

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with fog in the morning; little change in temperature. Highest yesterday 32. Lowest this morning 26.

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

Full Associated Press

Full United Press

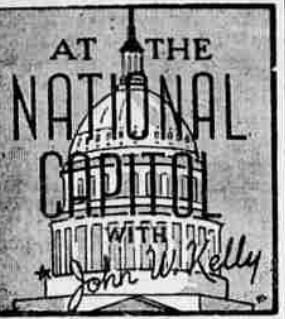
Room For All. So many people depend upon the Classified page of this newspaper to take care of their wants that it is surprising that everyone does not do likewise. There is room for ALL you know.

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REDS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES



700 SHOT DOWN IN ATTEMPT TO CROSS LAKE ICE

Fifty Taken Prisoners, Quantities of Arms Taken—Two Tanks Disabled.

Helsinki, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Finland tonight announced 700 Russian dead were left on frozen Lake Suvanto after a Soviet attack, supported by planes and artillery, was repulsed on the eastern side of the Karelian Isthmus. Fighting in bitter cold against the Russian invasion, Finland reported in a communique that red forces had attacked in force along the isthmus, only to suffer heavy losses of men and material. The Finns told of the capture of 50 Russian prisoners, quantities of arms, and the disabling of two tanks. Eleven Soviet planes were said to have been shot down with only "small" losses to Finland's air force. Helsinki 30.—(AP)—Helsinki had a RAIDED air raid alarm today when four planes were sighted, but no bombs were dropped inside the city. Distant detonations indicated some may have been dropped in the suburbs. The communique follows: "Land forces: On the Karelian Isthmus the enemy attacked at various points, supported by tanks, cannon and airplanes. The main attack was launched against Lake Suvanto, which they attempted to cross at Haimola, Sakkola, Krejla and Volossula. All the attacks were repulsed, the enemy losing large numbers of men. "During the day we captured five infantry guns, 16 machine-guns, five quick-firing guns and took 50 prisoners besides immobilizing two tanks." The communique reported 23 Russian airplanes had been shot down Christmas Day by Finnish fighting planes and anti-aircraft fire. Viipuri, Finland, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Long-range artillery shells burst throughout the night on this seacoast city previously abandoned by most of its citizens. Numerous fires were started and homes in the southeast section were destroyed, but the damage was comparatively slight. The Soviet Russian forces appeared to be concentrating in this area by long-range hammering and air raids as the Finns took the war into Soviet territory in another sector, driving toward the Murmansk railroad, the Russians' main supply line to the far north. Hillsboro, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—George R. Bagley, Washington county circuit judge from 1915 to 1935, died here today following a long illness. He was appointed judge of the 19th district in 1915 by Governor Withycombe and served until 1935 when he resigned to practice law privately.

Hitler Stalks French Soil in Front Line Visit

Legs OK; Checks NG



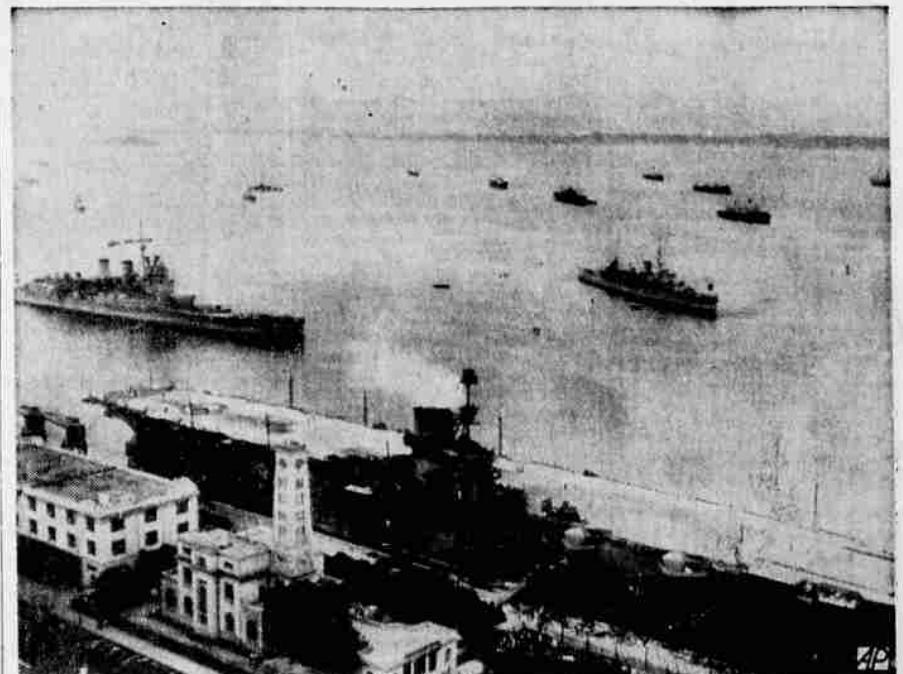
Eve Carlton (above), who told Beverly Hills, Cal., officers that she was acclaimed "Miss Million Dollar Legs" in a Palm Springs contest last year, was being held in a Beverly Hills jail on bad check charges. Officers quoted her as saying "We were doing our Christmas shopping with bum checks." Held with her was Jack Melvin, who said he was her former husband and a publicity agent.

MANY ACCIDENTS BOOKED HERE IN HOLIDAY TRAFFIC

Auto Plows Through Guard Rail on Tolo Overpass—Driver In Lucky Escape.

Many minor auto accidents and a couple of lucky escapes from serious injury comprised the traffic record here over the Christmas week-end. Most seriously injured was Delbert A. Coffin, 40, of 213 Portland avenue, whose forehead was lacerated in a collision between his car and one operated by William Reinhart, 68, of 203 Elm street at 1 a. m. Sunday at West Main and Fir streets. Reinhart was thrown but he refused to be taken to a hospital and left the scene later in his own car, a report on file at city police station said. Driver's Head Gashed Coffin was taken to Community hospital in the Peri ambulance and his gashed forehead was stitched. He was then taken to the city police station where he was given an arrest ticket for failure to yield the right-of-way. He was arraigned this morning before City Judge Allen D. Curry and the case was continued until tomorrow morning in order to procure more evidence. Like Mr. Reinhart, Glenn Ledley, 31, an airplane inspector of Seattle, Wash., had a fortunate escape about 1 a. m. Sunday when his car, traveling north, plowed through the guard rail of the Tolo overpass and dropped about 10 feet. The car was badly damaged. In his report Ledley said that the pavement was icy and unsanded and that there was no sign to indicate a turn in the highway at the bridge. Boy Knocked Down Charles Wing reported to city police Saturday afternoon that a boy had been knocked down by a pickup at Eighth street and Riverside avenue and that the driver had not stopped. Mr. Wing had the license number. The boy was Kenneth L. Taylor, six, son of Edward G. Taylor of Ashland. The pickup driver, the police reports showed, turned out to be Samuel A. Milhoan, 50, of Ashland, foreman of the Suncrest orchards. Milhoan said he did not know his car had hit anyone, and after being apprised of the asserted facts, he filed a report covering the incident. Witnesses said that the boy had stepped out from a row of parked cars which was not seriously hurt. The police report quoted a doctor. Ralph C. Dunn, 35, of 220 North Bartlett street reported that at 10:30 p. m. Sunday his car was struck by an auto operated on the wrong side of the highway by A. F. W. Kresse, a mile north of Medford on the Pacific highway. According to his report, Dunn pulled his car off on the shoulder when he saw lights of a car approaching him on the wrong side. As the other car neared the Dunn machine, it turned left, striking the fenders of the Dunn auto

British Aircraft Carrier Fuels at Rio



The British aircraft carrier, Ark Royal, is shown as it loaded fuel and provisions at a Rio de Janeiro dock. Ark Royal is in foreground, while at left rear is battle cruiser Renown and at right center the light cruiser Neptune. The plane carrier sailed shortly before the Nazi pocket battleship, then at Montevideo, the Renown and the Neptune departed December 18.

FUEHRER DELIVERS CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT BATTLE FRONT

Word of Visit Not Given Out Until Dictator Departs—Guide Is Made Major.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Authoritative sources reported today Adolf Hitler had walked across the frontier into France while he was spending Christmas with German forces in the west-wall fortifications. It was the first time since 1918 the fuhrer had set foot on French soil, these informants said. Then he was a corporal with the 18th Bavarian reserve. The authoritative account said that on Christmas eve, with orderlies carrying gifts, Hitler crossed the frontier which now is a no-man's-land but occupied by a few weeks ago as usual by the French. Visits Dugouts "Some time" in the vicinity of Spieheren Heights, between Saarbruecken and Forbach. Led by the captain commanding that sector, he visited French-constructed concrete dugouts now in German hands and then walked to the front line. The informants said he would have made an easy target for French guns. During his visit Hitler promoted the captain, his guide, to the rank of major. About dusk the fuhrer departed. He distributed gifts to soldiers on watch. Word of his front line visit was not disclosed until he presumably had left that sector. HEAVY SLAUGHTER OF CHINESE CLAIMED BY JAPS IN HANKOW AREA

MR. ROOSEVELT is not quite clear on the Oregon presidential primary law. He wants a delegation elected to the convention on "Roosevelt policies" (same suggestion made in Washington and other states), apparently under the impression that if he should not be a candidate for the nomination he can order these delegates to vote for anyone he favors as a successor. But by the Oregon law delegates must vote for the choice their party has made and they are not free agents and cannot be delivered like so many pawns. Only way Mr. Roosevelt can have the Oregon delegates is for the democrats of that state to vote for him in preference to some other democrat—such as John N. Garner.

UNLESS Mr. Roosevelt gives explicit orders to the contrary, the Commonwealth Federation will place his name on (Continued on Page Six.)

DRAG RIVER FOR BODY EX-KLAMATH WOMAN

Redding, Calif., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Sacramento river was dragged by police today in the belief it contained the body of Mrs. Nora McCartney, 23, formerly of Klamath Falls, Ore. She disappeared from a party Saturday night. A truck driver reported seeing a woman believed to be Mrs. McCartney plunge from a bridge railing. District Attorney L. W. Carr said. She moved here about six months ago from Klamath Falls with her husband, Robert, a hotel clerk.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Half a dozen friends agreeing with Nell Littrell that hubby Al had simply done wonders in picking her out as a Christmas chapeau—a cute tiny red feather affair. Lutenant Bob Emmens spending the holidays in his old home town and greeting an abundance of friends with an abundance of giggles and what not. Dorothy Pyle sporting a huge corsage of violets—a remembrance from an awfully nice Santa Claus. Bill Roberts and Muriel Yale having a gay time—making the Christmas eve rounds—all with the permission and good-will of their respective spouses of course.

Heavy Christmas Spending Noted in Western States

By Walter Warren 1939 \$796,057,000 1938 781,359,000 1937 748,480,000 1936 822,709,000 Although the check total for the 30 cities was virtually 15 million dollars higher than last year, the west's two largest money centers failed to keep abreast. Had they kept to the general trend, the west's gain not only would have been much greater, but the week's spending might have been the largest since 1929. The northwest appeared to have achieved that in spots. Los Angeles checks totaled \$246,871,000, which compared with \$253,375,000 last year, and San Francisco \$233,290,000 against \$238,140,000. Portland's \$44,446,000 was well ahead of last year's \$40,604,000, and Eugene and Salem chalked up good gains. (Continued on Page Two)

DAVIES WILL ASSIST SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Joseph E. Davies, American ambassador to Belgium, was designated by President Roosevelt today as a special assistant to the secretary of state, to deal with war emergency problems and international trade negotiations. Davies recently returned from Brussels to report at the state department and White House.

SOCIAL SECURITY AGE INSURANCE TO START IN JANUARY

By T. F. Coman Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The federal government puts into operation next month its far-reaching plan to provide mass security in the form of monthly retirement pensions for older workers and their dependents. It will be the beginning of the monthly pay-off of old age insurance benefits under the social security law, and estimates indicate that during 1940 more than \$100,000,000 will be distributed to approximately 1,000,000 persons. Under WPA Average The social security pay-off will not approach the goals of various proposals advocated by old-age pensions groups. For the most part it may fall short of the \$55 a month average security wage paid WPA workers. Government statisticians have estimated payments for life. The estimated average for a married man who receives a supplemental benefit for his wife will be about \$39. The tops in government old age benefits is \$85 a month, but to get it, a married man would need to be covered by the social security system for 40 years and be able to show an average of \$250 a month in earnings throughout that period. Checks About Feb. 1 The start of payments for January—for which checks will reach beneficiaries about Feb. 1—will put into operation the final phase of the social security act approved by congress in 1935 as one of the key features of the new deal program to provide systematic security. Other parts of the law already are in operation providing federal financing for the administration of state unemployment compensation plans. (Continued on Page Four.)

ONLY THREE BRITISH LOST ON WEST FRONT

Paris, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Military sources today said that official figures, approved by the British, disclosed only three British soldiers had been killed on the western front since the war began, with 2,070 killed in naval service and 438 in the air force. The total of 2,511 compared with a French total of 1,434.

Ruby Keeler Given Divorce On Recital of Al's Actions

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The private lives of the Al Jolson were not so melodious as some of Al's songs, Ruby Keeler testified in effect when she obtained a divorce today. Nervously twisting a handkerchief, the dark-eyed Ruby told Superior Judge Thomas C. Gould that her husband ridiculed and embarrassed her until she could no longer stand to live with him. "He called me stupid," she said. "Whenever I expressed an opinion, he would say, 'That is wonderful—do you know about that, too? You are too smart.'" "Did he do this in front of your friends?" the judge inquired. "Oh, yes," Miss Keeler replied, a little breathlessly. "Refuse to talk, and make me keep up the conversations. And he would go upstairs and leave me to entertain our friends. "He would never agree with me on anything. When I said anything he would fly into a rage. Sometimes he would keep me up all night calling me names and telling me—" The actress shrugged her shoulders and said, "Oh, well!"

CENSUS TAKERS ATTEND CLASSES

A. Moore Hamilton, assistant area manager for the census, opened a four-day school of instruction here today for enumerators who will make the industrial and business count in this section. Attending the classes on rules, schedules, etc., in the council chambers at the city hall, are H. F. Young, of Grants Pass, representing Josephine county; John A. Penny and Mrs. E. Babbette Beath, of Klamath Falls, and John H. Copeland, of Klamath Agency, representing Klamath county, and P. D. McDougal, Ashland, and Mrs. Alice Copping, of Medford, representing Jackson county. Actual taking of the industrial census will start January 2, according to Mr. Hamilton.

FOURTEEN CHILDREN BORN ON CHRISTMAS

Portland, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Fourteen Portland youngsters henceforth will be happy a merry Christmas and a happy birthday on the same day. Nine boys and five girls were born here Christmas day. Employees worked yesterday to deliver about 1800 packages that had arrived after Saturday's regular deliveries. Postmaster Frank DeSouza said. This year there were no packages that could not be delivered because of insecure wrapping or lack of address, the postmaster said. He highly praised Hugo Guenther, superintendent of mails, for efficient dispatching of the huge volume of Christmas mail.

DUST BOWL RECEIVES WELCOME PRESENT OF CHRISTMAS SNOWFALL

By the Associated Press A generous snow fall, which started as a Christmas day gift to many parts of the drought pinched territory between the Rocky mountains and the Mississippi river, revived hopes for a winter wheat crop in the southwest today. The fall ranged as deep as 14 inches and was heaviest where most sorely needed in the old dustbowl and adjacent areas of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. The maximum fall occurred at Clayton, N. M., where 14 inches were recorded. The precipitation was regarded as relieving the immediate threat of a lack of irrigation water for the spring and summer. In the Oklahoma panhandle where crop prospects had sunk to almost nothing after three seriously dry fall months, 12 inches of snow covered the ground around Boise City and there was 10 inches at Guymon, virtually the center of the dust bowl.

HUGE YULE MAIL ALL DELIVERED

Carriers today delivered the last quantity of Christmas packages, about 800 parcels. It was parcel mail that had arrived after yesterday's deliveries. Only stray packages would continue to arrive after today, it was said. Employees worked yesterday to deliver about 1800 packages that had arrived after Saturday's regular deliveries. Postmaster Frank DeSouza said. This year there were no packages that could not be delivered because of insecure wrapping or lack of address, the postmaster said. He highly praised Hugo Guenther, superintendent of mails, for efficient dispatching of the huge volume of Christmas mail.

Clyde Engel Of Red Sox Passes

Boston, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Clyde Engel, 56, third baseman of the 1912 world champion Boston Red Sox baseball team, died suddenly today at his hotel. Since his retirement as a player, Engel had served 18 years as coach of the Yale freshman baseball squad.