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Crash Of Trains Kills 14

Second Section
Rams First In
Snow StormEx-U.S. Ambassador to
Spain, A. H. Weddell, and
Wife Among Victims

OTTERVILLE, Mo., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Alexander W. Weddell, former ambassador to Spain and Argentina, and 13 other holiday travelers were killed in the New Year's day collision of two passenger trains near this central Missouri town.

Approximately 12 persons were injured, five of whom required hospitalization. The dead also included Mrs. Alexander W. Weddell and Frank M. Ryan, identified as a Hollywood movie director.

The collision occurred during a heavy snow storm while the Missouri Pacific's "The Missourian" was traveling from St. Louis to Kansas City in two sections. The engine of the second section rammed into the rear Pullman of the first train, crushing the car so completely that torches were used to cut the wreckage apart and remove the dead.

All of those killed were occupants of the rear Pullman. The Weddells were en route from their Richmond, Va., home to Tucson, Ariz.

Weddell, 71, had served in many diplomatic posts throughout the world. He began his state department career in 1927 when he became secretary to the minister of Denmark. He became ambassador to Argentina in 1933 and served until 1939, then asked President Roosevelt for the post in Spain. He served as ambassador to Spain until his retirement in 1942.

The family of Frank Ryan also

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HENRY WALLACE announces (not unexpectedly) that he is going to run for President as an independent candidate.

IF HE CAN GET ON THE BALLOT IN ENOUGH STATES, that probably insures a Republican victory next November.

THE political experts have it all figured out. They say:

1. Wallace has no hope of election in '48. His immediate objective is the defeat of Truman.

2. He expects the Republicans to MAKE A MESS in their four years of unchallenged authority, and hopes to ride into power in '52 on the backwash.

ON the basis of normal, cynical political thinking, that seems a reasonable assumption. But a MIRACLE might happen.

The Republicans, with success now practically assured, might turn statesmen. They might adopt

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Celebration Violence, Two
Traffic Deaths, Big Storm
Usher in New Year in Oregon

(By the Associated Press.)

The new year came to Oregon violently, bringing with it two highway deaths, near riots among celebrants in downtown Portland, and a heavy storm that left part of the state with power failures and one-way traffic today.

The deaths were in the Portland area. A pedestrian, Mrs. Anna Westoff, 78, was killed by an automobile. A two-car collision resulted in fatal burns for Mrs. Ethel N. Beverly, 28.

The stroke of midnight that ended the old year started the new in a crowded Portland street. Police attempted to clear a jammed intersection. The crowd not only refused to move, but began ripping antennas from police cars. One policeman was stabbed in the fracas. His wound was not serious. Another man was shoved by the crowd through a store window. Another policeman was slugged by a woman as he arrested her.

All told, Portland police handled 900 calls for aid. The storm rushed in from the Pacific hours later. It toppled trees and sent

Heavy, Wind-Driven Rain Top
Event in New Year's Debut;
Stork Delivers Two Babies

Wind and rain moving inland from the coast came to Roseburg with the New Year. Showers were expected today after yesterday's storm in which more than an inch of rain fell, the Weather Bureau reported.

The entire City Street Department crew was out early this morning to clear clogged gutters. Sewer mains were running full up to 8 A. M., but began to slack off after that hour, City Manager M. W. Slankard said.

At several street intersections large lakes of water had formed, but these were expected to drain away today with the passing of the storm.

Weather Bureau observers said that a total rainfall of 1.04 inches was recorded here Jan. 1. The rain started the night before and continued through the day. The storm front passed over the city early today moving inland. Last of the showers are expected to end tomorrow afternoon.

New Year Debut Quiet

The weather provided the city with its only New Year's excitement. State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported an accident-free holiday without any highway mishaps.

In the city, a new police chief, Calvin Baird, recently of Klamath Falls, took over and reported today only one arrest for drunkenness—that of Eugene F. Mustola, 23, of Portland, who was charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct after taken in custody at a local cafe. Mustola was to be arraigned in Municipal Court this morning.

Baird also reported a break-in by two juveniles at the Roseburg Grange Supply. Nothing was taken by the boys, who only disarranged sacks of grains stored there, the officer said.

Newest Citizens Arrive

At Mercy Hospital, Roseburg's two newest citizens greeted the world. They are Larry Marcus Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus W. Brown, 841 Nebo Ave., who weighed in at 6:10 A. M. at 7 lb. 11 ounces, and Rosie May Bechtold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bechtold, 112 Fairmount Ave., who arrived shortly after 8 o'clock weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces.

Many families held New Year's "open house" yesterday after.

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Red Writer Lauds
Henry, Scores U. S.

MOSCOW, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Pravda, Communist party organ, devoted a four-column story today to Henry A. Wallace's Milwaukee speech Tuesday, saying that the third party presidential candidate was greeted with "a wild ovation and interrupted many times with enthusiastic applause."

Commentator Boris Izakov, discussing third party possibilities in the 1948 elections, said the new year would see intense combat in the U. S. between the forces of progress and those of reaction.

Izakov described present day life in the United States as similar to that in Nazi Germany before the war.

Izakov said the United States was caught in the meshes of the F.B.I. and that a small scale reign of terror gripped the people.

"There have been no mass executions yet in the U.S.A., such as are being carried out in Greece with the blessings of American generals and diplomats, but the fate of any American nowadays is in the hands of the notorious Fascist (Rep. John E.) Rankin (D-Miss.) and any detective in the F.B.I."

"What are the limits to this terror?" Izakov asked. "Where is the dividing line when it becomes terror on a large scale?"

That was the year when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio fought to a stand-off in the early round, allowing the late Wendell L. Willkie to snatch the nomination on the fifth ballot.

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Friendship Train Gets Warm Welcome in Italy

FLORENCE, Italy, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The City of Florence gave a rousing welcome today to the Friendship Train on its first stop out of Rome with gifts of American food.

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Guerrillas In
Flight Before
Greek Regulars

ATHENS, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Greek War Minister Stratos said today guerrilla forces were fleeing into the Grammos mountains after a "crushing defeat" inflicted in the battle of Konitsa, where a week-long siege of the government garrison was lifted yesterday.

The offensive against Konitsa was believed to have been aimed at capture of a capital for a Greek Communist government, existence of which was proclaimed in a Christmas eve broadcast by Insurgent Leader Markos Vafiades.

A general staff communique reviewing the seven-day battle said: "This is the first fruit which has been reaped by the bogus government of Slave-Communists."

Guerrillas forced their way into Konitsa the third day of their assault, the communique said, but were annihilated.

Outside Aid for Rebels

An authoritative source said the Konitsa siege was directed by a "Balkan staff" consisting of Russian, Yugoslav and Bulgarian officers operating from Skopje, Yugoslavia, 65 miles north of the Greek border.

Stratos said some of the fleeing guerrilla units had crossed into Albania eight miles north of Konitsa.

Military sources in Athens said a number of the guerrillas actually were trained in Albania and Yugoslavia and all their arms and ammunition came from those two countries.

Greek Morale Boosted

Dwight P. Griswold, chief of the U. S. military mission in Greece, declared today the proclamation of a Communist state in the north by Vafiades unified

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Palestine Slaying
Score Upped to 513

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Arab snipers killed a Jewish nurse and a Jewish soldier in a Jewish funeral procession with bullets on the Mount of Olives today, police said, as communal strife ignited by the United Nations decision to partition Palestine continued for the 34th day.

The unofficial count of dead since Arab-Jewish violence erupted at the end of November mounted to 513, including 251 Arabs and 230 Jews.

An Arab was found shot in Jaffa, an Arab constable was killed in Lydda when he and three other Arab constables refused to surrender their rifles to a party of armed Arabs and a British constable was killed in the Petah Tiqva area while escorting a Jewish convoy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

Four Jewish women and a British policeman were wounded by snipers in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border area, a reliable source in Tel Aviv said.

Seventeen persons—four Jews, 11 Arabs, a German and a Pole—died in sporadic outbreaks of violence on the new year's first day yesterday.

In London, an authoritative British government source said yesterday it was entirely possible that Britain might abandon her mandate over Palestine before the current target date of May 15 because of the continuing strife.

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Partially Blind Man Killed by Auto Blow

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Frank Foityn, 41, Woodburn, died in a Salem hospital today from injuries received late Wednesday when he was struck by a car at Woodburn while he was walking along the Pacific highway.

State police headquarters said the car was driven by Sgt. Charles Brownell, Fort Lewis, Wash., and that Foityn was partially blind.



"SECRET" MISSION NOT SECRET—Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly's plan to slip unobtrusively into Hawaii as an aide to U. S. Senator Guy Cordon in studying desirability of making Hawaii a state of the Union, was a complete failure, as shown in the above photo, in which the Roseburg jurist (right) and Joseph R. Farrington, Hawaii's delegate to Congress, are pictured as they were laden with leis by Mrs. Charles Henry, left, and Mrs. Palmer Parker, right, despite the fact that their plane arrived in Honolulu at 4:15 A. M. Judge Wimberly has been commissioned to study the operation of the Hawaiian judicial system.

Jealous Shepherd
Dog Kills Infant

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A German Shepherd dog killed its master's month-old daughter in their home on the east side of Lake Washington after dragging her from her crib early yesterday.

The parents, Master Sgt. and Mrs. Robert May, discovered the tragedy upon arising. May is a soldier from Texas, assigned to Fort Lawton.

He asked the sheriff's office to destroy the dog, which he said had been left in the house overnight for the first time because it had gotten out of the garage New Year's eve. He said it never had appeared vicious, although it had seemed jealous of another 18-month-old child.

The infant's body was not mutilated except for teeth marks on one side.

Hoover to Head Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., said today former President Herbert Hoover is arranging for a committee of insurance experts to investigate the veterans insurance program.

Gray, who took office as successor to Gen. Omar Bradley last Wednesday, said he has already received numerous complaints about the insurance service provided to war veterans.

"I am determined the veterans shall have the best possible insurance service," Gray said.

Fainting Woman Foils Effort to Kidnap Her

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A woman who fainted at the right moment foiled a kidnap attempt here yesterday.

A gunman robbed a service station of \$210 in cash, then walked up to Mrs. Jill Manning, who was leaving a cafe, and said, "The cops are after me, and I can use you."

She fainted in fright—and the holdupman fled.

Enrollment Increase in High
School May Compel Double
Class Teaching, Elliott Says

Should the increase in enrollments at Roseburg High School in 1948 be equal to the increases during the past year, it may be necessary to conduct classes at the school in two shifts a day, Superintendent of Schools Paul S. Elliott predicted in a report released today.

The Senior High School, built to accommodate 300 pupils, now has 576 students and should there be an additional increase equal to that in 1947, it will be necessary to "build additional buildings or to operate two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon," Elliott stated.

"Recognizing the great population increase throughout the United States and the high percentage of that increase on the Pacific Coast, the school board is cognizant of the need for increased buildings," he said.

"They are also aware of the extremely high building costs of the present time."

The national birth rate being 26.2 per thousand, an increase of almost 50 per cent of the normal, means that the elementary schools will soon meet another crisis relative to space.

"Additional will have to be added to the Fullerton and Riverdale schools within the next two years. The Junior High School has a capacity for an increase equal to 1947's for only one more year, and then some arrangements must be made for additional space."

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Hawaii's Judicial System
Studied By Judge Wimberly
In Union Admission Proposal

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly of Roseburg has reached Honolulu to conduct preliminary studies of the Hawaiian judicial system, prior to the arrival of his close friend and former law partner, U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, who, accompanied by Mrs. Cordon, will leave for the islands next week.

Fugitive Slayer In
Colorado Caught

CANON CITY, Colo., Jan. 2.—(AP)—James Sherbondy, 28-year-old murderer, was captured at a ranch house three miles north of Canon City today, last of the dozen incorrigible convicts who smashed their way out of the Colorado prison Tuesday.

The killer of a deputy sheriff gave up without a fight. He was armed only with a bogus gun similar to several others made by the escaping prisoners.

Warden Roy Best said Sherbondy's legs appeared to be badly frozen from the knees down.

Best reported that Sherbondy took refuge in a hay barn on the ranch of George Smith and had stayed there ever since making his getaway.

Two of the dozen convicts were killed and four others were shot and wounded, one critically. Another was beaten on the head by a ranch wife wielding a claw hammer. Eight guards and civilians were shot and beaten.

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Plane Carries Two to
Death in S. F. Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Officials at Hamilton Field announced today a single-engine advanced trainer aircraft crashed into San Francisco Bay yesterday, apparently carrying its two occupants to their death.

Names were withheld by the Air Force officials until the bodies are recovered and positive identification is made.

Use of Parachutes on

Airlines Disapproved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The use of parachutes by commercial airlines has been called impractical by President Truman's air safety board.

The board—set up by the president after a series of air mishaps which cost nearly 150 lives last summer—has sent the White House a report which has not yet been made public.

But it was learned that the report gave these reasons why passengers should not bail out of airplanes:

1. Few persons know how to do it correctly; 2. There seldom is time before a crash; 3. Modern planes travel too fast and too high.

Second New Year's Baby
Born to War Vet's Wife

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The British bride of a World War II veteran believes she "made history" by having her second new year's baby in a year.

The infant, a boy, was born to Mrs. Ernest E. Soucy in a Worcester hospital a year to the day after the birth of her first son.

Mrs. Soucy, the former Dorothy Smith of Walsall, England, met her husband in a YMCA canteen in Kidderminster, where she was stationed with the Women Land Army. They were married in Walsall in 1945 and she came to the United States 18 months ago.

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Damage To
Property Runs
Into MillionsToll of Lives Around 120;
Traffic Halted, Tornadoes
Lash Five Dixie States

(By the Associated Press.) Winter's most damaging storms of ice and snow struck across the Central States and Eastward into Southern New England over the New Year's holiday after a series of tornadoes ripped through five Southern states.

The storms left a wide path of destruction in their wake. The property damage was expected to run into the millions. The death toll was near the 100 mark, not including the 20 persons who were killed in the twisters which struck in Dixie.

More than 80 persons died in traffic accidents over the holiday period. Fourteen persons were killed in a crash of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains in a snow storm in Ottaville, Mo. The tornadoes which twisted through Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama injured 250, destroyed 240 homes and damaged 250 others.

Frigid Storm Continues

The freezing rain and snow, which yesterday centered near the Chicago area, continued today in many parts of the storm belt. The weather bureau said the freezing rains today extended over a narrow band from lower Michigan across Lake Erie to Southern New England. Snow was expected to follow.

Snow continued to fall in parts of Illinois and Indiana and in Ohio and Pennsylvania. There was about 10 inches of new snow on the ground at Milwaukee and from six to 10 inches throughout lower Michigan. The fall in Northern Illinois, Southeastern Iowa and parts of Missouri measured from four to six inches.

Temperatures in the Midwest, which yesterday hit a low of 25 below in Minnesota, moderated throughout the day and no sub-zero marks were reported early today.

Traffic Disrupted

Reports from the snow and ice storm areas were similar in connection with the crippling effect on transportation, communications and property damage.

Traffic—rail and air—was dis-

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Cable Systems'
Employees Strike

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Union overseas communication workers went on strike at four cable companies today, tying up an estimated two-thirds of their facilities for transmissions between the United States and the rest of the world.

The walkout, which involved some 3,500 employees, came while federal conciliators still were attempting to bridge differences between union and company negotiators.

The dispute stemmed from their failure to agree on provisions of new contracts to replace those which expired last midnight.

The companies are the cables division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Mackay Radio and Telegraph, Inc., the Commercial Cable Company and All-America Cables.

The unions are the CIO American Communications Association and the independent All-America Cables Employees Association whose members had voted to join the CIO union in strike action.

Major points of disagreement, a company negotiator said earlier, were the unions' demands for a 30 per cent wage increase and a contract clause which, he asserted, would, in effect, continue in force an existing closed shop.

Present wages, he said, range from \$53.91 to \$73.23 for operators and \$38.61 to \$65.65 for clerks.

The companies claimed to have operated at a loss in 1947.

Twin Babies in '48 Pose
Scholarship Problem

READING, Pa., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Albright College hadn't counted on twins when it promised a scholarship to Berks County's first 1948 baby.

As a result the college board of trustees—used to solving things academic—today has a human interest problem if not a technical one.

Two boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Houck of Reading, Pa. The first boy arrived at 11:41 P. M., Dec. 31—technically ineligible for the scholarship. His twin brother arrived 30 seconds after 1947 became history.

Dr. Harry Masters, president of Albright College, said the matter of the scholarship would be placed before the board of trustees.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. P. Rutenstein

Thanks to Jupiter Pluvius, leap year has started out like a leak year.