

Santa Claus Bringing Candy for Children at Christmas Opening Wednesday Night

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest Yesterday 54
Lowest this Morning 23
Precipitation past 24 hours .00

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Kelly's Comment
From Washington
Air Base Hopes Roused by Pilots
Klamath Falls Has Best Chance
Lumber Shipping Space Promised
By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—General Arnold, head man for the army air force, admits that fliers are responsible for communities becoming excited over the prospect of an air field. He acknowledges that these officers looking for sites have stirred up hopes in The Dalles, Bend, Medford, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls. The officer, or officers, breeze into a town, are given a luncheon with the mayor, chamber of commerce or service club members present. The officers say what a delightful place the town is, how the local airport could be developed for a flying group. The officers wish to be pleasant. Other towns hear of the visit and decide to "go after" the air group and soon there is rivalry.

HERE is one reason why
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Spokane Air Base
Expansion Needed
Spokane, Nov. 25.—(P)—Although the four million-dollar Geiger field base of the Second Air Force is not yet complete, the Second Air Force headquarters announced today that already some expansion has been found necessary.

Radio Highlights
By Associated Press.
(Time is Pacific standard.)
Tonight, the war—5 MBS; 5:15 MBS; 5:35 CBS; 6:15 MBS; 7 MBS; 7:30 NBC-Blue; 7:45 CBS; 8 MBS; 9 NBC CBS.
Talks—CBS 7:15 Leon Henderson on "Business Cooperation for Defense"; NBC-Red 8:15 I. M. Ornburn on "Union Label and Christmas Buying."

Wednesday, the war—8 MBS; 9 MBS; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 12 MBS; 12:55 CBS MBS; 1:45 CBS MBS; 1:55 NBC-Blue; 3 CBS MBS; 3:25 NBC-Red; 3:45 CBS NBC-Blue.

Short waves: RNE Moscow 3:45 news; HAT4 Budapest 5 folk songs; GSC GSD London 6 headline news and views; TGWA Guatemala 7:15 opera "La Boheme."

SIDE GLANCES
BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Ray Sticker coming out unconditionally for a complete Oregon State college.
Ken Anthony pretending he didn't know it was Charles Chrysler who plastered a friend's car with posters and fenders.
Frances Maguin and young companion enjoying a horseback ride on the Old Military road.
The Hongkong Police furnish anti-aircraft guards for British vessels on the China coast.

HITLERITES FACE DESPERATE PLIGHT IN NORTH AFRICA
Capture of Augila in 200-Mile Race Across Desert Sharpens Imperial Hopes

War Score
Moscow, Nov. 25.—(P)—The Soviet information bureau acknowledged tonight that the Russians had lost 2,122,000 men in killed, wounded and missing since the start of the Russian-German war June 22, but declared that the German losses totaled six million.
The Russian losses were declared to include 490,000 killed, 1,112,000 wounded and more than 520,000 missing.
The bureau also acknowledged these Russian losses in material: tanks 7,900, planes 6,400, guns 12,900.
Against these the Germans were declared to have lost more than 15,000 tanks, about 13,000 planes and 79,000 guns.

By the Associated Press
British Indian troops racing 200 miles across the desert to capture Augila in central Libya raised hopes in London late today that the Imperial command would soon reach the Gulf of Sirte, high water mark of last spring's British offensive, and cut off the main line of supplies to axis armies in the west.
With their communications severed, the axis north African forces, already boxed in by powerful British mechanized legions on land and by the British Mediterranean fleet at sea, would thus be in desperate plight.

Hot Fight For Moscow
Pacing this development, Russia's Red armies were reported battling to stem one of the gravest threats to Moscow so far—with German troops acknowledged only 50 miles from the U.S.S.R. capital.
British front-line dispatches, claiming victory over the Germans at least one sector of the Rzhev battle zone, 10 miles south of Tobruk, said the nazis were gradually being cut off from their supplies by imperial columns driving westward along the Mediterranean coast.

Calvo reports said that the great three-day tank battle at Rzhev had begun to die down, as a result of heavy losses on both sides, but that British infantry reinforcements were pouring into the fighting from their bases east and south.
As pictured by the British, German Gen. Erwin Rommel's tank forces were badly crippled and there was no indication of fresh German troops being sent into action.

Nazis Hurdled Back
On the Ukraine front, Soviet dispatches reported that a powerful Russian counter-offensive west of Rostov-on-Don had hurled the Germans back 62 miles and that the invaders were rushing new troops to the threatened area.

Nazi losses were described as "enormous," with the 16th German tank division "almost completely smashed."
The German high command on Saturday had claimed the capture of Rostov, northern gateway to the Caucasus oil fields, but the Russians reported that the Germans had been still raging in the city's streets.
Today's dispatches indicated that the Russians were making now a furious attempt to recapture Rostov after breasting the initial German drive beyond the strategic Don river port.
NAZI GENERAL KILLED
Berlin, Nov. 25.—(P)—General Helmuth Wiltberg, 61, of the German air force, was killed in an air crash five days ago, it was announced today.

Admits Wreck



Clarence J. Alexander

Susanville, Cal., Nov. 25.—(P)—Clarence J. Alexander, 24-year-old railroad section hand, waived extradition to Nevada today. He has confessed wrecking the streamline train "City of San Francisco" in 1939 to rob passengers.
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Committee Restores Moot Provision in Price Control Bill

Washington, Nov. 25.—(P)—The house banking committee bowed again to administration wishes today and voted, 14 to 8, to restore to its price-control bill authority for the government to buy, sell, or store any commodity if necessary to maintain price stability.
Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.) senior minority member of the committee, denounced the provision as "pernicious" and declared it would permit the price administration to "go into the stock exchange and buy or sell stocks."

Bomber Wreckage Seen on Mountain

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 25.—(P)—The burned wreckage of an army attack bomber, missing eight days, was spotted high on the side of the Sandia mountains today barely 25 miles from the Albuquerque air base.
Two occupants of the ship were believed to have perished. They are Lt. Seldon T. Miller of Bellevue, Texas, and Staff Sergeant Howard L. Edwards, formerly of New York.

Yuletide Furloughs Planned For Half U. S. Land Force

Washington, Nov. 25.—(P)—The army said merry Christmas a month in advance today—with the tidings that between 700,000 and 800,000 soldiers would get Yuletide furloughs. By the war department's estimate, approximately half of the land forces will be granted leaves to go home for the holidays and this raised the prospect of the biggest Christmas transportation rush in more than two decades.
Belief was expressed, nevertheless, that there would be enough trains for the troops,

Railroad Dispute Goes Back to Board

BILL TO CONTROL DEFENSE STRIKES READY BY FRIDAY
New Law Based on Roosevelt Recommendations to Be Drawn By Ramspeck.

Washington, Nov. 25.—(P)—The house labor committee instructed Rep. Ramspeck (D., Ga.), one of its members, today to prepare by Friday a new bill to control defense strikes based on President Roosevelt's recommendations for cooling off periods and compulsory arbitration.

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Not Too Strong
At the same time, Speaker Rayburn said at his press conference that the White House conferees strongly recommended that some kind of legislation be enacted quickly—"but not something that will take the hair off of anything."

Ramspeck said he might include in his bill provisions that both sides in a labor dispute must submit to compulsory arbitration as a last resort, with the added stipulation that workers who did not abide by an arbitration board's decision would be deprived of their rights under such labor laws as the Wagner labor relations and Norris-LaGuardia acts.

BULLITT NAMED NEAR EAST ENVOY

Washington, Nov. 25.—(P)—William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia and later to France, was named by President Roosevelt today to be his special representative to the Near East.
The president, announcing the appointment at a press conference, said Bullitt would gather information about fast-breaking developments in the eastern Mediterranean area, find out the needs and return and report to him.
Asked where Bullitt would be based, the president replied jokingly, in a plane.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 25.—(CP)—An earthquake recorded here today at 10:41:20 P.M. was still continuing at 12:15 p.m., Dr. K. O. Wright, seismologist, reported. Maximum intensity was at 10:43:30. It was one of the most violent in two years.

Don't Junk Navy When War Over, Is Knox Advice

New York, Nov. 25.—(P)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox says the powerful United States fleet now building should not be junked after hostilities cease.

Knox, writing in the current Liberty magazine, points out that during the last war the United States lost four combat vessels and emerged from the conflict with the most powerful navy in the world.
"Forthwith we celebrated by destroying 236 of our own ships. Excepting the war with Spain in 1898," the secretary says, "The United States has met every international crisis woefully unprepared at sea, especially so for a maritime nation."

BRITISH FAIL IN EFFORT TO LAND ON FRENCH SOIL

Berlin, Nov. 25.—(P)—The German high command for the first time mentioned an English attempt to set foot on occupied French soil today, saying that the British tried to land from boats Sunday night and were repulsed with heavy losses.
Although the high command did not give the number, size or type of boats involved in the operations in its reference, an authorized source belittled the incident by saying the whole affair involved a mere 40 or 50 men.

This source was unwilling to discuss the place of the incident, and the high command did not say whether the British actually had succeeded in getting ashore. (The British said the Normandy coast was scene of the foray.)
The German communique also said torpedo boats attacked the coast and sank four heavily laden British merchant vessels totaling 16,500 tons, including a fully laden tanker of 6,500 tons.

SURVIVOR TELLS DESTROYER FATE

New York, Nov. 25.—(P)—A torpedoed by an unseen submarine zipped through the frigid waters west of Iceland early on the morning of October 31, last, crashed into the forward section of the U. S. destroyer Reuben James, exploded a munitions magazine and ripped away the vessel's forward end, including the bridge and living quarters.
That, in substance, was the story of Chief Petty Officer William Henry Bergstresser, 35, of Pittsburgh, highest ranking surviving officer of the destroyer after 100 men—including all of the commissioned officers—were swept to their death in the black sub-arctic waters.
Bergstresser, with 42 of the 45 survivors, arrived here yesterday on a U. S. navy transport.

FOURTH OFFICER DIES FROM TACOMA CRASH

Tacoma, Nov. 25.—(P)—The fourth police officer died this morning from injuries received last Sunday when two speeding ambulances crashed into each other on one of the main traffic intersections of Tacoma's business district.
Marty Joyce, 43, passed away without regaining consciousness after several blood transfusions. Hospital attendants said death occurred from brain injuries.
Eddie Cantor in his youth was a singing waiter in a Coney Island beer garden.

CITY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND MEET HERE TOMORROW
Informal Luncheon To Open Conference Sponsored by League of Oregon Cities.

About 50 city officials and department heads are expected to attend the regional conference to be held in the Hotel Medford tomorrow under sponsorship of the League of Oregon Cities and the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.
The group will assemble first at an informal luncheon in the hotel's basement dining room at 12:15. The conference session will be held throughout the afternoon in the same room.

Mayors, councilmen and department heads are expected to be present from Ashland, Grants Pass, Phoenix, Talent, Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill, Rogue River and Eagle Point, as well as Medford, the host city.

Special speakers will include Mayor Earl Riley, Portland, Mayor John Houston, Klamath Falls, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Salem, J. W. McArthur, Eugene water board, and Orval Etter and Virgil Langtry of the research bureau.

Subjects listed for discussion include: "Priorities in Relation to Municipal Services"; "Oregon Budget Law"; "Police and Fire Reserves"; "Relation of Cities to Defense Matters"; "Reduction of Fire Insurance Costs on Municipal Properties"; "Zoning"; and "Traffic and Parking Problems." Anyone attending may raise any question he likes or call for a discussion on any municipal matter.

Vultee Will Obtain Consolidated Control

Los Angeles, Nov. 25.—(P)—Vultee Aircraft, Inc. moved up today among the nation's largest aircraft manufacturers with an announcement that arrangements are complete for purchase of a controlling interest in Consolidated Aircraft Corp. of San Diego.

A company spokesman, who declined use of his name, declared Vultee was purchasing for \$6,000,000 the 348,822 shares of Consolidated stock owned by Maj. Reuben Fleet of San Diego and an undisclosed number of shares held by other members of the Fleet family. Major Fleet is president of Consolidated, which has 1,291,574 shares of common stock.

He added that the purchase would give Vultee control of Consolidated.

Christmas Buying Splurge Expected to Set New High

Chicago, Nov. 25.—(P)—Spurred by the jingle of national defense dollars, a \$2,400,000,000 national Christmas shopping splurge is in the making this season, merchandise trade experts here estimated today.
Such a volume of business would exceed that of the boom year 1929 by more than 5 percent and would be 11 percent more than last year.
These estimates were compiled by a survey of the nation's wholesale and retail trade during the past 12 years prepared under the direction of Percy Wilson, director of Chicago's Merchandise Mart.
With preparations complete for the flood of buying already under way in the name of Santa Claus, merchants are to be ready with shelves and display rooms well stocked despite priorities and material shortages.

6-Pound Daughter Birthday Present For Burt Lowry

Coincidence has again entered the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Lowry of Myers lane.
Last evening a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowry at Community hospital. The baby was born on her father's birthday. Mrs. Lowry also was born on her father's birthday.
The baby, Mr. and Mrs. Lowry's first child, weighed six pounds, 13½ ounces. She was named Linda Mary.

STORE WINDOWS TO BE UNVEILED AS BAND PLAYS

The Medford senior high school band will take part in the Christmas opening celebration tomorrow night, the merchants committee in charge announced today. The celebration will last from 6:30 to 8 p. m.

The band, under the personal direction of Wilson Wait, will march at 6:45 from city park along Main street to Riverside avenue and back to Central avenue. In a roped-off area at Main street and Central avenue, the band will then give a concert of appropriate music.

Santa Claus, after a short reindeer jaunt from the North Pole, is scheduled to arrive at Central and Main at 6:45 in a truck laden with candy for the children. All the youngsters of the county are invited to bring their parents to town for the opening celebration.

Store windows, prepared especially for the opening fête, will be unveiled at 6:30. Many of the stores will feature the enactment of domestic scenes with living models, this show alone being expected to attract thousands to the downtown shopping district.

SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE CURRENT EVENTS DRILL

Fort Lewis, Nov. 25.—(P)—Soldiers of the 9th army corps will spend at least 40 minutes each training day keeping abreast of current world developments, starting next Monday, said Maj. Gen. Kenyon A. Joyce, commander, today.
Information on current events will be given the 50,000 troops in the corps through a series of lectures by qualified officers on such subjects as "The Lend Lease Act," "The Neutrality Act," "The Munich Conference" and "France, Prior to Her Downfall."

ROOSEVELT ASKS REPORT BY DEC. 1 AFTER HEARINGS

Allotment of One Day to Each Side Suggested By President in Board Call.

Washington, Nov. 25.—(P)—President Roosevelt announced today that the dispute between railroad management and employees had been referred back to an emergency fact-finding board which had been asked to report by December 1.

It was this same board which had recommended a compromise increase in pay rates—lower than rail unions had demanded—which was rejected by the rail labor organizations.
The unions had threatened to pull some 1,250,000 workers off their jobs.

Hearings Requested
Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference that he had asked the board to reconvene here Thursday if possible and Friday at the latest. He said he had sent letters to representatives of both sides asking them to appear for hearings beginning Friday. One day would be allotted to each side to state its case, the chief executive suggested, and the board is asked to report by Monday, December 1. A strike call has been issued for December 7.

A series of conferences has been held among the rail management and union representatives, and at parleys also at the White House.

The fact-finding board several weeks ago recommended wage increases of 7½ percent for the 350,000 operating employees who, now getting from \$5.06 a day up, had asked 30 percent boosts.
For the 900,000 non-operating workers, the board proposed an average increase of 13½ percent. Now getting from 35 to 85 cents an hour, they had asked for 30 to 34 cents more per hour. One week vacancies with pay also were proposed by the board for these men.

AWARD GIVEN FOR LOST HEIRLOOMS

Salem, Nov. 25.—(P)—Mrs. Natalie Allen Voyt of Roseburg won a \$4,184.50 judgment today against Bekins Moving and Storage company for loss of several hundred pieces of priceless sterling silver, when the circuit supreme court upheld Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker in a 4 to 2 decision.
Among the items lost were a snuff box presented to an ancestor by George Washington, and a pearl brooch presented to her grandmother by Princess Eugenie of France when the grand-mother was presented to court. Mrs. Voyt stored the silver in a vault at the Bekins company and the silver was stolen.

SKUNK IN GREENHOUSE BEATS OWNER TO DRAW
Emporia, Kas., Nov. 25.—(P)—Greenhouses ordinarily wear a pleasant perfume. That's why Mayor Ora Rindom, who is a florist, was beginning to sniff suspiciously.
He opened a skunk drawer and out jumped a skunk. The mayor grabbed a gun but the malodorous kitten beat him to the draw.

All the roses in the place couldn't help.
A coastal highway 530 miles long has been completed, under Japanese auspices, in Hainan island, off the Kwangtung coast of China.