE YULE MAIL

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Postmaster General Farley predicted today that Christmas mail volume and new records would set a post record this year.

Coupling the prediction with a plea to ship and mail early, Farley said deliveries on Christmas day would be limited to gift parcels and special delivery matter.

WINE, BEER SALE CURBS URGED BY STATE ATTORNEYS

Portland, Dec. 9.—(AP)—District attorneys of Oregon voted today to press legislation curbing the "indiscriminate" sale of wines and beer which they said had worked to the detriment of Oregon people.

A resolution passed at the closing session of the annual convention of the District Attorneys association of Oregon said the sale of alcoholic beverages in Oregon has "increased to an alarming extent."

"This seems to be made possible, at least in part, by the indiscriminate sale of fortified wines, beer and other liquors of lesser alcoholic content, such sales being made in and about groceries, grocery stores, drug stores and other places, businesses, the resolution said.

G. Russell Morgan of Washington county, who was elected president of the association, was directed to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Oregon liquor commission and law enforcement officials regarding drafting of a bill restricting such sales, for presentation to the 1941 legislature.

Another resolution urged that any audit of public office which disclosed a shortage or irregularity "should not be released for publication until it has first been submitted to the district attorney" and its release authorized by him.

NEW YORK GIANTS SEEK BOB SMITH

Milwaukee, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Professional football—1940 style—probably will be more of an aerial circus than ever before. Oregon players drafted, by clubs, included:

New York Giants: Bob Smith, Oregon guard.

Chicago Cardinals: Victor Reginato, Oregon end.

Philadelphia Eagles: Eberle Schultz, Oregon State guard; Frank Emmons, Oregon back; Don Jones, Washington back.

Detroit: John Hackenbruck, Oregon State tackle.

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Cahill's office said Dozenberg, born in Riga, Latvia, in 1885, and naturalized February 6, 1911, had given his naturalization papers in 1921 to Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party in the U. S. On these papers, Cahill's office said, Browder obtained a passport to travel to Russia.

Cahill charged in a warrant sent to Oregon that Dozenberg had conspired to violate the passport laws.

Thomas F. Fitch, attached to the New York office of the state department, already has left by plane for Portland. Cahill has asked the U. S. district attorney there to have Dozenberg held in \$50,000 bail.

Cahill's office said Dozenberg had been prominent in Communist party affairs until 1928, when he suddenly disappeared as "Dozenberg." He was later found living with his wife in Washington, D. C., under the name of Nicholas Dallant, Cahill said, but disappeared again when Browder was arrested recently on a passport fraud charge. They were using the name Dallant when federal agents picked up Dozenberg in Bend, said Cahill's office, which accused Dozenberg of illegal use of passports in New York, Chicago, Manila and other cities.

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HIGH WIND, RAIN SWEEP O'ER STATE

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Orvis, Odessa Mudge, 20, Robeline, La., a Steamboat Camp CCC enrollee, was killed by a heavily-laden truck which skidded and rolled 175 feet from a slippery road near Roseburg.

After a day of 22-mile-an-hour winds, a gusty southeaster reached greater velocity but failed to gain the 65 to 70-mile speed attained by a southwesterly wind last night.

A nine-foot-plus tide hammered the Oregon coast but failed to cause much damage.

DEATH COMES TO METHODIST CHIEF

Portland, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Death claimed the second high-ranking Methodist churchman in recent weeks here today. Dr. Eben Samuel Johnson, 75, succumbed at the Veterans' hospital.

Dr. Johnson, a retired Methodist Episcopal bishop, served 20 years in African missions where, in 1920, he became bishop and general superintendent. He retired in 1936.

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