

**The Weather**  
 Cloudy tonight and Saturday with showers tonight, slightly colder tonight.  
 Temperature  
 Highest yesterday... 50  
 Lowest this morning... 41  
 To 3 p. m. yesterday... 43  
 To 5 a. m. today... 49

**A Good Time**  
 Night now would be a good time to get pencil and paper and prepare that Want Ad for the Sunday morning edition. There is always plenty of reader-attention to Sunday Classified.

# NAZIS CLAIM BRITISH WARSHIP SUNK

## U-BOAT ATTACK NOT SUCCESSFUL, LONDON REPLIES

**Battleship Safe and Proceeding on Course Admiralty claims—3 Killed.**

Berlin, Dec. 29.—(P)—The supreme command announced today that "a German submarine torpedoed a battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class west of Scotland."

London, Dec. 29.—(P)—The admiralty announced today that a German submarine had attacked a British battleship, killing three men and causing "some damage."

It was asserted unofficially that the battleship was safe after the attack and was proceeding on her course. After receipt of the German announcement that a German submarine had torpedoed a battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class, the admiralty issued a short communique: "A torpedo attack has been made on a British battleship by a U-boat. Some damage was caused and three men were killed."

Ship Declined to make further comment and gave no indication what battleship was involved or when or where she was attacked.

The Queen Elizabeth class includes five ships, the oldest in the British navy, all laid down before the World war and completed in the early years of that conflict before the battle of Jutland.

They are the Queen Elizabeth, Warspite, and Valiant, all of 30,600 tons, and the Barham and Malaya, 31,100 tons. Each carries a main battery of eight 15-inch guns. All have undergone considerable reconstruction in recent years.

## ANGRY SUB SKIPPER SHELLS CRAFT WHICH ESCAPED TORPEDOES

London, Dec. 29.—(P)—The story of a British freighter that played tag with three torpedoes, so enraged a German submarine commander that he finally sank the ship with shell fire, was related today in an official British report which said the submarine probably was sunk later by a rescue ship.

The freighter was the Usk-mouth, 2,843 tons, sunk Nov. 23 in the bay of Biscay. The night was so clear, the British account said, that the deck officer saw the wake of an approaching torpedo and threw the helm hard over to dodge the projectile. He did the same with two others.

The submarine then came up to within 300 yards of the Usk-mouth and shelled her. A French warship, 65 miles away received an SOS, sped to the scene, and "by a miracle found the boatswain," who had been thrown into the sea. Dropping him a raft, the French attacked the submarine, and the British said "there is every reason to believe" the raider was sunk.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
 W. Vernon Jones coming all the way from San Bernardino, Cal., to his old home town to have his camera stolen from his car, he being trustworthy enough to leave his car unlocked.  
 Anita Robertson forgetting she was having a happy birthday.  
 Alice Henney being patience personified while trying on all the clothes in the store on a weary client who was definitely not patience personified.

## May Head Guild



Eleanor Roosevelt

Denver, Dec. 29.—(P)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was nominated today to succeed the late Heywood Brown as president of the American Newspaper Guild. The nomination was telegraphed to the guild's international executive committee in New York.

## RED GUNS, PLANES SHELL OWN FORCE IN SALLA SECTOR

Helsinki, Dec. 29.—(P)—The killing of 600 Russians in a battle at Kelja was reported by the Finnish command today as the Red army launched new attacks along the Leningrad-Viipuri railway and the region of Lake Suunto on the eastern part of the Karelian isthmus.

The Finnish command reported the Russians left 300 dead on another battlefield in the Sysky lake sector where two Red army battalions were "dispersed."

The destruction of five Russian tanks and capture of two others and smashing of several Russian attacks also were reported.

## WHEAT, FLOUR SUBSIDY IS ENDED BY WALLACE

Washington, Dec. 29.—(P)—Secretary Wallace announced today that the agricultural department was suspending its wheat and flour export subsidy program, with the exception of exports of flour from the Pacific coast ports to the Philippine islands.

## Food and Drug Labels Must Tell Ingredients and Size

Washington, Dec. 29.—(P)—Foods, drugs and cosmetics moving in interstate commerce, beginning New Year's day, must bear labels listing all ingredients or be subject to seizure by federal authorities. On that day the strict labeling provisions of the 1938 food, drug and cosmetic act take effect, in an effort to protect consumers against adulterated and misbranded products. The labels must carry the name and address of the manufacturer, backer or distributor, an accurate statement of contents in weight, measure or numerical count, and a complete list of ingredients. One exception on the listing of ingredients is made in the case of products for which the food, drug and cosmetic admin-

## HUNGER, DISEASE ADD PERILS FOR QUAKE SURVIVORS

**Death Total May Reach 50,000 Ankara Officials Say; More Temblors Feared.**

Ankara, Dec. 29.—(P)—A mounting death toll in earthquake-stricken Anatolia today led officials to express belief the total dead might reach 50,000 as starvation, cold and disease created new perils for survivors of the Wednesday catastrophe.

Relief trains rushed food and medical supplies to the shattered quake zone, but wrecked communication facilities and a raging blizzard made it seem certain additional thousands would die of injuries and exposure before help could reach them.

Fears of new tremors, predicted by Turkish seismologists, added to the terror of the quake region.

**Bodies In Debris**  
 Officials had put the dead and injured in Erzincan province alone at 42,000. It is said that "numberless thousands" of persons remained buried in the ruins of buildings.

Special trains bearing hundreds of doctors with supplies and medicines managed today to reach some of the ravaged areas isolated since the great temblors of Wednesday. They were unable to reach many localities because of blocked roads and collapsed bridges.

Authorities said more tremors might come in the next few days. Director Fatih of the Istanbul observatory said that geological disturbance apparently occurred 16 miles below the surface and covered a wide area, so that further movements were likely before the strata settled.

## NOVEMBER DRINKS BROUGHT \$794,188

Salem, Dec. 29.—(P)—Oregonians drank \$794,188 worth of liquor during November, an increase of \$36,823 over November, 1938. The increased amount was caused largely by the price increase early this year. The November sales exceeded those of October by \$38,000. The liquor control commission reported a net profit of \$267,721 for the month and \$1,269,536 for the first five months of the fiscal year beginning July 1. November profits were \$9,000 more than those of November, 1938.

## DEVANEY NAMED STATE DIRECTOR OF AERONAUTICS

**Former Medford Air Lines Manager Succeeds Greenwood—\$200 Per Month.**

Portland, Dec. 29.—(U.P.)—L. G. Devaney, former manager of United Air Lines at Medford, Ore., was named state aeronautics director yesterday by the state board of aeronautics to succeed Allen Greenwood, resigned inspector.

The board emphasized that Devaney's duties will be largely promotional. He will direct the board's program of fostering aviation in the state and of giving advice regarding airports and other problems of the industry.

If Gov. Clarence A. Sprague approves a tentative plan adopted by the board today, licensed mechanics will handle the bulk of inspection duties. They would be responsible for the airworthiness of planes used in intrastate aviation.

The new directorial post will supplant the position of inspector, from which Greenwood resigned under alleged political pressure several months ago. Greenwood was paid \$350 a month; Devaney will get \$200.

Devaney lives in Portland. He is a native of Roseburg, Ore., and a graduate of Stanford university. He was one of the earliest transport pilots in the United States and was one of the first members of the state board of aeronautics, having been appointed in 1920 for a term by Gov. Ben W. Olcott.

Captain Devaney was educated in grade and high schools in Roseburg before matriculating at Stanford.

He enlisted in the aviation signal corps in 1917, was graduated from the school of military aeronautics at Austin, Tex., later in the year and then served as flying instructor and aeronautical engineering officer at Kelly Field, Tex.

Captain Devaney was manager of United Air Lines here for about four years, from about the middle of 1933 to May, 1937.

## BLAZE DESTROYS HOME ON MIDWAY

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Morris on Midway road and practically all of its contents were destroyed by fire late yesterday afternoon. Other buildings on the property were saved by volunteer firefighters who used a pumper from the state forest patrol headquarters where Mr. Morris is employed as an inspector during most of the year. The Morris home was situated about a mile this side of state forest headquarters.

The fire was attributed to an overheated or defective flue. Mr. Morris, home alone at the time, was awakened from a nap by the crackling of flames and he found the entire roof of the five-room, frame dwelling on fire. He was able to save only a washing machine from the back porch and a few valued household articles.

The loss was covered partly by insurance.

## 400 PANICKY SHEEP SMOTHER IN Huddle

Heppner, Dec. 29.—(P)—A herder at the Lotus Robinson ranch discovered yesterday 400 mysteriously panic-stricken sheep piled up in a corral during the night and were killed.

## NEW YEAR DRIVERS WARNED BY POLICE TO KEEP NOSE DRY

**Augmented Force to Watch Heavy Holiday Traffic—Smashup Epidemic Ebbs.**

No New Year's hilarity will be tolerated behind the wheels of speedy, death dealing automobiles on Medford streets or southern Oregon highways, it was indicated today as police prepared to handle the heavy week-end holiday traffic.

Both city and state police officials said that augmented patrols would be on 24-hour duty over the holiday period and warned motorists to do their celebrating of the New Year's indoors. The state police radio system will be kept in operation later into the night than usual to coordinate the work of patrols.

**Record Denied**  
 While no direct reference was made to last week-end's record, it was understood that every effort was being made to avert a repetition of the Christmas holiday series of accidents that put a substantial dent in Medford's chances for the state safety award and that adversely affected Jackson county's standing in the safety ratings of counties. A dozen accidents occurred in and around Medford during the Christmas holiday and while all of them were minor there were lucky escapes from death or serious injury in two of them. One accident resulted in the filing of drunken driving charges.

Accidents continued above normal numbers after Christmas and did not taper off until today. So serious was the situation considered that the Medford Traffic Safety Council expressed concern.

**Added Hazard**  
 Streets and highways are littered with debris.

## TRANSIENT COUPLE FREED TO TRAVEL

Vivian Lillian Davis, a fifteen-year-old girl, and her hitchhiking companion, Ralph James Carpenter, 20, appeared in justice court yesterday charged with vagrancy. They were sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, but commitment was deferred upon condition they depart Jackson county at once.

They told the court they had promises of work in Portland, and are now on their way north. The youth and girl left their home town, a village near Pontiac, Mich., last fall and headed west. Since then they have been drifting up and down the highways, until detained here two weeks ago.

Michigan authorities and the parents of the girl advised of their predicament volunteered no help and "showed no interest in the case," according to local officials.

## BREAK HINTED IN SAN FRAN STRIKE

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—(P)—The Ship Clerks' association strike committee today adopted a proposal for settlement of the 49-day waterfront labor dispute, but withheld details pending submission of the plan to a full membership meeting next Tuesday.

Harry Bridges, California CIO director who attended the clerks' meeting, said the plan was a "combination proposal" of various settlement suggestions which have been submitted to date. Reports which could not be confirmed hinted at a break soon in strike developments which have remained under cover in recent days.

## Pretty Cafe Entertainer Found Slain



The slashed body of Alice (Jerry) Burns, pretty 17-year-old cafe entertainer, was found in a vacant lot in Los Angeles early yesterday. Friends said she had left a cafe with a strange man, the evening before. Police are shown at top examining the body. Lower picture discloses the meager clues: A yellow gold butterfly brooch, a woman's shoe and an artificial red rose. The rose was found beneath the right hip of the nude beauty. (A. P. Photos).



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## POLICE IDENTIFY GIRL VICTIM OF BRUTAL MURDER

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—(P)—The nude body of a pretty, 17-year-old cafe entertainer was tossed into an abandoned coal yard early yesterday, and today police hunted the person who had stabbed her so brutally. A four-inch knife blade was imbedded in her shoulder.

The victim was identified, hours after the body was found, as Alice (Jerry) Burns, wife of L. C. (Curly) Burns, former San Bernardino, Cal., railway employee.

Peggy Clark, 18, and Jack Cody, 20, said they had gone with Mrs. Burns to a show and afterward to a cafe where a "strange man bought Jerry a drink, and she left with him at 4:30 a. m."

An hour and a half later Refugio Ramirez, a butcher, stumbled upon the woman's unclad body, slashed in the face and stabbed six times in the back and shoulders.

Police found, beneath her still-warm form, a blood-soaked artificial red rose, a cheap bronze brooch and a woman's black slipper.

Deep tire tracks nearby indicated an automobile had spurred away. Detective Lieutenants Miles Ledbetter and Lloyd Hurst said Miss Clark described Mrs. Burns' companion, when she left the cafe, as a man about 25, with brown hair and bushy eyebrows and "squinny eyes." "I warned her not to have anything to do with him, but she told me he had a lot of money and that she was going some place with him," Miss Clark added.

## 1939 Payroll in Industries 10-Year Record for Oregon

Salem, Dec. 29.—(P)—Oregon's 1939 industrial payroll will set a 10-year record of about \$158,000,000, an increase of about \$11,000,000 over the 1938 payroll, state industrial accident commission records showed today.

The payroll for the first 11 months of this year was \$145,081,014, with an anticipated December payroll of \$13,000,000 expected to boost the year's total to the record. The 1938 payroll was \$147,685,257.

The November payroll of \$14,044,689 exceeded that of November, 1938 by about \$900,000. The sudden spurt in industrial activity is reflected in state unemployment compensation reports that unemployment is at the lowest point in several years. The average number of men employed so far this year was 117,660, compared with 109,245 in 1938. A total of 125,726 persons were employed in industry during November, compared with 117,234 a year ago.

## \$300,100 SENT TO SUFFERING FINNS

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(P)—The Finnish relief fund drive in the United States in 12 days has sent \$300,100 to Finland, its chairman, former President Herbert Hoover, reports. The money has been cabled in three \$100,000 instalments, he said while in Chicago yesterday conferring with leaders of the drive. No goal or quota has been set.

**Jewish Refugees Held Up**  
 Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 29.—(P)—Six hundred German Jewish refugees who planned to settle in Chile were required to remain aboard the Italian steamer Augustus today pending examination of their papers on orders of Foreign Minister Abraham Ortega.

## F. D. JUNIOR AND WIFE SUFFER INJURIES IN AUTOMOBILE CRACKUP

Winchester, Va., Dec. 29.—(P)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and his wife suffered lacerations and bruises in an automobile accident early today as they were driving to Washington from a northern Virginia party.

They were brought to Memorial hospital by an unidentified motorist after their car rammied a parked truck 23 miles east of Winchester. The young Roosevelts walked into the hospital unassisted, and attendants expressed the belief they would be able to leave later today.

The president's wife arrived here by automobile from Washington shortly after 8 a. m. and summoned a Washington physician to consult with Dr. Robert F. Cline, who treated the couple on whether they should be taken home. Dr. Cline said young Mrs. Roosevelt's injuries included a lacerated forehead and right ear, scratches and abrasions, and that her husband suffered lacerations on the forehead and the upper left arm and scratches and abrasions. The injuries, he said, apparently were from flying glass. Occupants of the truck were not hurt. The accident occurred on a foggy stretch of road.