

The Weather
 Fair tonight and Thursday
 with morning fog, slightly
 colder tonight.
 Highest yesterday.....48
 Lowest this morning.....36
 Precipitation......01
 To 5 p. m. yesterday......01
 To 5 a. m. today......02

No Answer
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Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Criticism of reciprocal trade agreements by Oregon's Charley McNary, got under the skin of Cordell Hull, secretary of state. Many, many typewritten pages were used by Secretary Hull to tell McNary that the latter, in substance, doesn't know what he is talking about and reminding the Oregon senator of the manifold blessings the trade agreements have brought to products (agricultural) in the Pacific Northwest. McNary is now gathering ammunition preparatory to giving Hull both barrels.

In a public statement, McNary, republican senate leader, pointed out how the depreciated currency of Canada, France, Britain, is making matters worse for the American producers. Because of the depreciated currency Canada, as an example, is dumping trainloads of apples into the United States; that another phase of the currency situation is that the countries specified are not buying from the U. S. The secretary of state can, if he will, remedy the matter by modification or cancellation of the trade treaty.

The trade treaties are the babies of Secretary Hull (a free trader at heart) and for weeks he has been defending them; hitting at anyone who criticizes them. In the lengthy answer to Senator McNary the secretary failed to touch on the issue raised by the Oregon senator. He did, however, intimate that McNary lacked facts; lacked information of how agriculture in Oregon and Washington has been aided through the trade agreements.

THE secretary of state left himself wide open. Senator McNary is preparing a statement showing how Hull's treaty with Canada sold the Washington-Oregon lumber industry down the river; how treaties have been costly to the apple, pear, prune and other fruit growers of the two states; how the treaties have created competition for the stockmen; what has happened to the shingle industry—in short, Pacific Northwest in—

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CAPT. LANGSDORFF KILLS SELF AFTER TALK WITH STAFF

Aide Finds Body of Interned Skipper—Military Honors Decried For Funeral.

By Harold K. Milks
Buenos Aires, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Captain Hans Langsdorff today shot himself to death "to share the fate of his magnificent ship," the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, scuttled Sunday in the River Plate while an Allied flotilla stood offshore.

His body was found by an aide at 8:30 a. m. in his room at the Buenos Aires naval arsenal where he and more than 1,000 of his crew had been interned since arriving here Monday.

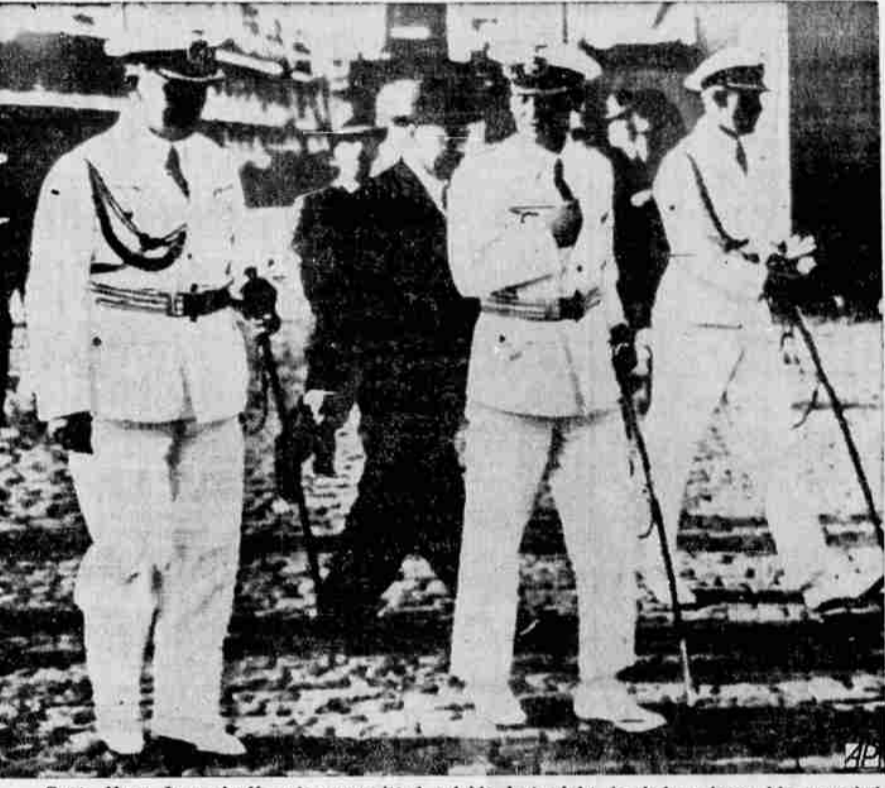
Langsdorff killed himself after a three-hour talk with the officers of his staff, ending shortly after midnight. Before he left them he made a complete circle of his comrades, shook hands gravely with each one and retired to his room, asking that he not be disturbed, since he was tired.

Deed Long Planned.
 "From the first moment he made up his mind to share the fate of his magnificent ship," said a statement by the German embassy, and an attack indicated that this decision was made as long ago as Sunday.

At that time, it was believed, he had Adolf Hitler's orders to destroy his ship rather than take her again into battle with the British cruisers with which she had exchanged shots in an all-day battle last Wednesday off the Uruguayan coast.

Despite a presentment of death which other Germans as well as naval officers felt when Captain Langsdorff failed to go down with his ship when he blew it up, he was almost constantly laughing and joking with

Skipper Shares Fate of Mighty Warship



Capt. Hans Langsdorff, who committed suicide last night, is shown above, his wounded right hand resting in his coat, as he came ashore at Montevideo, Uruguay, when officers and a third of his crew of the Nazi battleship Admiral Graf Spee attended funeral services for the 36 who died in the sea battle. At left is Capt. Dietrich Niebur, German naval attaché at Buenos Aires. At right is a young lieutenant from the Spee. The man in civilian clothes behind Langsdorff is Otto Langmann, Nazi minister to Uruguay. (Picture radioed from Buenos Aires to New York.)

Russians Suffer Heavy Losses In Gigantic Attack Upon Finns

HELSINKI, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Finnish officials announced today scores of Russian tanks had been destroyed and more than 20 enemy planes shot down when the red army launched a "gigantic attack" with hundreds of tanks on the Karelian isthmus.

Ten tanks were destroyed behind the Finnish lines, authorities said, and several score within the Russian lines.

More than 200 airplanes participated in the attack, they added.

On the northeastern front near Salla 30 Soviet "combat cars" (presumably armored cars) were captured, the Finns said. A cannon also was taken. Salla is above the Arctic circle on the route of the main Russian thrust westward across mid-Finland.

Air raid alarms were reported at Turku, Romma, Purvoo and other cities, but the extent of damage and injuries if any was not immediately available.

Finland today called to the colors all able bodied men of 40 years of age. Previously all reservists up to that age had been mobilized.

(The call probably adds 20,000 to the Finnish forces, which were authoritatively estimated at 400,000 at the start of the war. Finnish reports have placed the strength of the opposing red army forces as high as 1,500,000.)

(Blizzards and temperatures of 25 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, said dispatches from Kirenes, Norway, near the Finnish frontier, apparently have paralyzed a Russian drive in northern Finland. The Finns, hitherto retreating in this sector, were said to be preparing a new fortified line south of Lake Inari.)

Coastal batteries drove back Russian raiding planes at Kotka. Two planes were reported shot down off Antrea, near Viipuri. A hundred Russian planes in formations of from three to 20 attacked Helsinki, Viipuri, Hango, Turku and civilians were killed and wounded. Three Finnish fighting planes downed two Russian ships in flames outside Viipuri, Finnish sources said.

COUNCIL APPROVES LICENSE RENEWAL FOR BEER PLACES

Card Table License Fees Reduced—Agree To Install Lights On Parking Place.

At a meeting devoted entirely to routine business, the city council last night approved a number of renewal beer licenses for 1940 and turned down one application.

On the recommendation of the license committee, the council voted not to grant the application of Arthur K. Owens for a renewal of his retail beer license class B. Mr. Owens operates Cy's Tavern, 15 South Front street. Councilman M. N. Hogan, committee chairman, said the committee felt it was not good business for the council to grant a beer license to an establishment where a private club is being operated. It was indicated that Mr. Owens runs a "private club" at the rear of his establishment.

Cut Card Table Tax
 The council adopted an amending ordinance reducing the license fees on card tables. A report submitted by Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., airport superintendent, and read by Councilman J. Frank Reinhart, showed that the airport was used by 226 planes in November. The planes were classified as follows: 169 United Air Lines, 28 U. S. army and 28 private. The report also stated that satisfactory progress was being made at the airport in the training of pilots under the government's pilot training program.

The council accepted the recommendation of the building and light committee to install a lighting system at the new free parking lot that faces Sixth, Fir and Main streets, the cost being set at \$50 plus operating expense of \$9 a month.

Parking Lot Helps
 Reading the report of the committee, J. F. Erickson, chairman, said that the parking lot relieved congestion on downtown streets and was instrumental in solving the parking problem. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, which procured the parking area, advised the lighting system.

A report submitted by Fred W. Scheffel and read by Councilman Thomas Roseberry showed that since the previous council meeting December 5, four property owners had repaired defective or hazardous sidewalks.

Councilmen Larry Schade and C. H. Herman were absent.

War Bulletins

London, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The British air ministry announced that an unidentified aircraft appeared for a short time over the eastern counties of England tonight but "no contact was made" by British fighting planes which were sent up.

Oslo, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Survivors of the 696-ton British trawler Trinidad were brought into Egersund today by a Danish fishing boat which reported the vessel had been "blown to pieces" by a German plane just outside Norwegian territorial waters.

Paris, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The French army command's communique tonight reported, "No event of importance during the day."

POLICE ABSOLVED BY GRAND JURY IN DAHACK TRAGEDY

"Justifiable Homicide" Is Finding—Two Secret Indictments Are Returned.

A justice court jury in the trial of Irwin Dahack, this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of illegal possession of deer meat. Upon the recommendation of the district attorney, Justice William R. Coleman imposed a six months' suspended sentence.

The killing of Zera Edward Dahack, 71, Lake Creek district rancher by two state police officers, was termed justifiable homicide, in a report by the Jackson county grand jury, filed late yesterday.

Dahack was killed December 4 in a gun battle with Sgt. Ed Walker and Private George Albright, near Dahack's mountain ranch home, following seizure of 187 pounds of deer meat, Dahack, according to testimony, confronted the officers with a rifle, shortly after the seizure, halted the police car and demanded "turn over that venison in ten seconds, or I'll kill you."

Dahack Fired First
 While Game Warden Walker was arguing with Dahack, over the folly of his action, Dahack fired a shot. In the exchange of shots which followed Dahack was killed. Testimony at the coroner's inquest showed Dahack was using wrong sized cartridges for the calibre of his rifle. The coroner's jury held the state troopers blameless.

Irwin Dahack, 69, a brother of the dead man, who lived with him, went on trial today before a justice court jury, on a charge of illegal possession of deer meat.

The grand jury report, on the death of Zera Dahack reads: "In the matter of the death of Zera Edward Dahack, we have made a very thorough and exhaustive examination of said matter, and have had a great many witnesses before us, and after careful consideration of all the evidence submitted to this body, we have found and decided that the killing was justifiable homicide."

Two Secret Indictments
 Two secret indictments were returned by the grand jury. In another section of the grand jury report, Sheriff Syd I. Brown and the county court are commended "for the careful manner in which they have conducted the county jail."

The report further states no inspection of the county poor farm has been made, and asks that it be deferred until another time.

The grand jury was recessed subject to call at a later date.

CRUISER ARRIVES WITH SURVIVORS OF LUXURY LINER

New York, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Capt. Wilhelm Dahne, commander of the German luxury liner Columbus, said tonight on his arrival at the Ellis Island immigration station he ordered his ship scuttled after a British destroyer fired two shots across his bow.

New York, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The U. S. Cruiser Tuscaloosa arrived at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, at 4:05 p. m. (eastern standard time) today and prepared to disembark 579 survivors of the scuttled Nazi liner Columbus.

The Germans will be placed aboard coast guard cutters and taken to Ellis Island as the Tuscaloosa does not plan to dock.

The Tuscaloosa's progress up the bay had been delayed by heavy fog and drizzling rain. The Columbus survivors faced the status of "distressed seamen" under United States laws and will be given 60 days to leave the country.

Ellis Island officials had prepared accommodation for 600. The navy took special precautions to guard the Tuscaloosa against visitors. Newspapers, photographers and radio men were barred from the ship.

The German survivors, huddled midships on the Tuscaloosa's decks, broke into cheer as coast guard vessels came alongside the sleek navy craft. Hats were thrown into the air and many broke into song.

They were dressed in nondescript seamen's clothing, indicating they had left the Columbus in a hurry.

(A report from Capt. Harry Badt of the Tuscaloosa said many of the crew thought they were having lifeboat drill when the order came to abandon ship.)

ARAUCA'S CAPTAIN SEES POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDED STAY

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The captain of the German freighter Arauca, chased into Port Everglades harbor by a British cruiser, indicated today the ship might remain here indefinitely.

"It looks as if we might be here for two or three years," Captain Frederick Stengler laughed when told the German luxury liner Columbus had been scuttled off the Atlantic coast to avoid capture or sinking.

The 4,354-ton Arauca, on its maiden voyage, was intercepted yesterday by the eight-gun cruiser Orion a few miles northeast of here in view of the ocean front.

Eye witnesses said the freighter headed full speed toward the beach.

Captain Stengler asserted the Orion fired a warning shot across the Arauca's bow, about two and a half miles from shore, and signalled for the freighter to follow the British cruiser eastward into Bahaman waters.

"Instead of that," he grinned, "I went the other way."

Spectators said an airplane catapulted from the Orion and circled over the freighter before a coast guard plane and an army neutrality patrol bomber arrived to watch.

The British cruiser waited off shore awhile and then cruised slowly northeastward.

HEROIC FATHER DIES IN BLAZE

Seattle, Dec. 20.—(AP)—After heroically rescuing three members of his family, E. Gerald Bean, 50, a transfer company president, was trapped in his flaming home today and perished.

He guided his wife and daughter, Virginia, 17, to safety on a porch roof and aroused his son David, 21, who leaped from a second story window. He was then overcome by smoke in the hallway on the second floor.

Neighbors raised a ladder to assist the women down. Three firemen entered the house in a rescue attempt but were driven back.

Mrs. Bean said she started a fire in a kitchen stove soon after 6 a. m. and then returned to bed, and the fire started near the stove.

SLIM CHANCE FOR WHITE CHRISTMAS

Portland, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Oregon will wind up its holiday preparations in fair, cold weather but the chances of a white Christmas appeared remote.

The government weather bureau forecast clear conditions tonight and most of Thursday. Valley fogs were predicted during the morning.

Today's minimum temperatures included Baker 30 degrees, Bend 34, Brookings 46, Burns 34, Eugene 45, Hood River 36, Lakeview 33, Medford 38, Newport 46, North Bend 46, Pendleton 36, Portland 46, Roseburg 45, Siskiyou Summit 30.

UNIONS ASKED TO HELP BATTLE OREGON'S LAW

Portland, Dec. 20.—(AP)—All unions were requested by the western states A.F.L. conference at Salt Lake City to help finance labor's fight against Oregon's union-control law, Duncan Campbell, Oregon organizer, said last night. He revealed a fruit and vegetable cannery workers' council for Oregon was proposed.

Must Face Trial
Seattle, Dec. 20.—(AP)—United States District Judge John C. Bowen signed an order today authorizing the removal of Victor H. Johnson, 53, former superintendent of Indian schools in Oregon, to Portland to face a federal forgery charge.

K. F. VETERINARIAN DIES IN CRACKUP

Klamath Falls, Ore., Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—J. M. Waters, Klamath Falls veterinarian, was instantly killed and his assistant, Arthur Woods, 20, was seriously injured last night when their coupe crashed into a piling of a Great Northern R. R. trestle at Henley.

The force of the crash damaged the trestle enough to hold up train service.

Lady Lions Distribute Toys Which Fire Boys Refurbished

Santa Claus opened his toyshop for underprivileged children in the former Golden Rule store at 113 North Central avenue this morning and it was the jolly gentleman from the North Pole left for the youngsters who depend entirely on his kindness for a happy Christmas.

The toys numbered into the thousands, ranging from tiny flashlights to large tricycles and wagons. To the poor children who flocked to the toy depot with their parents, the toys came directly from Santa Claus but to adults who had grown beyond the age of fancy, the toys came from the workshop at fire headquarters where for weeks the firemen labored to make old, discarded playthings over into bright, shiny new Christmas gifts for the needy.

Many persons stopped in at the spacious store to see the toys and the families who come from all parts of the county for them. The distribution is handled by the Lady Lions who make this work one of their major projects. The toys will be distributed today and tomorrow and possibly Friday if not all the families receiving notice are able to come to town before then. Families are notified by postal card and the toys are given only to those who have received cards. The Lady Lions confer with various agencies to make up a complete list of all families having underprivileged children.

It was estimated by Mrs. Ray Marti, president of the Lady Lions, that toys would be distributed among 250 families.

Not only do the Lady Lions prepare the lists of needy families and distribute the re-built toys; they purchase new toys with funds accumulated during the year from rummage sales and card parties. This year they spent an even \$50 on new playthings—dolls for the girls, appropriate toys for the boys.

K. FALLS TRUCKER DIES IN SMASHUP

Woodland, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP) Randolph L. Richardson, 35, Klamath Falls, was killed almost instantly in a rear-end collision during a heavy fog early today.

The freight truck and trailer driven by Richardson ran into the rear of a truck driven by E. J. Hartig, 48, Lakeview, Ore. Ceri Reymers, Klamath Falls, owner of the machine driven by Richardson, was sleeping in the rear of the vehicle but escaped with minor injuries.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press
 (Pacific standard time)
 Tonight: Europe-WABC-CBS 6:35, 8; MBS 6; WEAF-NBC-East 8.
 Thursday: Pre-Christmas—WABC-CBS 6:15 Columbus church choir; WABC-CBS 10:45 a. m.; Mt. Holyoke college carols; WABC-CBS 1 p. m. Syracuse schools carols; MBS 3 Chicago church choir.

FILM ACTOR HURT IN AUTO SMASHUP

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Frank Morgan, moving picture actor, was bruised and his wife and son injured in an automobile accident that critically injured the Morgan chauffeur near Cambray, N. M. today.

The chauffeur was reported in a dying condition in a Deming, N. M., hospital.

Morgan suffered lacerations and bruises. His wife suffered a broken leg and their son, George, 25, was bruised.

The Morgan car was traveling 70 miles an hour, Deputy Sheriff Walter Johnson said, when a tire blew out and it overturned.

BLACK NEW GOVERNOR FARM CREDIT SETUP

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of F. E. Hill of New York as governor of the farm credit administration and has appointed A. G. Black, now director of marketing of the agriculture department, to succeed him.

LOUISE MILLER KEEPING HERSELF SECURELY WRAPPED IN FUR AND GLOVES

Louise Miller keeping herself securely wrapped in fur and gloves to stave off the penetrating cold of the Santa Claus toy depot.

The city's fire ladders flowing over with hospitality and keeping their giant coffee pot steaming with an aromatic brew for an unexpected guest.

Collegian "Doc" Hayes expecting a puppy, opening a Yule package and finding, much to his astonishment and discomfort, a live owl.

Harriet Hart excitedly leaping into the arms of Mama Leah and Papa Floyd upon coming home for the Christmas holidays from school.

Dorothy Hoppe getting all excited as time draws near to whip down to the Rose Bowl game.

Elizabeth Rinnard going in for Christmas tree decoration on a large scale, she putting pretty trimmings on three all at once.

Irish Coleman not being any help at all to a friend who was trying to obtain something newsy from another friend.

CCC WILL ENROLL 587 OREGON BOYS

Portland, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The civilian conservation corps will enroll 587 men January 1 to 20 to fill Oregon vacancies. Headquarters announced today the quota would give the state 23,490 enrollees since the start of the program in 1933.

POW-WOW CALLED ON FRISCO TIEUP

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The 1400 members of the San Francisco Employers' council were called to an emergency meeting here tomorrow following a new statement in maneuvers to end the San Francisco bay shipping tieup.