

# 15 DIE, 50 Hurt in Double Train Crash

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### Penn. Railway Line in Ohio Tragedy Scene

#### Passenger Train, Laden With Troops, Plows Into Pile-Up of Freight Cars

MANFIELD, O., Dec. 13.—(AP)—An official of the Pennsylvania Railroad estimated today that at least 15 persons were killed and 50 injured when the railroad's "Golden Triangle" passenger train plowed into the wreckage of two freight trains early this morning.

The rail official, who declined to be identified by name, told newsmen at the wreck scene he felt that was a "conservative estimate" after looking over the wreckage left by the pileup which occurred about 2:45 A. M. near Coulter, 12 miles southeast of here.

Five of the known dead were soldiers and three were trainmen.

A railroad spokesman said the soldiers killed were among an Army movement of about 100 officers and men riding on the first two coaches of the "Golden Triangle." He added that the soldiers were en route from Fort Dix, N. J., to Chicago on 12-day furloughs before departing for Japan.

#### Wreck Scene One of Havoc

As five railroad wrecking crews headed toward the scene, this was the condition of the passenger train:

Two locomotives overturned; first coach resting on a freight car; second coach derailed and overturned; the next car, a combination baggage car and coach, derailed and leaning; a coach, diner and one sleeper derailed but upright; seven sleepers upright on the tracks.

Pvt. Chester Harp, 17, of Kenosha, Wis., who received back injuries, said that steam rushing into the first coach back of the engine was "a most terrible thing" and burned many of the 75 soldiers in the car.

### Hope Ebbs for Lost Plane With 32 Men

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Hopes waned today for the 32 men aboard a military transport plane when it disappeared Tuesday afternoon on route here from San Diego, Calif.

While official sources were silent, searchers, chafing under inactivity enforced by some of the worst storm conditions in a decade, expressed fears there can be no survivors of the missing plane.

They were based on Mount Rainier, to begin a search of its slopes, particularly on Nisqually glacier, above the 8,000-foot altitude as soon as the weather permits.

The plane last reported herself south of Toledo, Wash., at 4:13 P.M. Tuesday. Toledo is some 40 miles southwest of the mountain.

Search turned to Mt. Rainier after Park Supt. John C. Preston reported hearing a plane overhead about 4:15 P.M., Tuesday during a heavy downpour, and a ranger at Paradise Valley, near the glacier, also told of hearing the plane.

Preston said that if the plane struck the mountain, it would have been buried in the deep snow, and it may be some time before it can be located even after the weather clears.

### Former Mayor Escapes Indictment in Killing

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A district court grand jury yesterday refused to indict George Brown, 77-year-old former Conesville, Ia., mayor in the shotgun slaying of Dr. A. R. McKeown, former Seattle physician.

Dr. McKeown died last Oct. 19 of wounds suffered when he was struck by a shotgun blast while riding horseback on his farm near here. Dr. McKeown named Brown as his assailant but Brown steadfastly maintained his innocence.

### AWOL Youth Jailed for Hunting Sans License

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—William Kuhn, Jr., the handcuffed youth who escaped from police in a blizzard last month, is serving 90 days for hunting without a license.

He pleaded guilty to the charge, on which police originally arrested him near La Pine in November. He escaped into the snow and was re-arrested at Madras Monday.

Police said he admitted living in an isolated cabin near La Pine since going AWOL from Camp Roberts, Calif., in 1944. Army authorities have been notified.

### Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rasmussen

The recent wave of holocausts indicates that despite the lessons of "Fire Prevention Week," the general situation may still be headlined, "Fire Prevention WEAK."



**COLUMBIAN MEMBERS CONFESS PLOT**—A Hitler-like scheme of the Columbians to take over the government of the United States is confessed to Professor James H. Sheldon (left), administrative chairman of the non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League, by James Ralph Childers (second from right) and Lanier Waller (right), in New York City. Miss Renee Forrest takes their dictation. Childers, 12, who wears the society's "Badge of Honor" for his part in reported flogging of a Negro, stated that the Columbians plan to use hatred of the Negroes to gain white support and that they have ammunition enough to blow the Negroes out of Georgia.

### State's Pressing Need of More Money Explained by Budget Director Geo. Aiken

#### Recommendations of Commission For Tax Increase Based on Requests From Almost Every Department

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.  
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The State Tax Study Commission's recommendations for increased taxes raised the question of why the state needs more money, and State Budget Director George Aiken supplied some of the answers today.

Briefly, these reasons, which will give the legislature its biggest headache when it meets here January 13, are placing the retirement program for state employees into effect, increased commodity costs, increased duties of state departments, higher salaries, higher operating costs, increased welfare needs, and the vastly bigger load being borne by the State University and colleges.

State activities which are dependent upon legislative appropriations got \$30,000,000 in appropriations this biennium, which ends next July 1. They say they need \$49,000,000 for the next biennium, and Aiken is chewing his pencil trying to prune this amount down so the budget will balance.

#### Welfare Costs Soar

The state spent \$15,500,000 for public welfare this biennium, and the requested amount for the next biennium is \$26,110,000. The reason is that old age pensions must be increased so the pensioners can keep body and soul together in these days of inflated rents and food prices, and that the number of pensioners is expected to take a big jump as old people can't get jobs as easily as they did during the war.

The State Board of Higher Education, which got \$12,735,000 for the current biennium, wants \$17,720,369 for the 1947-49 biennium. It says it needs the increase because college and university enrollment in the state is up 235 per cent from the wartime low point, and 500 more staff members are needed.

#### Food Costs Third Higher

State officials think salaries must be increased to keep state employees from looking for jobs in private industries. The cost of food for state institutions is up 33 per cent from two years ago and the same goes for other supplies needed by the institutions.

The state institutions, which got \$9,294,000 this biennium, ask \$13,491,000 for the next one.

The State Fish Commission got \$165,000 this biennium, and it wants to inaugurate a big research and development program. So it asks for \$1,072,000.

#### More Asked For Veterans

The State Department of Veterans Affairs wants \$179,826 compared with \$110,000 this biennium. That's because of increased duties with more veterans discharged than there were two years ago.

Because of expanded activities, including the planned acquisition of Klamath Marine barracks for use as a vocational school, the (Continued on Page Six)

### 500 Driven From Homes By Washington Floods

#### Town of Kent Cut Off From 2 Main Roads

#### Highways Awash, Bridges Threatened; Some Oregon Traffic on 1-Way Basis

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Official estimates counted more than 500 persons evacuated from their homes today as the Pacific Northwest faced renewed devastation from flood with a forecast of intermittent rain continuing all day.

At Kent, apparently hardest hit, the police department estimated between 300 and 400 persons had been removed from their White River Valley homes into the city.

The King County sheriff's office said probably more than 100 persons were being harbored at Renton.

Latest evacuation was of 150 persons from Arlington Flats in the inundated Green River Valley.

Both main highways leading to Kent were closed, one being covered by six feet of swirling water from the Green River, its flood crest swollen by abnormal high tides backing in from Puget Sound.

#### Willamette Not Rampant

In Oregon, the Willamette River managed to carry off additional burdens of water, and stream crests throughout Northwestern Oregon were receding, at least temporarily. The 40-acre State Hospital dairy farm at Pendleton, in Eastern Oregon, was inundated in a flood worse than that of 1945. The flooding Walla Walla River threatened to carry away two bridges, and at Walla Walla sandbags were piled long Mill Creek's banks.

Some of the worst flood conditions in the past decade were reported from Snohomish County, north of Seattle.

#### Slides blocked many roads.

#### Refugees Given Aid

Several hundred were being fed at St. James' Episcopal Church and at a Red Cross canteen set up in the Kent City Hall. Late yesterday, Don Ivor, grocer turned over his store keys to the Episcopal priest, the Rev. Harold T. Shav, and told him to use whatever he needed, without charge. Shay, his wife and two small daughters, worked around (Continued on Page Six)

### Elks Give \$1,000 To Swim Pool Fund

Roseburg Elks Lodge last night voted a donation of \$1,000 to the swimming pool fund, it was announced today by W. J. Mess, fund campaign chairman.

In addition to the Elks' generous contribution, Mess also said that employees of the Mabel Lewis Shop were the first to donate one day's wages to the fund. Carpenters in the Roseburg area are to give their earnings from an extra day's work tomorrow to the swimming pool project.

Mess has been contacting labor and employee groups throughout the city since the start of the swimming pool campaign, receiving financial contributions as well as pledges of support.

Members of Local 235, Culinary Workers, and the Barbers Union, Local 902, have given complete endorsement of the project and plan the contribution of an extra day's earnings, Mess said.

The American Federation of Musicians local in Roseburg Wednesday, with a donation of \$100, were first to give to the fund.

### Police, on Way to Meet, Nab Car Thief Suspect

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Three sergeants of the state police, on their way to a staff meeting at Medford, Thursday noon arrested a man on the Pacific highway, a few miles south of here, because the man ran into the woods from beside a parked automobile when he saw the officers looking him over. The car proved to be the property of A. J. Riechle, Merlin, and had been stolen in Grants Pass a few moments earlier.

Sergeant C. R. Borgman stated the suspect gave the name of William Giles Tretinick, 20, no address, but admitted having been released from San Quentin prison in September.

The three officers who made the arrest were Sergeants Irving Larson, Coquille, Dick Miles, Reedsport, and Paul Morgan, Roseburg.

### Five Slav Nations Band To Nail 'Lies' on Soviet

BELGRADE, Dec. 12.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A new five-nation Slav alliance, urged to "fight against spreading lies against the Soviet Union," emerged today from the All-Slav Congress here.

The organization, set up yesterday as the four-day Congress closed, embraces Russia, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia and 12 component Slavic nationalities.

By recommendation of the Soviet delegate Belgrade was chosen as the permanent seat as an "expression of deep respect for the Yugoslav peoples, who were the first victims of Fascist occupation to unite in the struggle against the enemy."

### Break With Spain Voted By U. N. Group

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The United Nations general assembly today tossed one of its hottest issues into the laps of its 54 members by recommending withdrawal of diplomatic representatives from Franco Spain and a British spokesman immediately announced his country would "very shortly" recall its ambassador from Madrid.

A government source in London said the ambassador would be recalled in accordance with the U. N. resolution, declaring the Franco government to be a "Fascist regime." The embassy probably would be reduced to the status of a legation.

In Madrid a Spanish foreign ministry spokesman said it was "too early" for comment on the U. N. assembly vote.

Diplomats in Madrid who would be affected by the U. N. resolution include ministers from the Dominican republic and El Salvador, which voted against the U. N. resolution, and the Netherlands and Turkey, which abstained from voting. All other U. N. diplomatic missions in Spain are headed by charges d'affaires, some of whom have the personal rank of ministers but not of ministers plenipotentiary.

The United States has had no ambassador at Madrid since the return of Norman Armour.

#### Action Demanded

To strengthen his recommendation for action, the assembly included a clause asking all members to report what action they had taken. It was the assembly's first concrete action against the Falangist regime during its long and bitter debates over what to do with a man who once aligned himself with Hitler and Mussolini.

The final resolution, a compromise gleaned from a series of proposals ranging from outright (Continued on Page Six)

### UNRRA Fund Slash for China Faces Protest

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Dr. J. Heng Liu, chief medical officer of the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Association, told reporters today he would leave by plane tomorrow for Washington to protest a contemplated \$6,000,000 slash in UNRRA's \$41,300,000 budget for China.

He charged that UNRRA's medical supply program has been "very inefficiently handled by UNRRA" headquarters in Washington.

#### Hit-Runster Suspected in Highway Tragedy

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The sheriff's office opened an investigation today in the death of Henry Albert Williams, 63, who was found lying on the highway last night with a deep head gash.

Williams, a millwright, died in a hospital this morning. Deputy sheriffs said he might have been struck by a driver who failed to stop.

### The Weather

Light rain tonight and Saturday.

### Recreational Site Transfer To Rod-Gun Club Authorized Under Restrictive Provisos

Directors of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club, at a regular meeting Thursday night, authorized formal transfer of the club's recently purchased recreational site at Winchester to the club as soon as the restricted deed can be prepared.

Purchased through loans secured by a loan certificate program, the 165-acre tract is still held by trustees, with George West as chairman.

The deed will provide that the property can be neither sold nor mortgaged, that leases can be granted only for the benefit of the club, and that no lease or combined leases can include concessions involving more than a fraction of the property.

In the event the club should be dissolved, or should fail to function for a period of one year, the property shall revert to Douglas County to be retained for public recreational purposes.



**TURKEY SHOW WINNERS**—The Bronze breed carried off major honors at the Northwestern Turkey Show this week. At top are Mr. and Mrs. George Arnett of Shedd with the show's grand champion, a 42 1/2-pound tom. Middle photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schneider of Newberg with the champion hen. Bottom picture shows the champion in the dressed division, entered by Kenneth Smith of Sunnyside, Wash. Holding it are George Brewster, left, and G. L. Routledge, the show's manager.

### Shedd Turkey Growers Win Show's Grand Championship For Second Successive Year

For the second year in succession, the George Arnetts of Shedd have taken the grand championship of the Northwestern Turkey Show. Last year, Mrs. Arnett won the honors with a Bronze old hen. This year, they entered a 42 1/2-pound tom to take the top award.

In the dressed division, the grand championship was awarded to Kenneth Smith of Sunnyside, Wash., who entered a 38-pound Bronze tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schneider of Newberg took the reserve championship in both the live and dressed divisions. They also took a number of lesser championships in the dressed division.

Following yesterday's judging, the birds were on public display, their cages marked with blue, red, or white stickers to show their placings.

In a breeder display contest, the Arnetts and Schneiders were awarded prizes for the best display of one old tom, one old hen,

one young tom, one young hen. Other awards follow:  
**LIVE DIVISION**  
Narragansett champion—Earl Strong, Oakland, young hen, old tom, young tom, and old hen.  
Blacks—George Arnett, young hen and old hen; Verne D. Williams, Shedd, Ore., old tom, and George Arnett, young tom.  
Bourbon Red—Mrs. Lois Tobias, Days Creek, Ore., young tom;

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