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Highest yesterday 43  
Lowest yesterday 20

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Santa Claus Roosevelt is preparing to gladden the hearts of scores of good boys. Upon his desk, in a basket, is a stack several inches high containing the names of appointees he will send to the senate for confirmation. These include all the vacancies which have occurred since congress adjourned its regular session last August. These nominations, dozens of them, will be submitted January 4—the same day that the president sends his budget to congress.

The nominations range from a United States supreme court justice down to U. S. marshals. Although Oregon is not represented in the list, so far as known, there are two judicial jobs to be filled in Washington state, and the governor of Alaska. Parenthetically it may be noted that Mr. Roosevelt during his incumbency has appointed 60 percent of all the occupants of the federal judiciary. There is a quiet movement to urge the president to nominate Fred W. Cattel, of Washington's first congressional district, to the federal district judgeship at Tacoma, vice Judge E. E. Cushman. Mr. Cattel is now a member of the HOLC board of directors, is a Republican but has support of some substantial new deal Democrats in high places. Cattel's present job and the judgeship carry the same pay, \$10,000 a year, but the position on the bench is a lifetime job.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has 12 judicial nominations to send up to the hill; one member of the supreme court, two for the circuit court of appeals; seven federal district judges; two for the U. S. customs court in New York, of which bench Walter Evans, formerly of Portland, is a member, appointed by Hoover.

There is rising wrath in Alaska against appointment of Ernest H. Gruening (pronounced Greening), as governor to replace John W. Troy, who has tendered his resignation on account of ill-health. Businessmen, politicians and newspapers of the territory are united in protesting against Gruening. One such petition has already been filed (by request) by Republican leader Senator McNary who, however, never votes against the confirmation of anyone proposed by the administration, regarding such appointments as a strictly Democratic affair.

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## ALUMINUM PLANT FOR BONNEVILLE POWER IN SIGHT

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Roy A. Hunt, president of the Aluminum Company of America, announced tonight a "several million dollar" metal producing plant will be built at Vancouver, Wash., to "take care of an increased demand for aluminum on the west coast."

Construction will begin within the near future, he said, and the plant will be finished "in about a year." It will have an initial producing capacity of 30,000,000 pounds of aluminum annually, boosting the company's total annual peak capacity to more than 400,000,000 pounds.

The company has four other aluminum-producing plants, at Alcoa, Tenn., Bardin, N. C., and Massena and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Hunt said arrangements had been completed for the purchase of a 200-acre plot of land in Vancouver and a contract has been signed with the Bonneville power administration for 32,500 kilowatts of electricity.

Construction work will be done by the company's own organization, the president announced, because of "the specialized metallurgical operations involved."

Company officials estimated the new plant would cost "several million dollars."

## FINN OFFENSIVES REPEL RUSSIANS, GAIN NEW GROUND

### Red Planes Continue Bombings—Capture Men And Guns—Soviet Retreats In Arctic.

Helsinki, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A savage battle at Aglajarvi on the southeastern front in which a surrounded Russian force was practically destroyed before it surrendered was reported tonight in the Finnish high command communique.

While Finnish troops were reporting a series of successful offensive operations along the eastern and southeastern fronts, Russian air raiders, for the fifth consecutive day, bombed strategic Finnish cities, Finnish advisers, however, said there were no casualties.

"The Aglajarvi region is now wholly in our hands and our advance continues," the communique said, adding that more than 800 prisoners were captured in the fighting at Aglajarvi and nearby Tolvajarvi.

These towns are in the frontier zone about 50 miles north of Lake Ladoga.

The Finns said they also seized six cannon, eight tanks, eight anti-tank guns, a number of machineguns and other equipment in the Aglajarvi operations.

### First Major Drive

South of Lake Ladoga on the vital Karelian isthmus, the Finns launched their first major counter offensive, reporting it resulted in destruction of five Russian tanks and the capture of a number of prisoners, machineguns and other war material.

The Russians were said to have been repulsed when they attacked on the isthmus last night. The invaders also were reported driven back when they attacked at Kitala, railroad town on the north shore of Lake Ladoga and about 25 miles from the border.

The communique said the Russians lost 2,000 men at Suomussalmi, killed in fighting in that sector, which is about 250 miles north of Lake Ladoga and 30 miles from the frontier. There a Russian column which tried to smash across Finland's "wasp-waist" is being thrown back, the Finns asserted.

### Towns Attacked

Points attacked by Russian bombers included Tampere, site of a large munitions base northwest of Helsinki. Bombs also

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## RAIN PREDICTED EARLY THIS WEEK

Northern California: Sunday generally fair; snow over the mountains; cool; strong southerly wind off coast, shifting to west and northwest by night.

Oregon: Unsettled Sunday and Monday; local snows in mountains Sunday; colder east portion; moderate changeable wind off the coast, mostly northerly.

Outlook for western states period December 24-26 inclusive: Rain in the Pacific northwest and first and last of period in extreme northern California; otherwise fair weather; normal temperature.

## MAY 25 SET FOR OPENING OF FAIR

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Golden Gate exposition will reopen in 1940 with more and larger exhibits than in 1939.

Saturday, May 25, was set tentatively as the opening date, and it will remain open probably until Sunday, September 29.

The decision that assured a revival of the \$55,000,000 show on Treasure Island was made yesterday in federal bankruptcy court where Referee Burton J. Wyman approved a plan submitted by Randall Larson, court attorney for individuals and corporations to which the fair owes more than \$4,000,000.

## Graf Spee Prisoner Freed



This British seaman, one of 61 prisoners aboard the Nazi pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, to be liberated at Montevideo, is shown as he cheerily wanders among Uruguayan policemen. The battleship later was scuttled and the captain killed himself.

## BABES, IN OR OUT OF WEDLOCK AIM OF NAZI CHIEFS

### Will Sponsor Children Of Soldiers Who Fall In War—To Replenish Race.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Two Nazi leaders in pronouncements stressing the importance of continued vitality for the nation gave assurances today of care for children born out of wedlock whose fathers die in the European conflict.

Heinrich Himmler, head of all German police organizations and leader of the SS (elite guard), urged on SS men the need for children and advised them:

"Special sponsors will be appointed by me for all children of good blood born in or out of wedlock whose fathers fall in the war."

Himmler issued his views in an "order to the entire SS and police" in which he observed: "Every war means letting of the best blood. Many a victory of arms was at the same time a devastating defeat for the nation's vitality."

War's worst aspect, he said, is not the death of soldiers but "the absence of children who were not begotten during the war by the living nor after the war by the dead."

"The ancient saying that only he can die peacefully who has sons and children must be translated into fact during this war by the SS."

"Beyond the limits of bourgeois laws and customs which ordinarily are probably necessary it can become an exalted task even outside of wedlock for German women and girls of good blood to become—not frivolously but imbued with deepest moral concern—mothers of children begotten by soldiers moving to the front without knowing whether they will return or die for the fatherland."

He then recalled how during the World War many soldiers decided against children so as not to burden the mothers in case they failed to return.

### Reames Will Talk

Portland, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dr. Floyd F. Smith, president of the Jackson club of Oregon, said today A. E. Reames of Medford, former U. S. senator, would be principal speaker at the 30th annual Jackson day dinner here January 8.

### Market Holiday

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—All local commodity futures markets, led by the New York cotton exchange, began a three-day Christmas holiday today that will keep them closed until Tuesday, December 26.

### Cold Halts War

Paris, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Military sources reported intense cold on the western front caused temporary suspension of patrol activities by both sides, but that opposing aerial forces engaged in numerous flights and dog fights over the lines.

## ALLIED WARSHIPS AWAIT COMING OF GERMAN IMPORTS

### Nazi Ships In Neutral Ports Ordered To Sail For Home At Any Cost.

Paris, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Allied warships took extra precautions tonight to intercept Nazi shipping as French naval sources declared approximately 500 German merchantmen in neutral ports had been ordered to try to return to the reich, cost what it may.

These ships, with estimated cargoes totaling 1,800,000 tons, have been called back "by all possible routes" because Germany wants the raw materials they carry, these sources said.

Most of the craft have been tied up in neutral ports all over the world since the war started. The French said they understood Nazi crews had received orders to scuttle their ships if intercepted.

Naval authorities said they believed many of the German merchantmen already had left neutral haven and the rest were preparing to leave.

The latest official French figures reported 27 German ships had been captured since the war and 23 had been scuttled by their crews with an estimated 157,000 tons of merchandise.

In addition, allied contraband controls and warships have seized 870,000 tons of German merchandise, the French reported.

On the western front, military dispatches said intense cold had suspended even patrol activity although opposing aerial forces tangled in numerous dog fights.

The morning French army communique merely said: "Nothing important to report."

Premier Daladier spent one and three-quarters hours with the cabinet outlining what aid France has given and will give Finland.

There was no official announcement on what Daladier said but the newspaper L'Intransigeant said the aid was "of all kinds."

## STATE'S MIGRANT FAMILIES 2,675 REPORT REVEALS

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Oregon, Washington and Idaho need \$1,602,772 for subsistence and medical care of destitute families, Rep. Hill (D-Wash.) said today.

The farm security administration made a survey of the states in cooperation with local welfare and employment offices.

Oregon needs \$222,200 for subsistence and \$82,000 for medical care, Washington \$1,039,584 for subsistence and \$144,238 for medical care, and Idaho \$108,000 for subsistence and \$28,750 for medical care, he said.

The survey showed there were 2,675 migrant families in Oregon and that 1,783 planned to spend the winter there. The state has 2,206 families unable to provide for themselves due to inadequate farms and 570 families destitute because of crop failures.

## NO EVEN BREAK IN ALASKA, CHARGED

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Returning from a trip to the Sitka naval airbase yesterday, Gov. Ernest Gruening severely criticized contractors on projects there and at Kodiak for what he termed a "violation of the expressed policy of the navy department" by failing to give Alaskans preference or an "even break" in filling jobs. He declared he had found gross discrimination against Alaskans in the company employment policies and expressed the opinion that contractors in employing the bulk of their labor from the states were nullifying part of the administration's purpose in establishing the extensive bases.

He said he believed the administration sought to increase the population of the territory in part at least by aiding settlers already here in earning a livelihood.

The governor said he would make a trip to Washington, D. C., next month and would personally discuss the employment policies with the acting secretary of the navy.

## PEACE COMES TO PALESTINE AREA

Bethlehem, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Palestine prepared today for its first peaceful Christmas in three years.

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The Holy Land still is well garrisoned with British troops but no soldiers were on guard along the winding route from Jerusalem to Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, focus of the Christmas observances which will open tomorrow.

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## FINITE REPORT ROOSEVELT DON'T WANT THIRD TERM

### New York Times Writes Sees Chance For President To Change Mind.

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The New York Times says "definite information that President Roosevelt has told friends that he does not wish to run for a third term" is "current in political circles."

"Although information concerning President Roosevelt's desire not to run again is definite," the Times says, in an article by James A. Hagerty, "there is doubt among Democrats that his present intention is irrevocable."

"It is believed that the international situation and a popular demand for his candidacy at home might conceivably cause him to be a candidate."

"Should he so decide, there is little or no doubt that the Democratic convention would renominate him."

## GOVERNOR SENDS YULE GREETINGS

Salem, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague wished his constituents a merry Christmas today in a statement which commended "the generosity being shown to the unfortunate and distressed."

"Mrs. Sprague joins me in wishing a very merry holiday season to all the people of Oregon," the governor's greeting read. "We are deeply appreciative of the many expressions of good will which have come to us at this season, indicating the kindly spirit of our Oregon folk."

"I am also particularly pleased to note the generosity being shown to the unfortunate and distressed. I recognize that public assistance in most cases is inadequate for more than the necessities of life. There is therefore, plenty of room for private charity, and I am glad to see the spirit of Christmas still lives as shown in the contributions being made to make Christmas a happy time for all."

## COAST HOTBED FOR ALIEN RINGS

Orange, Texas, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Chairman Martin Dies (D., Tex.) of the house un-Americanism committee asserted today the most "serious and sensational conditions" involving Communist, Fascist and alien rings have been uncovered on the Pacific coast.

Dies abandoned efforts to get Leon Trotsky to testify in Texas against Communism in Latin America. Dies said the new disclosures involved, among others, motion picture actors and the C. I. O.

Hearings in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle are planned, the chairman added. The committee, which expires January 3, must have congressional authorization before it can continue its work next year.

Dies said he would ask congress to appropriate funds to deport more than 7,000,000 aliens employed in American industries, to the detriment of unemployed natives.

## 182 DIE, 139 HURT IN NAZI WRECKS

Karlsruhe, Germany, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Two disastrous collisions on Germany's war-strained railway system yesterday claimed 182 lives and injured 139 persons, officials announced today.

The second occurred between Marksdorf and Kluftern when a passenger train and a freight train struck head-on at top speed. It killed 50 persons and injured 30.

One hundred and thirty-two persons were killed and 109 injured when two passenger trains collided at Gentlin.

## European Christmas

By the Associated Press.  
Europe's lot is another wartime Christmas, but one way or another, it will be celebrated according to the traditions of each belligerent.

French and British troops got ready for such feasting and gaiety as their duties would permit; across no-man's-land Germans brightened their bunkers with evergreens and tuned up for Christmas caroling.

The Finns, fighting in a snow-covered, pine-clad country where every vista was worthy of a Christmas card, had little prospect of any Christmas observance at all. The Russian invaders don't observe Christmas.

## SNOW FALLS AND MERCURY SLIDES TO SEASON LOWS

Portland, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Snow fell in parts of Oregon today and thermometers dropped to season lows in several cities.

Baker and Pendleton had light snow flurries.

A heavy frost accompanied near freezing weather in Portland, which experienced the coldest day of the season. Portland's minimum temperature was 34 degrees.

Tillamook, where flowers were blooming recently, shivered as the thermometer dropped to 23 degrees. The state's coldest spot was Burns with a minimum of 13 degrees.

Minimum temperatures included Baker 20 degrees, Bend 21, Lakeview 21, Pendleton 29, Eugene 29, Roseburg 33, Medford 33, Newport 32, North Bend 37, Brookings 42.

The forecast: "Cloudy Sunday with showers in southwest portion and snow in east portion and over mountains; light rain probable in northwest portion; moderate changeable wind off coast, becoming fresh northerly."

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## CASH INCOME FOR FARMERS HIGHER

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Farmers' cash income from marketing and government benefit payments totaled \$740,000,000 last month compared with \$707,000,000 in November, 1938, the agriculture department reported today.

The income for the first 11 months of the year was reported at \$7,075,000,000 compared with \$6,900,000,000 in the same period last year. Receipts from marketing this year, however, were smaller, totaling \$6,360,000,000 compared with \$6,457,000,000 in 1938.

Increased government benefit payments more than offset the decreased income from marketing.

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## BEST CHRISTMAS TRADE IN YEARS, INCOMES HIGHER

### Last Day Rush Of Buyers Boosts Sales—Purchasing Power Increases.

By the Associated Press.  
A last-day surge of Yuletide shopping swept over retail counters in the nation's best Christmas trade in years.

The United States department of commerce said the holiday buying generally was the heaviest since 1929.

A powerful autumn industrial upswing had added many hundreds of millions of dollars to the public purse through expansion in payrolls and disbursements to shareholders.

Uncle Sam's trade observers noted there was ample evidence of improvement in purchasing power in the demand for furniture and more expensive miscellaneous gifts.

A nation-wide survey brought reports of record sales from some stores. Most merchants said the shopping season made a strong finish after a slow start.

Opinion was divided as to whether the earlier Thanksgiving date, observed in half the states of the union, influenced trade importantly. Traditionally Yule shopping gets going after Thanksgiving.

## YULE ACCIDENTS CLAIM 87 LIVES

By the Associated Press.  
Pre-Christmas Saturday, a semi-holiday in many cities, brought violent death to 87 persons in 25 states, 71 of whom perished in traffic accidents.

Eight persons suffered fatal burns and eight of the traffic victims were killed by trains.

Five members of one family died in a head-on automobile crash in New Mexico, and a Kansas mother and her three children met death in a train-auto collision at a street crossing in Wichita.

Georgia led in accidental deaths with six traffic fatalities including two train deaths, and one death by gunshot wound. Ohio reported five traffic fatalities and one in a hunting mishap.

An electrocution in Missouri, a blinding snowstorm which caused an automobile crash in Nebraska, and the collapse of a house in Illinois accounted for one death each.

Four Massachusetts residents died from burns, two in an overturned automobile.

## FOKKER, AVIATION PIONEER, PASSES

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Anthony H. G. Fokker, first man in the aeronautical industry to become a millionaire through aviation, died today from pneumococcus meningitis. He was 49 and had been ill three weeks.

Dr. Robert M. Cushing, his personal physician, said death "came peacefully" after the known methods of combating the disease had been tried. Five blood transfusions were made, but during the night Fokker sank into a coma and then died.

## NO PAPER MONDAY

In order to permit Mail Tribune employees to enjoy the Christmas holiday the newspaper will not be published Monday.