

Dice Cheaters At Army Camp Land In Law's Hands

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — John Barnes and Ulysses Polk were red hot with dice at Camp Stoneman Nov. 23. No doubt about that. Barnes made 11 straight passes. Then one of the five soldiers in the game became suspicious. He grabbed one dice; found it bore numbers 2, 4 and 6 only—no 1, 3 or 5.

Prompt arrival of military police prevented mayhem, but sent the civilians into federal court. Barnes was convicted of trespassing on government property. Polk pleaded guilty.

Judge Michael J. Roche glanced at the calendar; remarked the duped soldiers might need some Christmas money. He indicated he might temper justice if the win-

nings—variously estimated at \$350 to \$900—were restored.

Barnes handed over \$100. Polk indicated he'd kick in today—when both are scheduled for sentencing. Maximum penalty is \$500 fine and six months in jail.

Yugoslavia Aid Bill Sent To White House

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A bill authorizing \$38,000,000 in aid for drought-stricken Yugoslavia arrived at the White House today for President Truman's signature.

Mr. Truman is expected to sign it promptly as another step in bolstering western European defenses against the threat of Russian aggression.

Marshal Tito's Communist government has split with Russia—first of the Soviet satellite states in the Balkans to do so. President Truman told Congress that emergency aid will strengthen Yugoslavia in the face of Soviet threats to its independence.

The Senate completed congressional action on the aid bill yesterday by voice vote, although Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) assailed it as the "height of stupidity." He questioned whether Yugoslavia would fight with the western powers in case of a war with the Soviet

Allies Retreat To Hungnam Great Epic In U.S. History

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

When they slashed their way victoriously out of a Chinese Red trap, some 25,000 U.S. marines, 7th division G.I.s and British commandos etched a pattern of incomparable heroism in the snow and cold of northeast Korea.

This was the longest retreat in marine annals—nearly 50 miles of bloody struggling over icy, tortuous mountain roads. Exhausted, tense, chilled by temperatures ranging down to 25 degrees below zero, these fighting men drove to temporary haven at Hungnam through a corridor of relentless enemy fire.

The cost of this epic break-out was 1,018. The 1st Marine Engineer Battalion, which carved a path through the Chinese blocking the route ahead, suffered 60 percent casualties of men and equipment. One reporter said 200 Americans were buried in a single grave, because there was no time for better arrangements.

As the gallant force hacked through to Koto on its way to the sea, it linked up with a smaller band of Marines surrounded for days by Chinese. Here's how, in the words of a correspondent, that little group looked to the larger force:

"It was a gruesome sight—wounded men with their blood frozen to their skins, their clothes stiff with ice, grotesque dead men lying across trailers and stretchers, live men stumbling along, grimacing from frost bite, using their rifles as crutches.

Once the long, bumper-to-bumper column stood almost motionless for four hours as engineers struggled to replace a bombed-out bridge. There were similar agonized delays as craters in the slippery road were filled. To go 10 miles on one part of the escape route required 14 hours.

All the way Chinese Communists were erecting obstacles ahead of our weary men, harassing their flanks, sniping at the column's rear. The enemy force was estimated at from three to five times greater than ours. Yet we exacted a toll of 10 Chinese for every casualty on our side.

When they finally made it down to the coastal plain, embattled Marines could find no energy for the formalities of "link-up" handshakes with the U. S. patrols who met them, nor had they many smiles for newsreel cameramen who asked them to "look happy." They'd seen and experienced too much.

"We have lost an awful lot of friends up on that plateau," said a Marine officer. "Almost everybody up there was a hero. It's just that some guys are asked what they did and tell about it,

and others don't talk so good."

The schoolbooks of tomorrow will call this saga of skill and endurance and courage a retreat. But it is no surprise that the Marines who made that bitter march do not see it so. "It was no retreat," declared a colonel with fierce pride. "It was an advance to the rear."

What man, hearing of this ordeal, dares to say it was anything less?

Actor Settles Charge Of Molesting Child

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A civil suit charging a morals offense against a 10-year-old child actress in her berth on a train was settled for \$2,500 here by Jack Rutherford, an actor.

His attorney emphasized that the settlement did not constitute an admission of the charge. Superior court approved the settlement. Payment was accepted by Mrs. Elizabeth McMinn of Philadelphia in behalf of her daughter, Doreen Lane McMinn. The McMinn had sought \$50,000.

The complaint said the girl was molested May 6, 1949, while aboard a train carrying members of the road show of "Annie Get Your Gun." Both were members of the cast.

Pope Pius Dates Yule Message

VATICAN CITY — (AP) — Pope Pius XII will deliver his annual Christmas message to the world Saturday, beginning at 11 am (5 a.m. EST).

His 12th Christmas message since he became pope will be broadcast by vatican radio on short wave meters 32.10, 25.55 and 19.84.

The pope will close the holy door of St. Peter's basilica the following day — Christmas eve — ending the 25th jubilee of the Roman Catholic church. The jubilee, however, will be extended during 1950 giving Catholics who were unable to come to Rome a chance to gain its spiritual benefits at home.

More than 40,000 pilgrims from ten nations crowded into St. Peter's basilica today for the next to last holy year general audience to be held by the pope.

The pilgrimages were from France, Scotland, Germany, United States, Ireland, Switzerland, Spain, Colombia, Austria, and Italy.

Sutherland

By MRS. IRRITAIN SLACK

Albert Slack of Greenleaf, Ore., was an overnight guest at the Brittain Slack home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Culver from Fort Collins, Colo., arrived in Sutherland the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with Mr. Culver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Culver Jr. and Mrs. Culver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Himelwright, besides other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leta Braucht of Wilbur visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson Saturday.

Mrs. O. C. Thompson of Umpqua, mother of Mrs. Jack Culver Jr., has been very ill and will be at the Culver home until she is able to return to her home.

Soldier Charged With Assault On Woman

SEATTLE — (AP) — An army corporal was charged with criminal assault yesterday after a 42-year-old mother complained she had been beaten and raped following a dance at the Fort Lawton non-commissioned officers club.

J. B. Wilcox, special agent in charge of the Seattle office of the FBI, said the soldier was Cpl. Eugene P. Clinksdale of Philadelphia.

Wilcox said the woman had been to the club to chaperon her daughter, who was a hostess at the Sunday dance. About midnight, he said, Clinksdale volunteered to take the woman to a bus, but instead, led her to an isolated side road where he beat and assaulted her.

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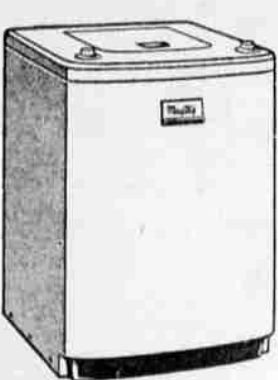
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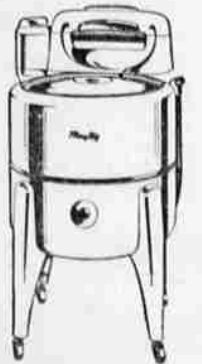
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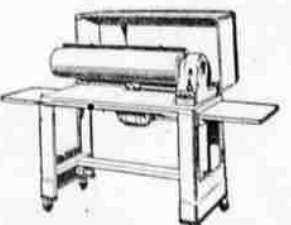
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