

Be Reminded By Santa Claus' Visit Saturday That Membership in the "Good Fellow Club" Is Still Open. Fees Are Toys for Kiddies in Needy Families.

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 68%
Highest temperature yesterday 52
Lowest temperature last night 47
Precipitation for 24 hours . . . . . 64
Precip. since first of month . . . . . 1.21
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 . . . . . 9.01
Excess since Sept. 1, 1938 . . . . . 11
Rain.

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France and Italy are snarling at each other over the north African colony, and serious results impend. Don't miss developments. Follow them through NEWS-REVIEW wire service, world-wide in coverage.

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DESTRUCTIVE GALE LASHES OREGON COAST

Editorials ON THE Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AMONG the world's messes, consider that of France.
With a powerful and ambitious Germany facing her across the Rhine; with Italy, Germany's ally, threatening to establish a base of operations at her back door, in Spain; with Britain, upon whose armed might France has leaned dependently for long decades, weakening rapidly, France is faced with INTERNAL turmoil amounting almost to civil war.

FRANCE flinches herself in the position of a half dozen men marooned in a cabin in the deep forest and surrounded by hungry wolves but so busy FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES as to have little time left to fight off the wolves.

FRANCE, for years, has been flinching with the something-for-nothing idea, complicated by demagogic-inspired class hatreds. As a result, efficiency has declined and PRODUCTION HAS FALLEN.

In Europe, in these days, production means pretty largely production of war materials.

IT is as if you were a Kentucky feudsmen and spent so much of

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INSURGENTS BOMB DEPARTING YANKS

LA TOUR DE CAROL, France, (at the Spanish Frontier), Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Spanish insurgent airforce, by chance or design, today took a parting shot at the government's Lincoln-Washington battalion by bombing a railway at the Franco-Spanish frontier as more than 300 demobilized American volunteers left Spain.

Five insurgent planes plunged 18 bombs on the railway outside the Spanish border town of Alp, shortly after the Americans had crossed into France.

This was the largest exodus of American fighters since the Barcelona government decided to release all foreigners in its international brigades.

The volunteers, standing in safety on the railway station platform of this French border town, watched the bombs fall a few hundred yards away.

Departure of the greater part of the American recruits had been well publicized. Some of the contingent believed the insurgent airforce must have known of it.

Government anti-aircraft batteries at Puigcerda across the border from La Tour de Carol drove the raiders away.

Cities Warned U. S. Nearing End Of Promiscuous Santa Claus Role

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A warning U. S. cities must soon expect to see "Uncle Sam lay down the role of promiscuous Santa Claus to local governments," was sounded today before the National Municipal league.

Thomas H. Reed, former University of Michigan professor and consultant on governmental problems, coupled his warning with criticism of the new deal for its tendency "to pauperize local governments and make them dependent."

Kidnapers Liberate Girl, Uninjured

Father Can't Pay Ransom, Captors Told

OXON HILL, Md., Dec. 2.—(AP)—William B. Brown, father of 18-year-old Mary Brown, who disappeared at her home last night after a 20-hour absence, said today she was abducted by men who mistakenly thought he could pay a ransom.

When his daughter, a business school student, convinced the men he was unable to pay any ransom, he said, they released her.

She arrived haggard and in tattered clothes at the Brown home last night, saying the men had freed her from an automobile a short distance from the farm house where she lives.

The girl was in fairly good condition, her father said. A doctor examined her and declared she had not been harmed. The girl said she had twice become unconscious and thought she had been struck in the stomach.

Mary had been kept in a hut ever since she was abducted, she told the family.

Clothes Burned Brown gave this statement to the press this morning: "My daughter came home last night about 10 o'clock.

"The kidnapers let her out about one-half mile down the road from the entrance to our farm. It was near Hanson Branch. She came home wearing only a slip. She said the men burned all her clothes.

"She spent a restful night. The doctor examined her and found she had not been harmed in any way by her experience.

"Mary said after she was shoved in the truck (described as the abductor's vehicle) she was driven at fast speed to a hut where she was kept on a mattress. A

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KILLS STUDENT IN FEAR OF ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Earl Matthews, 14-year-old high school student, was shot and killed today shortly after he left home to attend mass and communion.

Carroll C. Coffeen, 56-year-old apartment manager, told police in a written statement: "I shot him because I feared he was going to hold me up."

The youth was killed at the rear of a duplex which is across the street from the Guardian Angel church, which he had planned to attend.

The youth's mother said he probably was late for the 6 o'clock mass and was loitering near the church, waiting for the next mass at 7 o'clock.

Two Swallow Marbles, Third Downs Watch

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Mary Genova, 19, had a perfect right to complain of severe pains in her stomach, doctors decided, after x-rays revealed 31 full-sized marbles.

Mary explained she and a friend each had swallowed a number of marbles on a "date" from neighborhood youths whose sled they wished to borrow.

Mary's girl friend has reported no ill effects.

Both enjoyed the sled ride very much, Mary added as an afterthought.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Detective Joseph Mock arrested Edith Morris, 24, at a pawnshop, took her to a precinct station and asked her what happened to a \$350 wrist watch that disappeared from the home of Fred D. Ketchum.

She said she swallowed it. X-rays corroborated her. Detective Mock looked her on a charge of having stolen property in her possession.

The show will be set up Monday, Dec. 5. All live and dressed birds are to be delivered on that date and must be in place by 6 p. m.

Residents of Oakland have prepared the quarters occupied each year by the show; have set up coops and all equipment, and have everything in readiness for the receipt of the birds. Experts in the care of fowls will see that the live birds are given proper attention while on display.

The show will open to the public at 9 a. m. Tuesday, at which time judging will be started in both the live and dressed divisions.

Judges Chosen Judges in the live division will be H. P. Griffin, Salt Lake City, Utah, and J. H. Nichols, Tacoma, Wash. Both are experienced poultry judges. Mr. Griffin having served the Northwestern show for many years. In the dressed division the judges will be M. H. Shook of Roseburg and F. E. Fox, Oregon State college, Corvallis. The practice of the judges in doing their work publicly and pointing out the

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ONE UTILITY SYSTEM, NEBRASKA PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes approved today a plan for adjustment under which two Nebraska public power districts may purchase private utility properties to create the nation's first non-competitive, statewide public power system.

Ickes consented to modification of an indenture securing PWA bonds on the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation district and the Loup River Public Power district.

The districts had requested the change, Ickes said, so they could sell bonds to investment houses and finance purchase of private utility properties.

Officials of the two districts are negotiating with bankers and owners of the private electric properties with a view to selling the necessary bonds and agreeing on a price for the properties.

The districts, established by the state, have built extensive generating facilities with PWA financial assistance and are now extending their distribution facilities.

Ickes said the decision to purchase the private properties and the arrangements for financing were distinct matters and the question he had to decide was whether the interests of the government would be jeopardized by the purchase.

Terms and conditions had been worked out which would protect the federal interest and the value of the bonds now held by the government as security for PWA loans, Ickes said.

U. S. DUNS THIRTEEN WAR DEBT NATIONALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Thirteen European powers received reminders today they now owe the United States government \$2,651,767,241 on debts left over from the last war.

The amount due December 15 increases by \$160,217,334 the previously due sum of \$1,891,489,906 and thus shows the total unpaid above the \$2,000,000,000 mark.

POSTOFFICE SAFE AT TIMBER CRACKED

Turkeydom's Aristocrats Soon to Bow

The Tenth Annual Northwestern Turkey show, which for many years has been the world's largest exclusive turkey fair, will be held next week at Oakland, starting 10 years ago as a three-day event, the show has grown in size and importance until a three-day period has been found too short and it is now continued for an entire week.

Cash merchandise and special prizes, valued at more than \$2,500, coupled with scores of handsome cups, plaques and trophies will go to exhibitors, who, from present indications, will be fully as great in number as ever before.

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HARDER HITTING INFANTRY PLANNED

U. S. Army to Have Better Guns; Vehicles to Oust Horses and Mules.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A new streamlined infantry regiment, smaller but far more mobile and harder hitting than either its world war counterpart or the regiment of today, has received war department approval.

Moving by motor truck and armed with semi-automatic rifles, it is intended to become a major unit in the high speed army on wheels which is being developed to keep pace with post-war trends.

While officials made public details of these plans today, Secretary Woodring reported to President Roosevelt national defense requirements may hasten construction of a third and possibly larger set of locks for the Panama canal.

His report followed closely his recommendation to Mr. Roosevelt that the canal be made "impregnable."

Huge Cost Involved. Current surveys, which will be speeded up, contemplate new facilities costing \$150,000,000 or more, to be ready about 1960. Begun in 1956, the surveys were ordered by congress to meet expected increased demands from merchant craft and warships of larger size and from a greater flow of traffic.

Officials who told of the new infantry plans said three of the new regiments will undergo field tests for a year in Texas as a part of a projected smaller infantry division.

At full war strength, the new unit has but 2,411 officers and men, contrasted with the world war's 3,742 and the present 3,069.

Whereas the 1917-18 regiment was armed with 3,200 Springfield, single-shot rifles, and the existing regiment has 1,852 such weapons, the new organization will give 1,492 semiautomatic rifles, giving triple fire power. It also will have heavier and more numerous machine guns and artillery weapons.

Horses, Mules to Go. The horse and mule have been

CIO STRIKE SHUTS FISHER BODY PLANT

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Fisher Body company's plant No. 1, employing from 6,000 to 7,000 men, closed at 12:30 p. m., when members of the CIO union, automobile workers walked out on strike.

The men left the plant a few minutes after completion of a strike vote taken in connection with a prolonged dispute over wage rates in the press and metal departments of the plant. UAW officials said the men voted 3,434 to 433 for the strike.

The plant, scene of one of the first sit-downs in the General Motors strikes of 1957, has been employing 6,400 men.

Company officials said sufficient workers had left their jobs so it was impossible to continue operations.

Santa Claus to Receive Warm Welcome Here

Arrival Saturday, 1:30 p. m., in North Roseburg to Be Followed by Parade and Program.

SANTA CLAUS, Italian head . . . . . PAGE ONE

Official opening of the Christmas shopping season in Roseburg will be featured Saturday afternoon by an advance visit from Santa Claus and a treat for all boys and girls of Roseburg and vicinity.

Accepting the invitation of the Roseburg chamber of commerce for an inspection of the Roseburg shopping district, which has been made ready for the rush buying season preceding the holidays, Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Roseburg at 1:30 a. m. Saturday.

He will be met at the triangle north of Deer creek bridge, and will parade through the business district, riding on a city fire truck and preceded by the school band. Several youngsters on bicycles, skates and on foot, are expected to participate in the parade.

Following the parade there will be a program at the armory, where Santa Claus will distribute prizes to winners in the letter writing contest sponsored by the fire department, and will give candy and fruit to all of the youngsters present.

Engineer Warned Too Late. Screaming through a December sleet storm which had put it more than an hour behind schedule on a run from Denver, the "Flying Ute" fastest freight train on the Denver and Rio Grande western line, plowed into the loaded school bus near suburban Mile, 10 miles south of Salt Lake City.

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MINISTER SHOT TO DEATH; SON HELD

BAINBRIDGE, O., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Dr. Russell H. Bready, about 60, Methodist minister in this town of 800 and former Pontiac, Mich., mayor, was found slain here early today.

Shot in the temple, Dr. Bready's body was found crumpled on a sidewalk two blocks from the Methodist parsonage.

Sheriff Joseph Vincent ordered Dr. Bready's 22-year-old son, Robert, an accountant, detained for questioning.

Marshall Earl Edington of Bainbridge said blood was in the downstairs of the parsonage and in three upstairs rooms. An automatic pistol was found under a pillow in a bedroom.

Young Bready, when questioned by Marshall Edington and Deputy Sheriff Dan Lowery, said he couldn't remember a thing since last night when he was sitting beside a radio drinking.

A bottle of apple wine was found in the parsonage.

Taken to view his father's body, the son said: "Father's dead."

Young Bready returned to Bainbridge a year ago and told neighbors he had been fighting with the loyalist forces in Spain.

Dr. Bready took the Bainbridge pastorage about four years ago. His wife died last July.

Besides his son, Robert, Dr. Bready is survived by another son, Russell, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and two daughters, Mrs. Stewart Watson of Detroit and Mrs. W. W. Kinney of Warsaw, Ind.

POND SAVES CHILD FROM BULL'S HORNS

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schooner owed his life today to a pond of water near Nehalem that had been left by a high tide.

The boy was attacked by a bull while playing in a nearby field. The animal tossed the lad into the pond.

Train-Bus Crash Dead Placed at 23

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 2.—(AP)—With the death of a youth early today, toll of the nation's worst school bus-train disaster rose to 23 identified victims.

Sixteen youths, all occupants of the crowded bus that was hit 10 miles south of here yesterday by a speeding freight train roaring through an early-morning snowstorm, were injured, three critically.

Salt Lake general hospital authorities said one badly mangled body remained unidentified. However, morgue attendants said it was possible the mangled form was part of one or several of the identified children.

Some of the dead were so badly mangled parents were not allowed to see the bodies.

"The remains are complete enough to represent one or even two bodies and we shall have to regard them as a separate entity until we are positive more children were not killed," said one morgue worker.

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Litigant Hurls Tomatoes at 2 British Judges

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A disappointed litigant stood up today in the august court of appeals and bombarded two bewigged lord justices with tomatoes.

He missed, but the justices, Sir Charles Clauson and Sir Raynor Goddard, gave him six weeks in prison for gross contempt of court.

Earlier in the morning the litigant, Frank Harrison, had been reprimanded for an appeal.

He departed muttering. After a while he returned, his coat bulging. As the lord justices arose for luncheon, Harrison stood up in the back of the courtroom and shouted: "I want justice!"

Then he began pulling tomatoes from under his coat and opened fire.

Neither justice was hit but one overripe missile squashed against the woodwork just over the Hon. Mr. Justice Clauson's full bottomed wig.

"Send for the upstaff," thundered the Hon. Mr. Justice Clauson and the bailiff arrested Harrison.

"You're not worth your blasted salt," Harrison shouted, "it's a pity I'm not a better shot."

PENITENTIARY TERM HANDED WM. MAYER

70-Year-Old Manslaughter Culprit Sentenced to 7-and-Half Years.

Sentence of seven and one-half years on each of two counts of involuntary manslaughter was imposed here this morning by Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly upon William Mayer, 70-year-old Marshfield resident. The sentence will run concurrently. Mayer was convicted by a circuit court jury of imprudent driving of an automobile and causing a collision at

Deady which fatally injured Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Moore of Roseburg, Oct. 22.

Judge Wimberly told Mayer, who had pleaded temporary insanity and lapse of memory, that he concurred in the findings of the jury which rejected the plea and stated that he believed Mayer's condition at the time of the accident was one of "blind rage."

The court ordered immediate medical attention for Mayer, who complained of illness.

Attorney R. L. Whipple, appointed by the court to defend the elderly defendant, pleaded for clemency because of Mayer's age and physical condition.

Judge Wimberly declared he recognized that the defendant probably would not survive the period of the sentence, but that he had committed an offense which had snuffed out the lives of two innocent people and that the court must perform a duty in protection of society.

The sentence was one-half of the maximum penalty provided under the law as punishment for the crime charged.

MRS. A. ROBERTSON DIES IN ROSEBURG

Mrs. Amelia Ruth Robertson, 44, died suddenly at her home in this city Thursday. Born in Finland, Jan. 18, 1894, she came to the United States at the age of 23 years. She had been a resident of Roseburg for the past five years, coming to this city from Long Beach, California, where she was a member of the Christian Science church.

Surviving is a daughter, Virginia E. Cooke, Roseburg.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral Home. Arrangements for services have not been made.

Request For Prosecution of Bund, Reds Studied by Dept. of Justice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The justice department is studying seriously a request for prosecution of the communist party, the German-American bund and some other organizations for failing to register as agents of foreign principals.

Representatives Dies (D-Tex.) recently asked the state department that such action be taken. Dies, chairman of the house committee investigating un-American activities, asserted evidence presented to his committee indicated the communist party was an agent of the communist Third International, which maintains headquarters at Moscow.

Shipping Tied, Air Schedules Interrupted

Communication Lines Are Down, Roads Blocked; Two Winchester Bay Crabbers Saved.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—A warm but violent gale drenched western Oregon today, leaving a trail of destruction and at least one death.

Air transport lines cancelled scheduled flights. Ships stood on both sides of the Columbia river bar, unable to cross. Several communications lines to coastal communities were out.

Blinding rain and slippery streets caused the death here of Clyde M. Barrett, 41, killed when he was struck by an automobile shortly after midnight.

The United States weather bureau at North Head, mouth of the Columbia, forecast continuation of a 50-mile gale which struck there this morning.

9 Ships Stay Outside. At least nine ships stood by outside the Columbia, unable to cross into the river although the pilot schooner Columbia wallowed in rough seas three miles out in an attempt to reopen shipping stagnated since Tuesday.

The French freighter Granville headed out this morning but was stopped by a dangerous bar. The Point Adams coast guard station said it was warning all shipping of the bar's condition.

Falling trees and slides endangered secondary highways on the coast. A terrific wind at Toledo halted an inventory at the C. D. Johnson Lumber corporation when tops of lumber piles were shipped off, forcing workers to shelter.

Cool Bay Bar Rough. At Marshfield, trees were falling, but no serious damage was reported. Trains ran on time, although communications lines were down part of the morning.

Three ships and the coast guard cutter Polaski stood by outside the entrance to Coos bay, unable

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OREGON PROPERTY VALUATION FIXED

SALEM, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The assessed valuation of all property in Oregon was estimated by the state tax commission today at \$740,477,040, or slightly more than \$200,000,000 less than the record of 10 years ago.

"There is nothing to indicate that property locally assessed is likely to regain any great part of the over \$200,000,000 lost during depression years," the commission said.

The total assessment is 3 of one per cent more than two years ago, low point of the depression.

Valuations amount to \$158,928,188, an increase of 1.0 per cent in two years.

LETHAL GAS TAKES WARDEN'S KILLERS

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 2.—(AP)—California used the lethal gas chamber for the first time today when Albert Kessell, 29, and Robert L. Cannon, 39, died together for slaying Warden Clarence Larkin in a futile attempt to escape from Folsom prison Sept. 19, 1937.

The prison physician pronounced them dead 15 minutes after they entered the cell.

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS