

The Weather
Forecast
Rain tonight and Saturday,
warmer tonight.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 41
Lowest this morning 32

Here Again
Yes, it is Friday again. Time to write that Classified Ad. for the Sunday morning edition. Ads. in before 3:30 p. m. Saturday will be properly classified. Ads. accepted until 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—

Strange as it may sound to groups in Oregon and Washington, there are other sections of the country where the government in the power business is not regarded as a blessing. Leading in this resentment of government ownership are officials who are concerned in the collection of taxes, of obtaining revenue with which to maintain schools, law enforcement, fire protection and similar items of local government which must be paid for.

Next month the United States supreme court will hear the State of Oklahoma protest against the government undertaking a power and flood control project estimated to cost \$54,000,000 (approximate cost of Bonneville), for which the congress has already appropriated \$5,700,000.

Among other reasons, Oklahoma objects because a contemplated dam on Red river will submerge 100,000 acres, wiping them off the tax rolls. Furthermore, Oklahoma believes that these acres are potential oil lands which, if true, would bring in more money to the state than a federal owned power plant.

In a southern state another proposed power project will flood a wide area "the richest land in the state", and destroy one of the largest stands of hardwood in the nation. This project will destroy for taxation the land and the immensely valuable forest, an important resource of the state.

Tennessee taxpayers, as heretofore reported, will seek a remedy from congress because private utilities acquired by TVA, paid 17 percent of their gross revenues in taxes and all they get now is 5 percent from TVA; private utilities paid \$4,800,000 annual taxes; TVA pays \$750,000. (Portland General Electric and Northwestern Electric, which have contract for Bonneville power, pay about 17 percent). Incidentally, TVA gave a 20-year contract to a private utility in Arkansas with no mention of resale rates—spent a million dollars for a transmission line to supply power to the private company.

FURTHER federal encroachment, with handicap to the Hoquiam, Wash., area, is opposed by lumber industry of that district and the protest will become part of the record of the joint committee now studying the timber situation when the committee returns to the

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GERMANS BEHEAD TWO ON TREASON CHARGES

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Two Germans lost their heads today for high treason, increasing to 41 the number beheaded during the year.

They were Reich Scheer, postal official of Witten, charged with inciting the public against the Nazi government, and Bruno Stanik of Beuthen, accused of providing the Polish intelligence department with secret reports.

SIDE GLANCES
by
TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Merna Lemery briskly completing some last minute shopping in an establishment where one eventually runs into all of one's friends, it seems.

And Rosalie Porter being simply exhausted by her cute small daughter who accompanied her on her final shopping tour.

Dorothy Marti declaring that next year there must be more Christmas toys for poor kiddies, there not being enough to go around generously this Yuletide.

Mary Ann Gates looking all over for a misplaced Christmas package.

This Pillar of Playfulness wishing all and sundry a very, very Merry Christmas.

STALIN REMOVES ARMY CHIEF FOR FINLAND DEBACLE

Commander Blamed For Attempting Victory Without Adequate Preparation

Moscow, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Unofficial reports circulated in Moscow tonight that the Soviet commander-in-chief of the Leningrad military district who has been directing the campaign against Finland had been dismissed from his post.

According to these reports, he was summoned to the Kremlin two days ago and asked for an explanation of his lack of success.

He was reportedly blamed for trying to secure too quick a victory over the Finns without adequate preparation.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Reports from Norwegian border points today described a Russian retreat in Arctic Finland as approaching the magnitude of a "catastrophe."

Watchers on the frontiers said the southernmost Russian Arctic forces now were in the vicinity of Salmijarvi, a point they were reported to have passed in their southward advance of the past week before the movement reversed.

It was considered significant no southward moving supply trucks had been observed in the last two days nor any other indication of food or munitions arriving from the north.

Inhabitants who were familiar with the bitter cold of this region said they believed thousands of Russians had perished.

Helsinki, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Finnish anti-aircraft batteries today shot down one of seven Russian warplanes which dropped 20 to 30 bombs on the Helsinki area in the fourth successive day of Russian raids.

Numerous villages around Helsinki were attacked by the raiders who ranged as far as Tammissaari, 55 miles southwest of the capital.

No casualties were reported and damage apparently was not extensive.

On the land fronts, Arctic fighters pursued retreating Russian forces in Finland's narrow corridor in the far north but held fast in the east and south-east.

An official said the Finns had destroyed 250 tanks on all fronts since the beginning of hostilities. The Russians used 1,000 tanks on the Karelian isthmus, he said.

He said the defense troops found clubs one of the best weapons against the tanks. They rushed the mechanical monsters, smashed the protruding machine-guns with heavy clubs and then tossed in hand grenades.

The government, the News explained, entered into the contract with Mrs. Moroney under provisions of the Thomas-Mary strategic mineral bill which was designed to build up this country's supplies of war minerals for national defense. The purchasing is done by the treasury department.

Father Sold Chrome

Bids on chromium ore were opened in October, three bids had entered, the News said. First contract went to the Mutual Chemical company of New York City for 20,000 tons of ore from Turkey. The second contract was awarded to Mrs. Moroney. Only other chromium

HOSPITAL BUILDING PROGRAM STUDIED FOR NATION'S POOR

Roosevelt Reveals Idea For First Step in Effort to Improve Health Status.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he was considering a plan whereby the federal government would build small hospitals in states and localities too poor to provide health facilities themselves.

The chief executive, discussing his national health program at a press conference, said the bills of Senator Wagner (D-N. Y.) and Senator Harrison (D-Miss.) providing for federal matching of state funds in hospital and school construction would be too costly and would discriminate against poorer states.

School Grants Hinted

The fact the president mentioned the Harrison State-Aid Education bill in the same breath with the Wagner health measure led some officials to speculate he might have in mind also outright federal grants to the poorer states for school construction, although he did not say so directly.

The Wagner bill would provide an \$800,000,000 federal expenditure spread over 10 years, with federal grants on a variable matching basis depending on the kind of aid.

Mr. Roosevelt said the plan he had in mind was not a substitute for the Wagner program but a first step in the effort to improve the nation's health. He said he thought this would be a quicker way to get legislation at the coming session.

The federal government, Mr. Roosevelt explained, would pay the entire cost of the hospitals on condition that a committee of experts found the communities could maintain them both from a health and a financial standpoint.

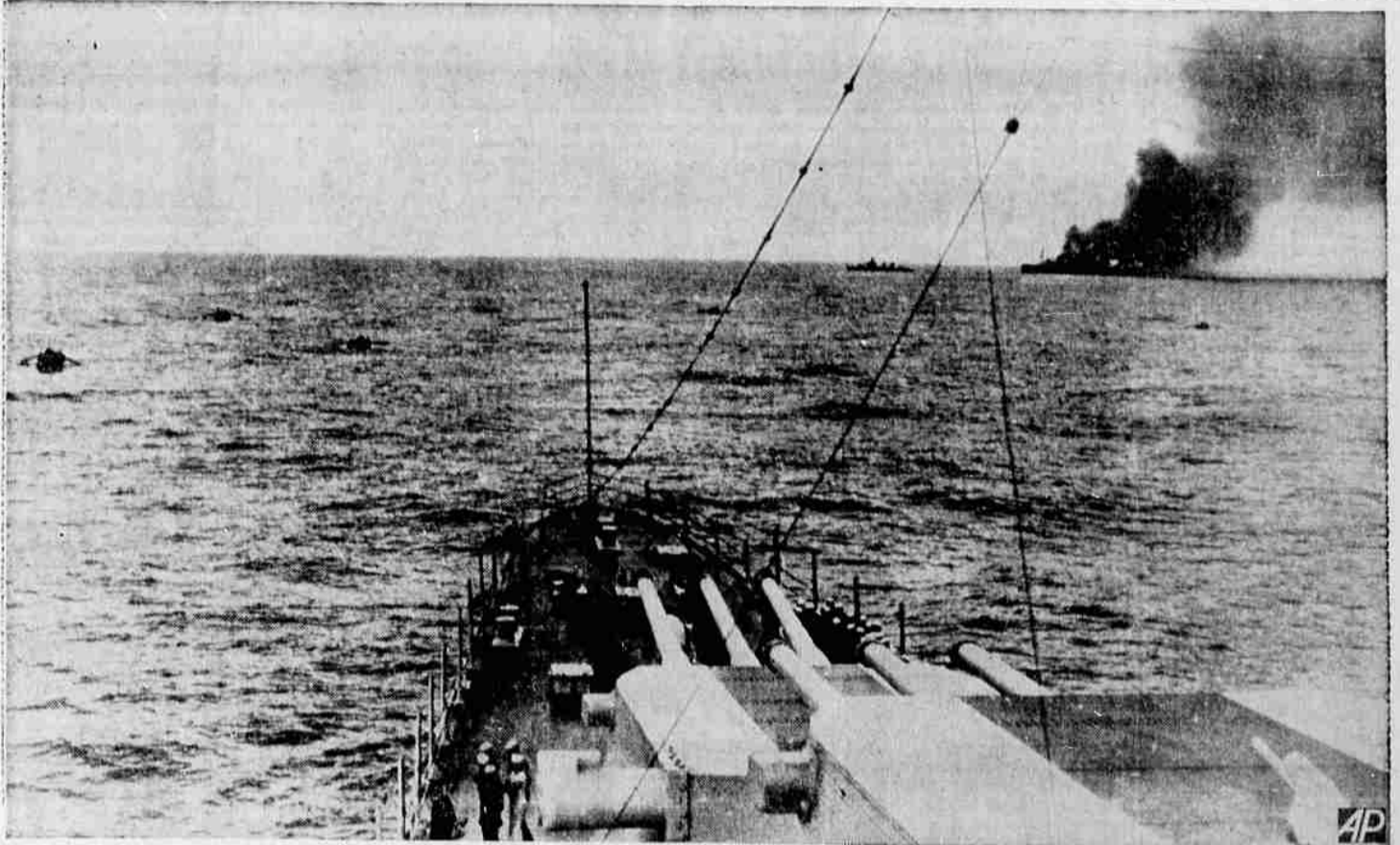
The president said no Gandhi plan of construction was contemplated and he had been informed the hospitals could be built for about \$150,000 each.

100 Beds Each

A committee had told him, he said, such buildings could be built of wood in one story which would last from 50 to 75 years if kept painted, and would have two wings, one for white and one for colored patients, an administration center and clinic, and an operating room and laboratory.

The hospitals would have about 100 beds each.

Dramatic Scene of Columbus Burning While British Destroyer Watches



This was the dramatic scene 400 miles at sea as seen from the U. S. cruiser Tuscaloosa as she arrived to find the German liner Columbus burning, her crew of 579 in lifeboats, and a British destroyer standing nearby. The burning Columbus is at the right, with the British destroyer, identified by survivors as the Hyperion, visible just to the left of her. At the right, approaching the Tuscaloosa, are lifeboats containing the German crewmen. Another lifeboat can be seen at the right, coming from the Columbus. Captain William Daehne (right), said his boat was scuttled "under orders" when the British warship hove in sight. (A. P. photos by airmail to Mail Tribune).

BUSINESS CENSUS TAKERS SELECTED FOR JACKSON CO.

Mrs. Alice Coppin of 344 South Central avenue and P. D. McDougall of Ashland have been appointed to take the business and industrial census of Jackson county, it was learned here today. The census will be part of the general federal 1940 population enumeration.

Mrs. Coppin will take the census of the northern half of the county and Mr. McDougall the southern half, the dividing line being Main street, Medford.

Take Six Months

With several others, Mrs. Coppin and Mr. McDougall had been endorsed by the Jackson county Democratic central committee. All were interviewed last week by Byron G. Carney, census administrator for Oregon, who made the appointments. It is understood he considered both appointees well qualified for the work. The business and industrial census is said to involve a technical understanding that few persons available for the work possess. This part of the general census will take six months. It will be started January 1. Mrs. Coppin and Mr. McDougall will have no assistants. They will receive specific instruction in the task next week.

The Democratic central committee said it has received more than 50 applications for the 30 population enumerator jobs in Jackson county. This phase of the census will be started April 1 and will last for only one month. Enumerators will be paid on a piece basis.

To Name Enumerators

Moore Hamilton, editor of the

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Portlander Mixed On Flower Which Made City Famous

Portland, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Royal Rosarians may greet Arthur Stein at the union station with American Beauties to convince him Portland still is the city of roses.

Stein, Portland resident, was a guest on a nationally broadcast quiz program in New York last night.

"Your city is famous for its roses, isn't it?" the master of ceremonies inquired.

"No," Stein replied, "our city is famous for its daffodils."

Portland has staged a rose festival every year since it was little more than a village.

F. D. R. Would Leave Political Discussion to Other Leaders

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt made it plain today, with a broad smile and a reference to current foreign and domestic affairs of government, that he preferred for the time being to leave discussions of third terms, third parties and 1940 presidential candidates up to other political leaders.

At his press conference, he had been asked to say something about Vice President Garner's recent announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination, Secretary Ickes' suggestion that if Democrats and Republicans nominated a "reactionary," a third "liberal" party might be formed, and Mayor LaGuardia's statement that voters should have a chance next year to "vote on real issues."

Mr. Roosevelt said he was too busy with foreign and domestic affairs to talk about potential events a long way off. Then with a broad smile he reminded reporters some of them had been kind enough recently to intimate he had a sense of proportion and a sense of timing.

At the capital Senator Norris (Ind-Rep.) joined the discussion set off by Ickes and LaGuardia yesterday with this remark: "Millions of men like me—common, ordinary people—won't go along with any party in support of a reactionary nominee."

Norris, a consistent advocate of a third term for Mr. Roosevelt, told reporters that he was not saying that Mr. Roosevelt was "the only progressive, by any means."

But, the Nebraskan added, "I will not support a reactionary for president under any political label."

GONE WITH WIND REVIEW COSTS JOB

New York, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Howard Rushmore's job as film critic for the communist party's organ, The Daily Worker, was "gone with the wind" today—blown out the window by his review of the picture of that name.

He said he quit the \$25-a-week job because after seeing the film he couldn't agree with the paper's order to "blister" it. The Daily Worker said he was discharged because his review was "a shameful glorification of white chauvinism and an affront to the Negro people."

Nazis Ban Book

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The police today banned "Reaching For the Stars" by the American author Nora Wain. No reason was given. The book deals with life in Nazi Germany.

Hike Tax Levy

McMinnville, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Yamhill county's 1940 tax assessments will be based on a levy of 17.285 mills, an increase of .45 mill from the basic rate this year.

ENRIGHTS INDICTED ON COMPLAINT OF DISABLED VETERAN

Indictments charging T. J. Enright, an attorney, and his brother, John Enright, with allegedly obtaining money under false pretenses were returned Tuesday by the last grand jury, and have been kept secret until today. It was announced by District Attorney F. J. Newman.

John Enright voluntarily surrendered last night, and T. J. Enright telephoned Sheriff Syd I. Brown last night, he would appear today.

According to District Attorney Newman, the complaining witness is a war veteran, residing in the Eagle Point district, who receives monthly compensation from the government for war injuries. It is alleged the brothers, induced the veteran to make out checks to them, and then cashed them. The district attorney said several checks were involved in evidence presented to the grand jury.

The district attorney said T. J. Enright, claimed the checks were in payment for legal services. The veteran declared he had not retained him as counsel.

It is anticipated the two brothers, will be arraigned today. Both have been residents of this city for several years.

SAWMILL TO TAKE TWO-DAY HOLIDAY

The Medford corporation (Owen-Oregon) sawmill will close Saturday for the Christmas holiday and resume operations Tuesday morning, James H. Owen, general manager, said today. This will give the workers a two-day Yule holiday.

Manager Owen said he had no definite word, whether or not, there would be a winter shutdown. Usually, the mill in recent years has suspended at Christmas time for several weeks, resuming in the spring when market and weather conditions permitted.

Cancer Victim Dies Before Experiment

The Dalles, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Friends learned by telegram today that Frank McCormick, 49, died at Pryor, Okla., before the experimental refrigeration therapy treatment for cancer could be extensively tried.

The treatment was directed by Dr. V. D. Herrington, a pioneer in the use of ice to destroy cancer cells.



70 DIE IN CRASH OF NAZI TRAINS

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Two passenger trains crowded with Christmas travelers collided in the station at Genthin today, killing 70 persons and injuring 100, German authorities estimated.

The wreck occurred when the Berlin-Neukirchen (Saar) express, traveling at top speed, plowed into the Berlin-Cologne train, which was making an unscheduled stop, about 1 a. m. (7 p. m. Thursday, EST).

The locomotive and six cars of one train and four cars of the other were derailed.

The wreck caused the greatest loss of life of any of a series of German rail disasters, of which it was the eighth since the war began. It raised the casualty toll to 193 dead and more than 158 injured.

BOAT COLLAPSES BRIDGE ON SEINE

Paris, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Two persons are known to have been killed and at least three seriously injured today when the St. Louis bridge behind the famous cathedral of Notre Dame collapsed after a heavy barge knocked out its central arch.

The bridge connected two islands in the Seine River, the Ile St. Louis and the Ile De La Cite. Police said a gas main exploded after the barge struck the bridge, plunging the structure with pedestrians and vehicles into the stream.

Plan Swim Pool

McMinnville, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—City authorities considered a plan today to submit a \$20,000 bond issue for a municipal swimming pool at a special election.