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## Weekend Roundup

THAT tremendous bustle down town Saturday (and likely to continue for the first two days of the week) is all pointed in one direction—giving.  
 The people rushing hither and yon through the business district are bent on the friendly mission of doing something for others.  
 It is the spirit of Christmas. It is steeped in the tradition of Christmas. It makes Christmas the best day of the year, and for some reason it always seems to us that the Christmas just ahead is going to be the finest Christmas we have ever had, an extra-special Christmas.  
 Bound up in the observance of Christmas are man's finest qualities and experiences. Love, friendship, family, generosity, reverence, religion—they are all big and important words, and they all belong to Christmas. And no one will disagree when we say that we need all of those things more than ever before in these fading days of 1940, with most of the world overrun with confusion, strife, bitterness and terror.

Christmas this year falls on Wednesday. On Sunday, in the churches of the Midland Empire, services will be held in observance of the true significance of Christmas—the birth of Christ.

A lot of us do very little church-going. We send the children to Sunday school while we do something else. There are no doubt some of us who do not even go to church on such special occasions as Christmas.

But this year, it should be different. Certainly it is a time for paying allegiance to the principles and the beliefs of Christianity which are, fundamentally, the only hope in a frightened and puzzled world.

Much thoughtful planning and hard work has been put into the Christmas programs by the ministers and their lay aides in our churches. Packed houses will help to repay them for their efforts. Christmas Sunday is an excellent time for going to church.

Closing her work with the end of this year is Mrs. Ethel Wilson, county juvenile officer. Mrs. Wilson will be succeeded by Gerald Murray as the change is made in the circuit judgeship, which has appointive power over the juvenile offices.

Mrs. Wilson has given efficient and loyal service to Klamath county. She has put the juvenile offices on a plane of public confidence which we feel sure will be continued by her successor.

As she prepares to leave for work elsewhere, a word of appreciation and of good cheer for her future is in order. We gladly say it here.

The United Press reports that ducks are now abundant. The hunting season being over, we don't doubt it a bit.

The Dalles Chronicle has just passed its 50th birthday. Congratulations are in order and are here extended to a newspaper that has rendered responsible service to a fine community for half a century.

Klamath high school's Pelican basketball team turned in a smashing victory over the highly-touted Roseburg quintet Friday night. Now we are trying to figure out whether Roseburg came here with an unjustified reputation or Dutch French has been holding out the truth about his team. We are inclined to distrust Dutch, who is inevitably a bear on the hoop market at this time of the year.

Oregonians generally are pleased that Senator Charles L. McNary has recovered from a siege of influenza and pneumonia.

## Reporter Watches Italians, Greeks Fight in Zero Cold

By J. WES GALLAGHER

WITH THE GREEK ARMY ON THE NORTHERN ALBANIAN FRONT, Dec. 21 (AP)—A shivering Italian sentry of Bersaglieri crept furtively about an icy ledge as a zero wind whipped his coat about his legs.  
 "We could kill him if we wished," a Greek officer at my elbow observed.  
 I turned away from my peephole in the observation post in one of the advanced trenches on this front.

In this sector the fighting has reverted for the time being to world-war-type trench warfare because of the terrific cold and the heavy snows.

A short distance ahead of me was a mountain where thousands of Italians are entrenched with a big assortment of artillery.

Behind me was a shell-riddled village; on the right a wind-swept lake; on the left, the mountains held by the Greeks.

The sky was lead grey, flecked with snow flurries.

Trench mortar bombs thudded wickedly. Overhead, there was the crack of shrapnel shells.

Occasionally our post shook from the burst of 6-inch shells nearby.

The Italian sentry was a joke to the Greeks. He moved carefully. A burst from a Greek

rifle would have finished him in a minute.  
 "There is no use killing him," the Greek officer, tall and tanned, explained. "He cannot see anything, and every time one of our men feels cold all he has to do for comfort is look at the Italian sentry."  
 But from their trenches, several hundred feet above the virtually deserted village the Italians were shooting at everything that moved in the little valley in the daylight. They were using machine-guns and the 6-inch shells.

The fact that they were dug in higher than the Greeks made it colder for them.

The Greeks were surprised when we showed up. They had not seen any other newspapermen.

As we drove an ancient station wagon out of the mountain path leading to the village a soldier told us the valley road was under fire.

When we reached the valley floor, the driver went 60 miles an hour and we raced down the shell-pitted road until we were stopped at a Greek outpost.

WHOOOSH!  
 THE DALLES, Ore. (AP)—Linus Bartholdi claimed a speed record after traveling eight miles in four hours.  
 He was moving a house.

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Airplane production descended recently to a point 15 per cent below the output last summer when the defense program was just starting, according to confidential figures obtained by congressmen who have made personal surveys. Defense Leader Knudsen has publicly agreed production is 30 per cent under advance expectations, but this new figure is the first indication the job is bringing smaller results than at the beginning.

These same congressional authorities find the trouble is not entirely attributable to the aviation industry. Fuselages and wings are being turned out fast enough, but bottlenecks have developed in supplies of modernized refinements and gadgets. In one case, planes are all finished excepting light armor plate around the gun cockpits and this cannot be obtained. In another case, only a shortage of a special kind of magnetos is holding up the finished product.

Navy plane production is far better from this standpoint of gadget bottlenecks than the army. The navy and army have been competing confusingly against each other for supplies in which shortages exist. But the navy received its appropriation first and got into the market first. Coordination apparently is lacking.

The resulting opinion developing among the legislators is that too many gadgets have become standard equipment on modern fighting aircraft. The Germans give only their squadron leaders all modern navigation devices, leaving the great bulk of their planes to operate on the simplest instruments which can be quickly produced.

### VETO UPHELD

Mr. Roosevelt won a strong victory when the house failed to pass the Walter-Logan bill over his veto—but not without some heavy arranging.

The job was in charge of Speaker Rayburn and Leader McCormack who worked it out with neat thoroughness. With one-third of the house away doing Christmas buying at home, a silent alarm was sounded for the big city delegations—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.—to rush to the rescue. The Tammany delegation, which comes down only on important occasions, entrained a nearly full attendance to vote with the president. The Chicago and Philadelphia delegations were likewise present en masse to vote.

Their contribution to the 127 White House votes stacked up formidable against the partially absent opposition. Only 153 votes were mustered against the president, a majority, but far less than the necessary two-thirds (and 49 votes less than had been cast for the bill when it passed last spring).

A few of those who originally voted for the bill were persuaded to switch over to join the president. The leadership argument used with telling effect upon them in the cloakroom was that the Walter-Logan bill was a minor issue compared to the blow that might be dealt Mr. Roosevelt's prestige if his veto were over-riden at this particular time "when the world is afire."

These arrangements prevented a very close vote, although Mr. Roosevelt would no doubt have won by a narrow margin without them.

### NAVY DEAL

Initial feelers for more destroyers have been quietly made by the British. Mild official denials that another such deal is contemplated, however, have discounted the probability that another transfer is imminent.

One large snag may be the trouble Mr. Roosevelt personally has encountered in getting the naval bases promised in the last deal. As first recounted in this column November 20, the British have either delayed or found objection to sites desired in Trinidad and some of the other Caribbean islands, including one in the Bahamas. Mr. Roosevelt himself had some unsatisfactory experiences in trying to straighten the matter out during his trip. One good authority says he was flatly told he could not have the site he wanted.

Whether or not he is upset about it, the navy and army officials certainly are.

### BRACING DISCOVERY

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Twenty-five years ago Carpenter E. A. Ellington, while working on an addition to the postoffice building, lost a brace and bit.

Now working on another addition to the building, Ellington found the brace and bit, which were in good condition in a crevice inside the first addition.

## SIDE GLANCES



"And I thought I'd get out of running a tractor on my old man's farm by joining the army!"

### Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions, following these rules, are warmly welcome.

### WHAT IS WRONG?

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In your editorial of December 16, "Chalk Up the Gains," I am happy to note you quote Professor Bernard Ostrolenk, and these are not necessarily our editor's personal views. It would be of value to, we the people of the United States, to have the eminent economist give us a few more facts relative to his statement as to how much better off we are now than during the period prior to 10 years ago he mentions.

How many who are "better fed, better clothed, have more invisible servants" (doing away with the real flesh and blood servant, who was equipped for that profession, and who could earn \$50 to \$60 per month clear with no washing or ironing, or heavy work, with one day a week off, and extra pay when we had large dinner parties) "educated more young people" (because there is nothing for them to do when they graduate) shorter working hours and better working conditions? If notice he evades the better wages. "Are able to pay cash for all these WONDERFUL things that are our inheritance."

Up to 10 years ago, it was considered humiliating for even the poor working man to purchase food, clothing, and electrical equipment, etc., on monthly payments, let alone, with nothing down and three years to pay. Instead, now it is humiliating not to have these things, and the high powered salesmen make it seem so easy, till we are loaded up till the conscientious can't sleep nights trying to figure how we can meet these obligations with an unstretchable income.

Then after three years of intensive study and worry, we hope to take a long breath, only to find these "invisible servants" are outmoded, or worn out, and it is to our advantage (so the high-powered salesmen convince us) we are losing money by keeping these servants, and we start all over again, making payments.

I am not too old to remember when we bought a vacuum cleaner, washing machine, electric stove, and even a \$2205 car, paying cash for each article when purchased. After using the washing machine for 10 years, it still did its job efficiently, and we sold it only when moving from that locality.

Mind you, we were not one of the hated BIG BUSINESS MEN, but had a soft drink business with individual sales amounting to from five to 25 cents.

There was no organization to stipulate the hours we could work, although our employees had eight hour shifts, six days a week. Our few openings were in demand, on account of their fair treatment. Yet we demanded both promptness and efficiency.

Organization, which make all sorts of pro- use of being bonafide union is often take in this type of individuals and make leaders of them. These fellows will be heard to say, at times, such things as, the workers are not capable of representing themselves and must have the right of securing outsiders to bargain with the employers for them.

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not capable of representing themselves and must have the right of securing outsiders to bargain with the employers for them.  
 Ideas which anyone secures of things at a distance are acquired mostly by logical deduction. Such a method of adding to our knowledge is valuable, especially when it comes to giving us an understanding of the connections between things and the connecting together of ideas. Those who have not the habit and faculty of using logical comparison in connecting the ideas gained by their experiences become anarchistic in their ideas and beliefs. But ideas of things gained by logic are only the hull of the truth, but it takes experience to put in the meat of the question. But it is just those ideas gained mostly by logic which seem to us to be the most completely and absolutely right. This is the reason our intellectuals are so conceitedly sure that they know so much of things concerning which they know so little.

Unions which meet the actual needs of workers will be built by workers, who have had experience on the actual work, and who have had experience in the job branch of the organization they are building. The properly organized and functioning job branch is the foundation upon which the entire structure of union organization rests.

Give us a truce you intellectuals, you politicians, you teachers, you preachers, you labor leaders who have been removed from the actual job so long you no longer know what job conditions are, a truce with your condescending advice and your conceited and dictatorial attempts at running labor organizations.

Wake up you workers. A job needs doing now. You are the only ones that can do it. Many workers are in the C. I. O. and its lumber industry affiliated the I. W. A. doing their part in this. If this job is not done the blame will rest on you workers who are not in the organization, and those who belong but are not actively taking part in their union's activities and work, and upon you alone.

O. O. WOMACK.  
**DISABLED VETS**  
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—It occurred to me to say something in reply to the letter of Mr. E. E. Benner, one of our venerable county commissioners, which appeared in the Evening Herald on the eighteenth instant. The writer is in favor of extending aid to the sick and disabled veterans, and this is known to every active veteran in Klamath county. However, I dislike to see Mr. Benner bring in the sick veterans into his argument, which, it seems to me, amounts to support for Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin. This country is committed to the policy of aiding Great Britain on the theory that that is the best line of defense for the United States. Both Mussolini and Hitler have already stated that they have a score to settle with the United States. I believe, therefore, that the United States has pursued the wise course by aiding Great Britain while we still have an ally in the world, rather than waiting for Great Britain to be defeated so that Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini and Hirohito, with their combined navies and armies (including the British navy) can all pile in upon us at once when we will have to fight all of them alone. If we are going to argue aid to Great Britain and opposition to the dictators, let's do that but keep the sick and disabled veteran question out of it.

The sick veteran question should not be lugged into our opposition to Hitler and Mussolini, but the disabled veterans' cause is good enough to stand

on its own bottom. Here the important question is what is best for the United States.  
 Yours very truly,  
 J. H. CARNAHAN.

**THE CHRISTMAS STAR**  
 By Lydia Owen Hohe  
 A high white star at Christmas we see,  
 The glorious symbol of a dream to be;  
 Up the mount of high ideals we must climb  
 To gain the heights of this star sublime;  
 To reach these heights we'll struggle in vain  
 Without we're willing to endure some pain,  
 But we have much pleasure along the trail  
 For old-time friends will never fail.

Long years we've spent in life's great class—  
 The school that has taught us to surpass—  
 But this is just the foundation of a life,  
 To build upon this will require some strife,  
 And so we have need of a guiding star  
 To point us to where higher vistas are,  
 And along with ideals we must have some fun  
 So that's how Merry Christmas cards began!

Christmas reminds us of each happy bygone day,  
 Christmas cards scatter love along the way,  
 They glitter with glories of the Christmastide,  
 They shout to all that love ever will abide;  
 The gift supreme, the one that measures all,  
 They open the door to memory's golden hall,  
 Return each precious hour of the yesteryear,  
 Those holy hours retrospect makes so dear.

But while you laugh and sing and speak of love,  
 Don't forget that white star shining up above;  
 Regild all those glorious dreams of old,  
 Look forward eagerly to blessings manifold,  
 For Christmas closes last year's pass gate,  
 Ambitions, wondrous visions, it will illuminate;  
 We wish for you success that is stable and sure,  
 Christmas happiness and joy that will endure!

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Lyrics of 1940, Caravan of Verse, New York.  
**STAR OF BETHLEHEM**  
 Your light burned bright with hope that night,  
 To guide the wise men on their way,  
 Oh Star of Peace, what mockery bedims your guiding light today!  
 Edythe Charline Switzer.

**Courthouse Records**  
 (FRIDAY)  
**Marriage Applications**  
 BELL - LITTLE—Carl Henry Bell, 24, truck driver. Resident of Klamath Falls, native of Arkansas. Bernice Geraldine Little, 19, housewife. Resident of Klamath Falls, native of California.

**Complaint Filed**  
 Frank A. Cook and Grace Cook, husband and wife, versus the Great Northern Railway company. Plaintiff demands \$1500 damages and \$500 property for alleged unlawful use of plaintiff's property. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

**Justice Court**  
 Eblin Glen Weeks. Failure to procure operator's license. Fined \$25 or sentenced to 10 days in the county jail. Committed.  
 Fred Nale. Overloading truck. Fined \$25, \$10 suspended.  
 Wilbur J. Smith. No PUC permit. Case continued.  
 Fred Douze. No PUC permit and over length truck. \$45 bond posted. Case continued.

**COLD TIP**  
 NEW YORK, (AP)—The bomb squad, always alert these days, rushed to the National History Museum, where a "suspicious" suitcase was found in some bushes.  
 It contained a prescription for nose drops.

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