ACCIDENTS' TOLL IN U. S. REDUCED

CHICAGO, Jan. 31 —(AP)—The National Safety council announced today the nation's accidental deaths were reduced by 10,200 in 1938, the greatest improvement ever recorded in a single year.

Last year's fatalities totaled 95,000, the council made known, the lowest aggregate since 1933 and a 10 per cent decline from the 1937 figure of 105,200. The greatest previous decrease was in 1919 when the total was 9,600 below the figure for 1918.

The safety experts disclosed further 700,000 fewer persons were disabled by injuries in 1938 than in 1937, and the economic loss from accidental deaths and injuries was cut by $400,000,000. Last year's disabling injuries totaled 9,200,000, and the economic loss was $2,200,000,000.

The council said the improvement was general in every classification of accidents except the domestic one. For the first time in 19 years, accidental deaths in the home exceeded the number of traffic fatalities.

Except for 1932 and 1933, last year's accidental death rate of 73 for 100,000 population was the lowest since 1922, and only six years, the council reported, had lower rates since national records first became available in 1900. Those years were 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1932 and 1933.

The chief factor in the country's exceptional showing was a 19 per cent reduction in traffic deaths, a saving of 7,640 lives, and a drop from 39,643 in 1937 to 32,000 in 1938.

THOUSANDS DANCE FOR PARALYSIS FUND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Far into this morning, dancers and diners over the nation carried on their celebration of President Roosevelt's 57th birthday anniversary, in the interest of stamping out infantile paralysis.

A dozen movie, stage and radio actors who gathered in the White House just before last midnight to hear the president broadcast his thanks to celebrants at 25,000 parties, were honor guests at seven Capital balls. They ended their complex schedule at 2 a. m., at a $25 "gold plate" hotel breakfast which several members of the Roosevelt family attended.

Several thousand others danced at the seven balls, which were highlighted by visits from Mrs. Roosevelt and the actors. Twenty cars with police escorts whizzed the celebrities through the streets.

Mrs. Roosevelt, in red with a white fox fur, made the best time around the circuit. Beginning late at 10:30 p. m., she attended seven dances, cut a birthday cake at the last one, and was back at the White House at 12:20 a. m., to greet guests after the broadcast, to which she had listened attentively at her last stop.

In his brief talk, the president said:

"Infantile paralysis is an enemy that neither slumbers nor sleeps."

Explaining that the national foundation for infantile paralysis last year received all the net proceeds of the birthday celebrations, he said half the receipts this year would go to the foundation and the other half to the communities participating.

THAWING DYNAMITE EXPLODES; TWO DIE

FORT COLLINS, Colo., Jan. 31.—(AP)—The explosion of three truckloads of burning dynamite that killed two workers at a cement plant six miles north of Fort Collins might have killed more than a score had it happened a minute or two later.

Twenty-five workers at the Colorado-Portland Cement company plant were dragging a hose line toward the burning explosives when the dynamite detonated late yesterday, leaving a crater and a mass of splintered wood and crushed automobiles where the plant garage had stood.

"A little later and there would have been dead men scattered all over the place," said Fireman Cyril Bone of Fort Collins.

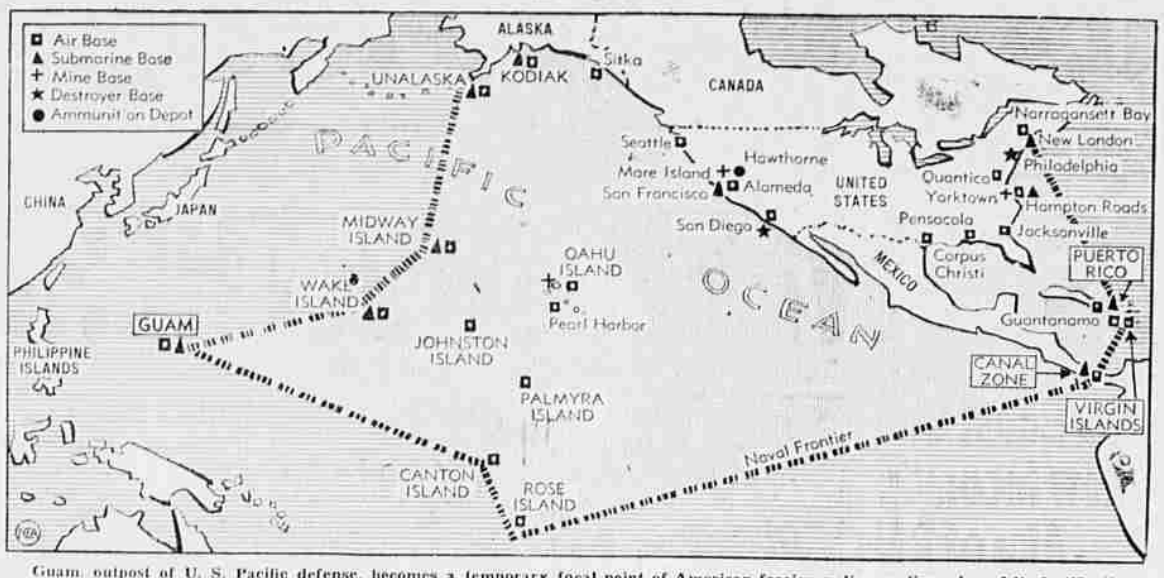
The terrific blast came five minutes after the loaded dynamite, left near a small stove to thaw, caught fire from the stove.

The belief never dynamite could burn without exploding was so general among the plant employes the victims had not hesitated to enter the garage to remove their automobiles from the fire area.

AUTO UPSET HURTS GLENDALE WOMAN

GLENDALE, Ore., Jan. 31.—(Douglas County Specials)—Miss Florence Johnson, Glendale, suffered a fractured collarbone, fractured shoulder and other injuries and Albert Jackson escaped with bruises and shock when the automobile in which they were riding skidded on icy pavement and overturned about eight miles north of Grants Pass Sunday afternoon. Miss Johnson was thrown from the car which fell on her. She was taken immediately to the hospital in Grants Pass where her injuries were treated and where she will be confined for some time. Mr. Jackson was able to return here Sunday evening.

Tiny Island of Guam, in Pacific, Key To U. S. Foreign Policy



Guam, outpost of U. S. Pacific defense, becomes a temporary focal point of American foreign policy as discussion of its fortification begins in Congress. Above map shows the island's position in respect to the Far East and other U. S. Navy bases. Dotted line represents projected U. S. naval frontier.

By BRUCE CATTON

(NEA Service Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—If you want an advance tip on the direction this congress is going in the matter of foreign policy, watch and see what it does with the Hepburn board's recommendation that the island of Guam be fortified.

Guam is a piece of rock some 30 miles long and five or six miles wide, rising by its lonesome far out in the Pacific nearly 3500 miles west of Honolulu and some 1300 from Tokio.

The United States has owned it for 40 years. It is a cable station, a commercial air stopping place, and a minor trading base. Beyond that it has no importance whatever—unless congress decides to turn it into a naval base. And what congress does decide to do in that regard will tell you pretty definitely whether congress is going to adopt an aggressive foreign policy or is going to stick to isolation.

Honolulu is the key to America's western defenses. The great triangle that runs from the Aleutians down through Hawaii to Panama is the front line. Almost impregnable to attack, Honolulu can base the whole United States fleet.

The navy figures that a fortified Guam would help in the defense of Hawaii, but that it isn't really necessary. With Guam defenseless, the navy can still keep any present enemy out of the eastern Pacific.

But unless Guam is fortified and made into an advanced base, the navy people don't see how they can operate very effectively in the Far East. The Philippines can't be defended from Honolulu. Neither could Japan be blockaded, nor aggressive action be undertaken in Chinese waters.

Fortify Guam and fix it so that submarines, bombing planes and other craft could be based there securely, however, and the picture changes. Then the navy could defend the Philippines, blockade Japan, or do practically anything else the nation might want it to do in the Far East.

So, say the navy people, they don't especially care whether Guam is fortified or not but if the government plans to follow an aggressive foreign policy, if it plans to use its fleet in the Pacific for something more than straight continental defense, then it had better go ahead and turn Guam into an advanced base.

Hence the implications of the coming congressional action. Congress is not likely to approve the Guam proposition unless it is also going to follow a "strong line" in foreign affairs.

As a matter of fact, the navy is considerably more interested in Puerto Rico than in Guam.

The Hepburn board also recommended the establishment of a base in Puerto Rico; and this, in the navy's opinion, is important purely from a defensive standpoint.

With a Puerto Rican base the navy could preserve the Caribbean as a private lake. The eastern defenses of the Panama canal would then be secure. There would be no chance of any European power seizing a nearby base for air or submarine attacks on American coastal traffic or American seaports. And the navy would have a secure jumping-off place for a flank attack on any European thrust at South America.

So the navy is vitally interested in Puerto Rico, whereas it is not in Guam. Whether Guam is to be fortified depends on the kind of foreign policy America adopts—and it isn't the navy's job to shape policy. But Puerto Rico is seen as a key piece in the Atlantic defense system.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

SOVIET PLANS THIRD FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

MOSCOW, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The program of the third five-year plan, carrying the secret union on to a "gradual transition from socialism to communism," was published today by the communist party organ Pravda.

The program will be outlined by Molotoff, chairman of the council of people's commissars, before the congress of the communist party March 10.

"Notwithstanding you continued concentration on heavy industry and defense manufacturing and, were added increases in the production of consumer goods. The plan can be fulfilled last year.

"In the third five-year plan," Molotoff wrote, "the U. S. S. R. entered a new stage in development, the stage of completion of the construction of a classless social ist society and the gradual transition from socialism to communism. . . .

"The U. S. S. R. is transformed into an economically independent country, which possesses the most up-to-date, with all strongest technical equipment.

"In the rate of its development the industry of the U. S. S. R. holds first place in the world. In output, it is the volume of its industrial output in the U. S. S. R. in connection with the most advanced, profitable and economically of the capitalist countries must be completely eliminated in order to enable the Soviet people to "consumption" in the Leninist competition with capitalism.

"Now we can and must square. It not effective in practice and accomplish the main economic task of the U. S. S. R. to overtake and surpass in the economic sphere the most developed capitalist countries of Europe and the United States."

ODDITIES

(By the Associated Press)

Record

PHILADELPHIA—For 51 years High School Principal Frank C. Nyeng lived up to his name. He never missed a day at school, either as student or teacher.

Yesterday he did—because of bandages.

His name—Nyeng—is the German equivalent for "never away."

No Excuse

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Louisville's model "safety" corner had a black mark against it today.

Two automobiles crashed at the intersection—which now merely eight safety islands, each with three lights, one stop and go signals and four overhead lights. None was injured.

Hitchhiker's Penalty

MT. PLEASANT, Ill.—Two of Roy Guthman's tourists made a poor choice in cars.

They camped on the front bumper of Guthman's automobile, nearly were thereafter and keeping their balance while Guthman drove seven miles to town, and they were rescued by their owner and sold to a local butcher.

OREGON TOWNSEND WAVE IS EXPLAINED

The real reason why Oregon is one of the strongholds of the Townsend old age pension movement may be found in an Oregon state planning board report, "Oregon Looks Ahead," it is pointed out by compilers of the volume.

This state has more people over 65 years of age in proportion to its population than any other state except Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. At the same time, it has fewer young people, proportionately, than any other state except California and Nevada.

No inferences regarding the Townsend or any other movement are drawn in the report, but it would only be natural to any report of interest to older people to arouse attention here, those who have read the volume point out.

Birth Rate Lowest.

Oregon also has the lowest birth rate of all states, the report says. In 1936 the natural increase per 1,000 dropped to 15 per cent while the birth rate was 14.1 persons per 1,000, compared to that of New Mexico of 27.8 per 1,000.

The low birth rate need occasion no special worry to Oregonians, the report points out. Health conditions are unusually good in this state, which means that a larger proportion of children will survive, and also will live longer lives. Migration into the state will also take care of any needed increase in population.

SPANISH WAR VETS TO MEET IN JULY

McMINNVILLE, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Dr. W. G. Hoffman, Oregon department commander of United Spanish War Veterans, said today the administrative council had appointed Judd Stanfer, Eugene, as department junior vice commander, succeeding Rev. I. G. Shaw, Toledo. Rev. Shaw recently moved to Tacoma.

Hoffman said the state encampment would be held at Newport July 16-19.

LOOTERS OF LIQUOR STORE SENTENCED

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Eldon Cross and Theodore Moore, Chiloquin municipal liquor store robbers, today were given sentences of four years each in state prison. They pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Asburst.

REX APPLEGATE IS NAMED FIRST LIEUT.

EUGENE, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Col. R. M. Lyon, head of the military science department at the University of Oregon, announced the appointment today of Courtney D. Lasselle, Portland, as cadet colonel of the reserve officers' training corps. Rex Applegate of Roseburg and Allen Shepard, Silverton, were named first lieutenants.

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CROP, FEED LOANS NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1939 are now being received at Eugene, Oregon, by V. N. Freeman, field supervisor of the emergency crop and feed loan section of the Farm Credit administration.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1939 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock.

Farmers who can obtain the funds they need from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern are not eligible for crop and feed loans from the emergency crop and feed loan section of the Farm Credit administration. The loans will not be made to standard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Farm Security administration, formerly known as the Resettlement administration.

As in the past, farmers who obtain emergency crop and feed loans will give as security a first lien on the crop financed, or a first lien on the livestock to be fed if the money borrowed is to be used to produce or purchase feed for livestock.

Where loans are made to tenants, the landlord, or others having an interest in the crops financed or the livestock to be fed, are required to waive their claims in favor of a lien to the governor of the Farm Credit administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be mailed from the regional emergency crop and feed loan office at Spokane, Washington.

Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from County Agent J. Roland Parker.

How's Your Health?

WHOOPING COUGH

By IAGO GALDSTON, M. D.

What of whooping cough? Has an effective preventive been developed? Are there any new methods employed in the treatment of the disease? These questions are anxiously asked by many parents. Unfortunately, the answers that can be given to these inquiries must be equivocal.

As to the vaccines, of which there are several kinds now in use, the authoritative opinion is that they cannot as yet be recommended to the public in the same way that smallpox vaccination or immunization against diphtheria is recommended.

The immunizing effects of the whooping cough vaccines have not been definitely established. Statistically, it appears that the vaccines do have a favorable influence in the preventive or modifying disease. But the vaccines have not been perfected so that one can say with certainty that in a given case they will protect the vaccinated child against developing the disease.

On the other hand there is little indication that injections of whooping cough vaccines are harmful. Their use is therefore warranted in younger children of large families and in nurseries.

As to treatment, a number of authorities are convinced that the use of convalescent human serum is of distinct value. Convalescent serum is derived from individuals recovering from the disease.

It is administered by hypodermic injection into muscle tissue in amounts ranging from 10 to 20 cubic centimeters (one-third to two-thirds oz.). If given after the child has been exposed and before the onset of symptoms, the serum may reduce the severity of the disease.

With all this it still remains imperatively necessary to avoid exposing the child to the disease. This is of course not always possible since the symptoms of the disease, especially during its early stages when it is most infectious, are not readily recognized.

However there are some parents who still labor under the impression that whooping cough is something which every child must "go through," and who deliberately allow their children to come in contact with a case in order to "have it over with." This belief is wrong.

Dated in Roseburg To Lead Meeting Of Presbyterians

Because of the situation which the church faces in the world today, there is a need for an understanding of the Christian faith in its relevance to every phase of life. This is the opinion of Dr. George Irving, above, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Irving, who is general director of the department of faith and life of the board of Christian education of the Presbyterian church in the United States, will be in Roseburg Wednesday to conduct a conference on faith and life at the meeting of the Southwest Oregon Presbytery in the First Presbyterian church.

"There is need for a more complete and absolute devotion to the Christian faith as the power of personal and social living," said Dr. Irving when recently interviewed.

Dr. Irving joined the staff of the Presbyterian board of Christian education in 1937. Before assuming his position with the board, Dr. Irving had been for 19 years secretary of the religious work of the national council of the Y. M. C. A. of America. In that capacity, Dr. Irving, serving a continent-wide parish, became known in many cities, churches and colleges of the United States and Canada, not only because of his unusual ability as a speaker, but also because of the results which followed his engagements.

Dr. Irving is the author of several books including, "Experiences in Witnessing for Christ," "Master of Money—A. A. Hyde," and "Present Day Points of Emphasis."

The forest service estimated that the 630,000,000 acres of United States timber land is probably sufficient to meet the country's needs if properly cared for.

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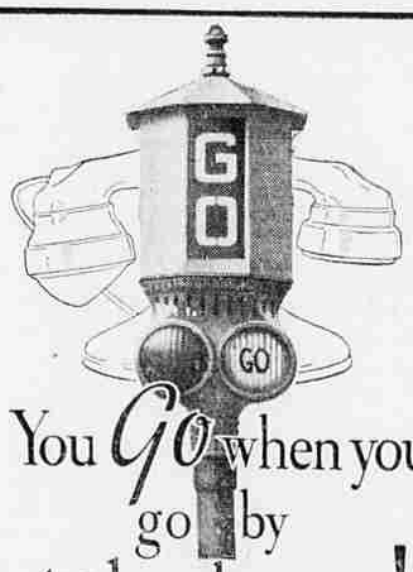

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