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YULE SHOPPING SPURS BUSINESS IN MOST AREAS

Lagging Tendency in Some Sections Seen Due To Unfavorable Weather.

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Christmas shopping this week brought an expansion in retail trade activity, Dun & Bradstreet Inc., credit agency reported today.

The company, however, noted "spottiness" in buying.

"Retailers," the report said, "were inclined to be more moderate in their expectations for the full holiday season, although considering weather conditions mainly responsible for the lagging tendency."

"Wholesale buying was again restricted, with both records of seasonal merchandise and purchases for spring in small volume."

Concerning retail business, the agency said:

Industrial Areas Gain

"The increase in the dollar volume of trade over the corresponding week of last year was estimated between 6 and 10 percent. . . . In some industrial areas of the east and mid-

die west, buying was up by 15 to 20 percent.

"In drought-stricken areas of the southwest, however, sales were sharply below last year. . . . Year-to-year percentage increases over 1938 for other regions were estimated for the week as follows: New England, 6 to 13; east, 5 to 11; south, 7 to 12; middlewest, 5 to 10; northwest, 2 to 6; and Pacific coast, 1 to 3."

Of wholesale trade Dun & Bradstreet said:

"Advance purchase for spring as well as recorders of seasonal goods were in comparatively small volume."

"Buyers, however, reported that deliveries over recent weeks had been better than previously expected."

BEND RED TAKEN TO N. Y. HEARING

Portland, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Nicholas Dozenberg left for New York by train last night in the custody of federal officers returning him to face a passport violation charge.

New York federal authorities charge he loaned his naturalization papers to Earl Browder, head of the communist party in America, so Browder could obtain a passport to travel in Russia.

Dozenberg, 57, was arrested last Saturday at Bend, Ore., where he was found operating a grocery store.

He was described as one of the founders of the communist party in America by U. S. District Attorney Carl Donaugh.

Vehicles Increase

Salem.—(UP)—There were 374,538 motor vehicles registered in Oregon November 30, the secretary of state reported. This was an increase of 3.36 per cent over last year's figure at the same time. Included were 305,392 private passenger automobiles, 1071 exempt cars, 638 busses, 29,082 light delivery trucks, 39,663 trucks and 1693 motorcycles.

CHINESE ATTACK AT MANY POINTS; SABOTAGE USED

Japs Stopped From Consolidating Hold on Nanning—Yangtze Points Retaken.

Hongkong, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Chinese reported today their forces had made simultaneous attacks at scattered points from the south coast as far north as the Yellow river.

Although the attacks did not develop into a unified offensive, Chinese said that on the vital Kwangsi province front they prevented the Japanese from consolidating their hold on Nanning, potentially a base for Japanese land and air operations in the deep south.

Co-ordinated sabotage by plainclothes agents and regular guerrilla attacks, the Chinese said, undermined Japan's hold both on Hangchow, Chekiang province capital and port, and on Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi province.

Jap Barracks Destroyed

In both, they declared, Japanese barracks, supply centers and puppet government headquarters were destroyed.

North of Changsha, in Hunan province, the Chinese reported recapture of several points on the south bank of the Yangtze river and of several Japanese posts between the Yangtze and the Yellow river.

Having exhausted the momentum of the early stages of their drive to cut off essential Chinese supply routes connecting South China with Burma and French Indo-China, the Japanese were said to have halted in the mountain passes about 30 miles northeast of Nanning.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.



GROUND BY HOLLYWOOD—"Isn't that a laugh?" asked Roscoe Turner, speed flyer, as he finished playing a film role as an aviator—having stayed on the ground throughout the filming. Producers, wary of their star, hired a double for the stunts. Turner, seen with Jean Parker, used to do dangerous stunts for the movies before filmland decided to feature him.

Enemy Envoys Well Spaced At White House Reception

By Beth Campbell

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Smiling diplomats, resplendent in gold braid, plumed hats and clanking swords, thronged the White House last night for a reception which, on the surface, moved as smoothly as if there were no war abroad.

It was a victory for state department protocol, which kept the representatives of unfriendly nations from meeting face to face.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt, greeting the envoys of 53 countries, shook hands successively with the Chinese and Japanese delegations and a little later received representatives of Spain, Soviet Russia and Great Britain in that order.

Careful spacing by aides kept the groups from rubbing shoulders in the reception line. After it broke up, little knots formed in the state dining room as distinct as if they were miles, instead of feet apart.

Leave Early

Nobody appeared to rush away, but an hour and a half after the party started at 9 p.m., all the chiefs of mission had left the White House.

Whether the envoys from warring countries were talking to members of their own staffs or to other diplomats, they smiled broadly as if they were having such a good time they did not want to leave. And polite guests saw to it no ambassador or minister was marooned with his own group for long.

The Finnish minister, Hjalmar Procope, was greeted warmly wherever he turned. At one point, Finnish and German envoys were the centers of adjacent groups, but Procope moved toward the refreshment table for a cup of punch with the South African minister and others.

FORD AGENCY AT ASHLAND IS SOLD

Ashland, Dec. 15.—(Spl)—H. L. Claycomb, proprietor of the Claycomb Motor company and Ford agency here for over 14 years, today announced that contracts have been arranged for sale of the agency and lease of the building to Tom Henderson, Yreka Ford dealer, contingent

INSPECTORS CHECK FRUIT, VEGETABLES

Salem.—(UP)—State department of agriculture inspectors intercepted 814,825 pounds of fruit and vegetables in November that failed to comply with the state horticultural laws.

In all cases, except a quantity of wormy apples which were ordered dumped, the products were released as soon as grading, labeling, or quarantine regulations were met. Twenty-five bags of potatoes found to be short eight were ordered filled.

In addition to produce, 135 sacks of flour were dumped because the inspectors found they contained weevil, and 1700 pounds of dried fruits were ordered burned as unfit for human consumption.

Overlooks Tides

San Francisco (UP)—Anton Zmak, 30, never had the advantage of a university course in oceanography and therefore knew nothing about tides. Owning a horse with an infected foot, he tied it under a wharf so its foot could soak in sea water. Then he went uptown. When he came back, the tide had come in and his horse was up to its chin in water.

ARMY AIR CORPS URGENTLY IN NEED OF FLYING CADETS

Year's Training, Commission In Reserve Reward For Young Men Who Qualify.

Four hundred qualified applicants for flying cadet appointment are needed by the U. S. army air corps for each of the next three classes to be started in February, March and May. Sgt. William M. Daws, head of the air corps unit at Medford municipal airport was notified today.

Applicants may procure complete information and application blanks from Sgt. Daws at the airport or from Staff Sgt. Willis S. Estep, recruiter, at his office in city hall.

To qualify for appointment, applicants must have had two years' of college study or be capable of passing a mental examination; they must be able to pass a rigid physical examination; they must be 21 to 27 years old.

Year's Training

If appointment is made, the applicant is sent by the air corps to an aeronautical school for three months and if he qualifies at the end of this period he goes to an army field for nine months of flight training. If he is successful in passing the course, he is commissioned a second lieutenant in the air corps reserve.

"This is the best opportunity offered in several years for early appointment of qualified applicants," said Sgt. Daws in urging men interested in flying to register without delay.

BUSINESS WELCOMES 'REAL' REFORM SAYS U.S. CHAMBER LEADER

Boston, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Declaring business management welcomes "real reform, properly timed, which is not so burdensome as to be disastrous to our people's future," W. Gibson Carey, Jr., president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, today urged the government to refrain from measures so drastic as to "undermine the dynamic quality of our economic system."

Although not mentioning the new deal by name, Carey commended some of its objectives, and at the same time criticized some of its methods.

In an address prepared for New England members of the national chamber, meeting in conjunction with a quarterly conference of the New England Association of Commercial Executives, Carey predicted capital ultimately, with the lifting of "excessive burdens," would "find its way into productive enterprise in a spiraling volume which can well bring real prosperity."

Carey said it was his belief business management favored social security, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, "some moderate law" regulating security exchanges, downward revision of tariffs, aid for farmers and "adequate relief." An "attempt to stimulate housing and loans to certain industries and banks," also were accepted, he said.

LaGrande.—(UP)—Fred Culp, LaGrande highway department employee, received the number 1405 for his 1940 license plates, the same as he had for 1939. Culp figured his chances of receiving the same number as one in 100,000.

NURSERIES OF OREGON DO OUTSIDE BUSINESS

Salem.—(UP)—Nurseries in Oregon and Washington bring a gross income of \$7,000,000 annually, J. S. Wieman of the nursery service of the state department of agriculture here said. Nurseries in the two states utilize about 9,000 acres of land. Eighty per cent of the Oregon output is distributed to other states and foreign nations, Wieman said. Rose shipments from Oregon now average about 35 carloads a year, and other ornamental nursery stocks amount to 110 cars annually, he said.

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