



CUSTOMS GRABS CONTRABAND OPIUM — U. S. Customs search officers examine 44 pounds of semi-crude opium found under dunnage aboard the British ship Silver Walnut and valued at nearly a half-million retail or \$150,000 actual medicinal value. The freighter with cargo of tea, jute and hemp arrived at San Francisco harbor from Siam, where it had taken a cargo of legitimate opium weighing 47 tons and valued at nearly a hundred million dollars. The contraband opium will be manufactured into morphine for use in government hospitals, customs officials said. (NEA Telephoto.)

Collision of Three Cars Near Drain Injures Seven Persons

Seven persons were taken to a Eugene hospital as result of a three-car collision on the Pacific Highway north of Drain last night, State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported here this morning.

Pendleton Youth Dies Of Traffic Crash Injury

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—David Murray Doherty, age 17, Rt. 1, Pendleton, was fatally injured and three other persons injured yesterday in a two-automobile collision north of Hubbard on the Pacific highway.

State police said Doherty was a passenger in a car driven by Donald Dean Webb, Pendleton, and that the second car was driven by Charles R. Stamper, Coos Bay.

Injured were Webb, Stamper, and Ralph M. Rathjen, Portland, a passenger in Stamper's automobile.

Woman is 87th Suicide From Golden Gate Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A woman identified by police as Mrs. Edna A. Steinmann, 48, jumped from the Golden Gate bridge yesterday as the U. S. S. Colahan, a destroyer passed by. The death was listed as the 87th suicide from the lofty span.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Interstate Commerce Commission (the branch of our government that tells the railroad what they can and can't do) authorizes another 10 per cent increase in rail freight rates. (An increase of 10% was granted back in October; this additional up lifts it to 20%.)

The railroads had asked for 30%—possibly on the theory that if they don't actually have to have that much now they will later. That is one of the peculiarities of an inflationary period. Every time you hear the price, you tack on a little more than you actually need at the moment, so you'll have enough to take care of contingencies.

THIS new 10% will add, it is estimated, some 15 billion dollars to the nation's annual freight bill. This \$15,000,000 will be added to cost, and therefore to the price, of nearly all the things we buy.

It has to be. The first rule of business is that you must sell for

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was hauled in trucks to the mountainous site. The crews worked all day Sunday. Supplies carried to some families in a rubber boat. The stranded families' only other route to civilization is by way of a dirt road which is almost impassable this time of year. No pregnant woman could use it. The three women are expecting their babies in a few days. The road goes north into the mountains from Mehama, which is on the North Santiam highway. Extensive logging operations are under way along the route.

Beat; Companion Held

BURNS, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Harney County Sheriff Eldon Sitz reported today that William Max Beck, 23, a cook, was held in the Bend city jail today in the jail cell death of Roy T. Phillips, 33, Seneca.

Beck was removed to the Bend jail over the weekend after a coroner's inquest.

The sheriff said Beck is charged with beating Phillips fatal Christmas night in the Burns jail. Phillips was struck repeatedly with a chair, the sheriff said. Both men had been arrested earlier Christmas day on charges of being intoxicated.

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The Weather

Light rain tonight and Tuesday.

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TNT Billed For Palestine Seized at Pier

77 Crates of Explosive, Falsely Labeled, Grabbed After One Bursts Open

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An explanation why crates labeled "used industrial machinery," which were being loaded for shipment to Palestine, contained explosive TNT was sought today by federal and local authorities.

The TNT, or trinitro-toluene, was discovered Saturday when a crate burst open during the loading of the American Export Lines freighter *Executer* at a Jersey City pier.

When a second crate also proved to contain TNT, police and customs officials ordered 77 Palestine-bound crates impounded and removed by barge to a safe anchorage.

Police said 26 crates were believed to contain 65,000 pounds of TNT—enough to devastate a 100-square-mile area.

Customs officials said explosives for export require special permits and must be labeled properly. The State Department embargoed arms shipments to the Middle East last month after the United Nations general assembly voted to partition Palestine. There was no announcement, however, that the TNT was classified as a military material.

Other Equipment Found. A few hours after the shipment was impounded, New York police searched a Bronx warehouse and reported finding cartridge-making machinery and a stencil used in labeling some of the crates seized in Jersey City. They returned to the warehouse yesterday and examined other crates which they said contained radio transmitting equipment, motors, pipe and electric equipment.

The 26 crates believed to hold TNT were consigned to Habovwe, Ltd., Tel Aviv, Palestine, by the Overseas Trading Company of New York City, the export declaration said.

Julius Chender, described by police as the owner of the Bronx warehouse, was quoted by an NBC correspondent in Paris as denying that he owned such a warehouse or that he was in the United States.

Slave Labor In Russia Revealed

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Rep. Franklin J. Maloney (R-Pa.) asserted today that the Russians are using German and Austrian forced labor "in the thousands" in a massive war production program to rebuild behind the Ural mountains.

The legislator who recently returned from a seven-week tour of Europe said he received his information from a high German official.

"The Soviets," Maloney said in an interview, "are calling in men and some women too—from the Russian-occupied zones of Germany and Russia. Their families never hear from them again."

Maloney said the Soviet war production campaign is "a tremendous undertaking," and that reliable informants told him the Soviets are making projects and tanks "although I don't know why"—in their Ural factories.

Since the end of the war, Maloney added, the Russians have removed a great number of their major factories to the seclusion of the area behind the Urals. "And they've built it more since then," he declared.

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Meat Rationing With Price Controls Would Cut Down Production, Senator Asserts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A contention that meat rationing would not work without price controls and that a combination of the two would "stifle" meat production came today from Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.).

Bloodhound Now At Disposal Of Douglas Sheriff



Picture by Al Wells

Douglas County Sheriff O. T. Carter now has at his disposal a four-year-old bloodhound, "Queenie," pictured above and claimed by her owner, "Red" Eckhardt, to be the only thoroughbred of her species in Oregon.

She will be used, as occasion demands, for tracking fugitives and in aiding in the finding of lost persons. Her ability as a tracker has been proved in service at various places, including Medford and Eugene. She once trailed a man on horseback for three and a half miles, Eckhardt said.

Queenie possesses the traditional gentleness of her kind, Eckhardt said. Maintained at his home, she will also be available on call from localities outside of Douglas county.

Socialism Slated For Burma Union

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Sao Shwe Thaik said today the policy of the new Union of Burma would be the establishment of state socialism and the elimination of capitalism.

In the first statement of policy since the state cut loose from the United Kingdom, the president said Burma would nourish the friendship of all other nations but would "tolerate no infringement on the territorial integrity of the Union of Burma."

Shwe Thaik said Burma intended to establish a highly trained army, navy and air force to defend the country from external foes and create auxiliary forces in which all able-bodied Burmese citizens would be required to serve the country.

Parliament beat down Communist opposition yesterday and ratified a new treaty with Great Britain as its first sovereign act. Crowds celebrated independence in the streets.

The treaty cancels \$60,000,000 in Burmese debts to Britain, gives Britain permission to maintain military bases in Burma and provides for transfer of 27 small vessels to the Burmese navy.

Anti-Discrimination Bill Urged by Morse

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon urged passage of a bill prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, color or religion.

He spoke at the annual conference of the Joint Defense Appeal here and said:

"The bill of rights gives the pattern for a practical working democracy. Every time a man is discriminated against because of race, creed or color, democracy is a little, since intolerance and intolerance strike at the very roots of democratic government."

More than 600 Jewish leaders from all parts of the nation attended the conference. They recommended a fund of \$6,104,540 in 1948 to finance activities of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

Petrillo to Be Called To Explain Recording Ban

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Chairman Harvey of the House labor committee announced today he will call James C. Petrillo next week to explain the American Federation of Musicians' ban on making new records.

Hartley said he is considering an amendment to the Taft-Hartley labor act making it a crime for a union to make a recording of a violation of the anti-trust laws.

Petrillo stopped recordings by his musicians January 1 when AFM contracts with the principal recording firms expired, claiming the recordings were endangering the livelihood of the musicians who made them.

Ten Children Die as Train Hits Bobsled

ARCHBOLD, Ohio, Jan. 5.—(AP)—"I thought the track was clear," Jesse Wyse said today in explaining how the New York Central's "Chicagon" passenger train smashed his farm bobsled, killing 10 children of three neighbors and seriously injuring two others, one of them his daughter.

Wyse and his 13-year-old son, John, whom the father believed "too young and inexperienced" to take the tractor-drawn sled out himself, were not hurt. The boy leaped to safety from the rear of the sled.

"I just stiffened in my seat on the tractor," the father said. "The train hit the sled, tore it loose from the tractor and hurled it down the tracks."

The bobsled was scattered for a mile along the right-of-way east of this northwestern Ohio town. Two of the victims were ground beneath wheels of the train. No train passengers were injured.

Snow nearly blotted out all evidence of the tragedy which occurred at 1:30 P. M. yesterday.

Wyse planned originally to take the youngsters out Saturday, but was unable to do so until yesterday. His son, John, told state highway patrolmen he begged to take the sled out himself "but Dad said I was too young and inexperienced."

Thought Tracks Clear. "I started up the tractor again and just as it was clearing the tracks, I saw the train bearing down on the sled," he continued. "It was horrible."

The dead were identified by Coroner H. M. Warner of Fulton

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Plane Propeller Injures Vacationist at Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Dr. D. J. Miller, 36, Sunnyvale, Wash., is in a hospital with a fractured left arm and left leg lacerations suffered when struck by the whirling propeller of his private airplane yesterday.

Airport attendants reported the young physician, accompanied by his wife, had returned on route home from a vacation trip in the airplane. Miller was turning the propeller to start the engine when it "kicked over," striking him.

Aged Woman Perishes In Her Burning Home

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Officers today were investigating circumstances in the fatal burning of Mrs. Edward Welch, 63, in her home here.

Deputy Coroner James Delrick ordered an autopsy after determining that the woman suffocated and burned to death in her flame-swept residence early yesterday morning. Fire Chief William Dillon said the woman, who lived alone, apparently used an oil lamp, although the residence was wired for electricity.

Portlander Named to State Game Commission

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Larry Hilaire, Portland restaurateur, was appointed to the State Game Commission Saturday by Governor John H. Hall.

Hilaire will succeed Dr. George Cathey, Portland, who resigned last month. The term Hilaire is filling will expire in 1950.

He is an ardent angler and hunter and has been a member of the Izaak Walton League for 15 years.

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, 89, Ex-President's Widow, Dies

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, 89, widow of President Benjamin Harrison, died today.

Mrs. Harrison, who used the name Mary Scott Dimmick Harrison to distinguish her from the first wife of the twenty-third president of the United States, never occupied the White House as first lady.

But she lived there two years during the prolonged illness of her aunt, the first wife of Benjamin Harrison. As the widow of Walter Dimmick she was in double mourning during her stay at the White House. Her mother, who was to have assisted Mrs. Harrison with the duties of president's wife, too generous for a woman in poor health, died soon after the Harrisons took up their residence in Washington. The tasks she was to have performed devolved upon her daughter, then Mrs. Mary Scott Dimmick, a widow since 1882.

The first Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, Lavinia Scott before her marriage, died in the White House in 1892. Three years after his term (1889-93) had expired the ex-president married his first wife's niece in New York City. They had one daughter, Mrs. James Blaine Walker of New York, with whom Mrs. Harrison made her home for many years.

Scholarship At Oxford Awarded To James Clarke



James Clarke, above, formerly a student of Roseburg High School and now at Yale University law school, is winner of the 1947 coveted Rhodes Scholarship award.

Clarke was born in 1926 at Corvallis, Oregon, where he was graduated from high school. He received his elementary schooling and part of his high school education at Roseburg.

He will continue his studies at Yale until June, 1948, when he will have completed five and a half years there, before leaving for Oxford University in the fall. James' father, the late Arthur Clarke, was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He practiced law at Corvallis. Mrs. Arthur Clarke, "Jim's" mother is a daughter of the late Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg and resides at the Hamilton home on S. Kane St.

Klamath Man Kills Wife in Quarrel

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Homer Franklin, 54, was held here today in the slaying of his wife, Marie, 43, who body was exhumed from a month old grave at the Franklin farmyard south of here.

District Attorney Clarence Hurlbale said Franklin was arrested by his brother, John Franklin, a Multnomah County deputy sheriff, after the Klamath coroner yielded to his conscience and confessed shooting his wife Nov. 30 during a quarrel.

Saturday night state police exhumed the body from the improvised grave, covered with straw and cases of empty beer bottles. State Police Sgt. Earl Tichenor signed a murder complaint Sunday.

Domestic trouble during 10 years of married life was blamed for the slaying. The district attorney said Homer Franklin gave this account of the fatal night:

"Mrs. Franklin came from the farm kitchen with a shotgun, told her husband 'you won't get away from me again.' Franklin slipped into another room, got a revolver, and shot at his wife moved into the hall. He carried her to the bathroom tub, then to a bed. For two days he dug a shallow grave 14 feet from the rear of his house, then buried his wife there."

Storm Delays Rescue of Castaways in Alaska

KODIAK, Alaska, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Cut off both by land and sea, nine—possibly 10—shivering castaways huddled on a rocky ice-coated point of the Alaska peninsula, opposite Kodiak Island, today as a Navy tug and a Coast Guard cutter waited out a 60-mile-per-hour storm before attempting a rescue.

For all but three of the men it was their fifth night of exposure to the freezing cold. Three struggled to shore Saturday night after their surf boat capsized in a daring rescue attempt.

The others have been stranded since their 65-foot canvas tender, the motorboat *Spencer*, struck a reef Dec. 31 and broke up in the pounding surf.

Patient Leaps to Death From Seattle Hospital

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Leaping through the closed window of a room on the third floor of the Seattle general hospital, a 42-year-old patient, Earl Johnson, suffered injuries early today which caused his death.

Police said his nurse, Miss Mary Mose, told them Johnson threw off an oxygen tent, struck her in the face and dove through the window, landing on the lawn below.

Johnson had been in critical condition after accidentally swallowing cleaning fluid Christmas day, thinking it was mouth wash.

Foreign Aid, Taxes, Rent Control Listed

Sessions Start Tuesday, Followed on Wednesday By Truman's Message

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Questions bearing vitally on the future of the United States and most of the world confront the 80th Congress meeting tomorrow for its final session.

Help for Europe and Asia, tax cutting, the high cost of living, rent control and the housing shortage, military preparedness and health insurance are a few of the top issues. And the list probably will grow.

A complicating factor is that this is a general election year. Democrats want to regain the control of Congress they lost to the GOP in 1946. The Republicans hope to put their presidential nominee in the White House for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt started his first term in 1933.

The first week of the new session will be devoted primarily to speechmaking and strategy huddles by congressional leaders, with a few committees starting to lay the groundwork for future legislative actions.

Truman Going in Person. The Senate Republican Policy Committee and the House Republican Steering Committee will meet during the week for decisions which will go far toward shaping the majority party's legislative program to counter the proposals President Truman will outline Wednesday in his annual state-of-the-Union message.

The chief executive will go to the Capitol in person to deliver that message to a joint session of the Senate and House. His economic report on Friday and his budget message next Monday will be received by Congress.

The first actual battle of the session probably will take place in the House, over the GOP-backed tax reduction bill. House leaders want to pass the measure this month so, as Speaker Martin

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Job Awarded For Loon Lake Bridge

Work will start this week on the construction of the new Loon Lake Bridge, County Commissioner H. B. Roadman reported. The contract was awarded on the bid of Tom Lillebo, Reedport, who is presently completing a bridge near Tiller for the Forest Service.

The Loon Lake Bridge will be of prefabricated timber construction, with a 100-foot arch supported by timber structures of Eugene. Lillebo has contracted to erect the arch, pour concrete footings, and to construct the bridge approaches.

The successful bid, opened at the State Highway Commission meeting in Portland last week, was for \$22,900. Roadman said. Two other bidders were Ben Doerken, Roseburg, \$37,215.36, and Miller and Strong, Portland, \$42,000.

The 100-foot arch was purchased from the manufacturers at a cost of \$17,000, Roadman pointed out.

The bridge is to be completed by May 15.

Russia, Satellites Boycott U.N. Assembly

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The United Nations "Little Assembly" began its year-round sittings today with Russia and the five other Soviet bloc nations boycotting its opening session.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie, in opening the meeting, took no official notice of the boycott but he gave his full approval to the new experimental body, originally proposed by Secretary of State Marshall.

A Soviet spokesman said in advance of the session that Russia still felt the U.S.—sponsored "Little Assembly" was unconstitutional and therefore would not attend. Informal quarters said the same attitude had been taken by Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, White Russia and the Soviet Ukraine.

Freak Rifle Accident Kills Boy Planning Hunt

MEDICAL LAKE, Wash., Jan. 5.—(AP)—A 14-year-old boy became Washington State's first hunting casualty of the year Sunday when the barrel and firing mechanism of a borrowed rifle fell from the stock and discharged as it struck the ground.

Deputy Sheriff Cecil Hare said the boy, Jack M. Baldwin, was struck in the abdomen after the rifle broke in two pieces. The boy's parents said he had borrowed the rifle to go rabbit hunting.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

To "sanitize" or not to "sanitize" is an issue that threatens to change good neighbors to rude neighbors. Shouldn't happen. What's an odor more or less between friends?