

### HAMILTON DUE FOR RETIREMENT AFTER G.O.P. CONVENTION

#### Kansas Party Leaders Not Expecting His Re-election As State Committeeman.

By W. B. Ragsdale.  
Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Chairman John D. M. Hamilton is likely to sever his connection with the Republican national committee when the party's convention meets next summer.

None of the men who have control of the party organization in Kansas expects him to be re-elected as the Sunflower state committeeman.

Kansas Republicans, imbued with the brand of liberalism of which William Allen White is an exponent, have felt for some time that Hamilton's eastern friendships tended to pull him out of line with the view of the Sunflower state.

Since he has been national chairman, Hamilton has severed most of his Kansas connections. This gradual breaking of old ties will prove one of the big factors in his removal as committeeman from Kansas.

It is the natural procedure for the incoming presidential nominee to choose his own man to direct the campaign.

When Alf M. Landon was nominated in 1936, he chose Hamilton to direct his campaign, although Hamilton represented an opposing wing of the party in Kansas. Hamilton had succeeded David Mulvane as the state's committee member.

The Mulvane wing had often been called conservative. Hamilton came into Kansas politics from this group. His selection by Landon as national chairman was an effort to weld Kansas Republicans into a unit.

Now the old school of Kansas Republicans, as represented by Mulvane and Hamilton, is out of the saddle. Their place has been taken by a younger group of men like Payne Ratner, the governor, and Walter Fees, the state chairman, both of them imbued with ideas that sound strangely foreign to some of the old Republican philosophies.

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### RETAIL TRADE OF OREGON EXPANDS; EUGENE IS LEADER

#### November Report Shows California, Washington Gains in Narrower Scope.

By Walter Warren  
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(AP) Pacific coast retail trade gains over last year narrowed in California and Washington, but expanded in Oregon during November.

The monthly census bureau report showed Oregon retailers 8.9 per cent ahead of last year in November sales. Washington was ahead 5.4 per cent, while California lagged 0.8 per cent.

In October Washington had been out in front of 1938 sales 8.6 per cent, Oregon 7.7 and California 5.6.

Washington held the lead for the 11 months in the race with the 1938 pursuit of the dollar. The Evergreen state bettered last year by 9.2 per cent, or \$9.20 on every \$100.

Oregon's 11 months gain was 8.8 per cent and California's 6.

All Major Lines  
The survey covered all major lines of retail business and showed November's leader in the northwest was jewelry. Oregon's jewelry sales were up 42.4 per cent, and Washington's 39.7. In California jewelry stood second in percentage gain, up 17.5 per cent, with hardware and farm implement sales gaining 21.7.

In both Oregon and Washington, jewelry topped all gains for the first 11 months of the year, with motor vehicles next. In the northwest, Seattle sales were up 2.5 per cent from November 1938, Spokane 1.2 and Portland 3.1.

The census bureau listed leading communities only in each state for the 11 months comparison with last year. The leaders to beat were Inglewood, Cal., running 25.6 per cent ahead of last year; Eugene, Ore., with a gain of 18.5 per cent and Longview, Wash., taking coast honors by a whisker on a 25.7 per cent gain.

Such musical instruments as the harp, trumpet and drum were known to the ancient Egyptians.

### SALVATION ARMY BUSY WITH MANY YULE ACTIVITIES

#### Food Baskets Prepared For Needy; Parties For Young And Old on Program.

With Christmas only a few days off, the Salvation Army today faced a period of great and varied Yuletide activities.

Last night members of the 20-30 club went to Salvation Army headquarters at 236 North Bartlett street and packed potatoes, 30 sacks in all, a gift from the club.

On Thursday afternoon women of the Home League will fill approximately 300 bags of candy and nuts. The Christmas baskets for needy families will be packed on Friday and delivered on Saturday.

"This year we shall give 100 baskets, possibly more," said Capt. Reginald H. Vincent, head of the Salvation Army here, in emphasizing the scope of its charitable work. "Numerous organizations are calling on us for the names of needy families and this morning I turned over a list of 18 families to the Elks lodge. We are checking closely with all other organizations to avoid duplication.

Need More Baskets  
"Our kettle response this year is about the same as it was a year ago. That is all right but on the other hand it looks as though we shall be called upon this year for more baskets. Last year we gave only 80 baskets and so far this year we have had requests for 117; so more will be expected of us, I presume. That is why we are asking all charitable people to keep the pots boiling."

The Salvation Army's annual Christmas party for children will be held in the North Bartlett street auditorium next Tuesday evening, a gala event for the youngsters. Last year more than 200 attended and an even larger attendance is expected this year, Captain Vincent said.

The Salvation Army will give a Christmas party for the old folks at the Jackson county home. Christmas carols will be sung by a group of young people and remembrances will be given to each resident of the home. The party will be held next Wednesday evening.

### CAPT. LANGSDORFF KILLS SELF AFTER TALK WITH STAFF

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his companions until he closed the door of his room last night. Neither his fellow officers nor Argentine sailors and officers inside the arsenal heard the death shot, and there was no indication of the suicide until the aide entered the room this morning.

Clergyman's Son.  
Captain Langsdorff, who was 45, the son of K. G. Wilhelm Langsdorff, a clergyman, will have a naval funeral with full honors according to his rank.

The embassy announced the body would lie in state at the embassy. The naval funeral is to be attended by Argentine authorities as well as Germans.

Captain Langsdorff, a slight man, proud of the fact that there had been no loss of life aboard nine British merchant vessels he had sunk in the raiding expedition which preceded his ship's final battle, was detained in the naval arsenal here after bringing his officers and more than 1,000 of his crew here in tug.

He left behind the burning hulk of his once proud 10,000-ton ship, split asunder and on the bottom in 25 feet of water off Montevideo harbor.

German embassy attaches said the captain gave his camera and the other personal effects to a man in the embassy Sunday, saying: "Take these; I will not need them any more."

Crew Stunned.  
The crew received the news without demonstration, in a stunned silence. Argentine authorities posted reinforced patrols around the naval arsenal, scene of the tragedy, and withheld further details of the affair pending a full investigation.

Capt. Langsdorff had talked freely at first about his running battle with three British cruisers last Wednesday, in which he finally was forced into Montevideo harbor at nightfall. Last night, however, he indicated a different attitude. "I do not desire to talk further," he said to interviewers. "I have talked so much I should now like to be quiet for the next three weeks."

Told of Columbus  
Informed the German merchant liner Columbus had been scuttled off Norfolk, Va., yesterday, Capt.

Langsdorff had replied tersely, "This doesn't concern me."

The Graf Spee's officers, Argentina decreed last night, would be interned in Buenos Aires for the duration of the war, with the German government bearing maintenance costs of both officers and men.

The German government had announced Fuhrer Hitler himself had ordered the Graf Spee scuttled, and Captain Langsdorff had carried out the order.

Alternatives at the time were for the 10,000-ton battleship, damaged by British shells from Wednesday's battle, either to be interned for the duration of the war at Montevideo or steam out to sea to meet the guns of allied warships awaiting to engage her.

Cunarder Damaged  
London, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Damage to the Cunard White Star liner Samaria and another unidentified vessel in a collision several days ago was disclosed today.

The Samaria left a north-west British port Saturday, westbound with a number of American passengers. She returned to port for repairs, and the passengers were expected to sail soon on another ship.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROGRAM FRIDAY

The First Christian church will present its annual Christmas program at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

What is considered an excellent program has been prepared, with practically all age groups within the church school participating.

All members of the church and friends are invited. Everyone attending may present a white gift of clothing or food for the poor.

Identify Murder Victim  
Albany, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The battered body found near Halsey last Thursday, leading to the arrest of a Eugene junk dealer on a murder charge, was identified yesterday as Alex Harju, former patient at a Michigan state hospital. District Attorney Harlow Weinrick said

the federal bureau of investigation had identified the man through fingerprints.

Extremes Contact  
Belleville, Ill.—(AP)—An airplane side-swiped a truck on a highway near here. Believed to be the first collision of a motor vehicle and an airplane on a

state highway, the plane—towed by an automobile—hit the truck as it rounded a curve.

Black Look For Santa  
London.—(AP)—"You can't blackout my greeting" is the phrase on a wartime Christmas card shown here.

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