

ALLIES DEMAND FURTHER POW ACCOUNTING

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SANTA CLAUS brought a glow of delight to the little girl's eyes, above, when he gave her a gift during the children's party in the Umpqua hotel Thursday night. The party was sponsored by the Roseburg Lions club. Santa's assistants are Al McBee, left, and Carl Felker. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Youth Held On Assault, Theft Counts

Jas. M. Clark, Aged 20, Jailed In Roseburg

Police Given Confession Of Beating And Robbing Eugene Tavern Operator

James M. Clark, 20, Roseburg, was held here in lieu of \$3,000 bail in connection with the robbery of \$200 and the beating of a tavern operator in Eugene early Thursday morning.

Clark is to be picked up by Eugene authorities today. He was arrested by city and state police north of Roseburg Thursday afternoon on charges of assault and robbery armed with a dangerous weapon.

Police said the youth, in a wire-recorded confession, admitted robbing the tavern and beating with a pistol the operator, John D. Motheral. The victim was resting at home under a sedative. Thirty stitches were taken to close head and facial cuts, a Eugene news dispatch said.

Clark told officers he went into the tavern about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, bound Motheral and another tavern operator hand and foot, and scooped up a sackful of money.

Motheral managed to work himself loose but was severely beaten with a pistol in the struggle that followed, police said.

Automobile Also Stolen

Clark said he then stole an automobile to get away from the scene, but in the rush left the money after grabbing a handful of bills.

Police here recovered \$77 of the loot. The rest apparently was recovered at Eugene.

Clark then went to the home of a friend to change his bloodied clothes, he related in the confession. He said he told the friend he had been in a brawl.

He drove to Roseburg with another friend, police said he told them.

Officers quoted Clark as saying he took the money to maintain payments on a new Ford convertible and a house trailer.

The arrest was made at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at an apartment two miles north of Roseburg.

Highway Bypassing Of Four Towns In Douglas Approved

PORTLAND — (AP) — Seven Oregon towns will be bypassed by the Pacific highway 99 relocation project which the state highway commission approved Thursday.

R. H. Baldock, chief engineer, was given authority to award a contract for the first section of the new highway as soon as right of way purchases are completed.

The towns to be bypassed are Creswell, Cottage Grove, Drain, Yoncalla, Oakland, Sutherland and Gold Hill. Hearings on the relocation plan were held in each of the towns from Oct. 7 to 9.

Leonard and State, Portland, was low bidder to build the first part of the new road—a 5.6 mile section south of Cottage Grove. The firm's bid was \$1,530,464. The involved section is between Divide and Anlauf, through the Pass creek region, and will eliminate numerous curves. Payment for the work will be provided out of revenues of the \$40 million highway bond issue.

South Dakota Battles Wave Of Blizzards

Call For Federal Help Planned If Situation Continues To Worsen

PIERRE, S. D. — (AP) — Gov. Sigurd Anderson said today he may call for federal aid if the snowbound situation in South Dakota becomes more critical.

The state has been buffeted for more than two weeks by blizzards which have choked roads and isolated many ranches and small communities behind drifts as deep as 15 feet. There are 26 inches of snow on the level.

Hardest hit are the villages of Keyahapa, Millboro and Clearfield in Tripp county near the Nebraska border. These communities, with a total population of 100, were isolated for two weeks because of blocked roads.

None has railroad service. A bulldozer pulled a truckload of groceries into Keyahapa Wednesday, the first vehicle to reach there since Dec. 5. All three of the villages are about 100 miles southeast of Pierre, the state's capital city.

Mercury Flights Stalled

Private flying services here at Winner, only 20 miles from the three marooned communities, reported they are far behind with mercy flights. High winds and swirling snow have made takeoffs impossible.

Anderson said current reports show the situation is aggravated by each succeeding storm, which has come with regularity since Dec. 5. Hardly a day of that period has passed without high wind and fresh snow.

Train service has not, however, been crippled for long periods as it was two years ago. Trains are getting through, but seldom on schedule.

Road Equipment Inadequate

Main highways have been open only periodically. Swirling snow whipped by brisk winds fill them in soon after plows have passed. Isolated ranches and the remote villages have been most seriously affected because county road equipment is inadequate to clear the wind-hardened drifts from side roads.

Air service into Pierre has been crippled badly because plows have been unable to keep pace with blowing snow filling in between runway banks set up by previous plowings.

Despite howling snowstorms and severe temperatures for the past 16 days, no deaths attributed to the weather have been reported. State officials say also the loss of livestock has been surprisingly low.

"XS" tramped in the snow are signals for airmen to land at remote farms and ranches for emergency errands. The fliers carry food, fuel and medicine. Livestock men have also called for cottonseed cake for cattle which are unable to forage in the deepening drifts.

Middle East Storms Deal Death, Destruction Among Arabian, Jewish Dwellers

BEIRUT, Lebanon — (AP) — Two weeks of torrential rains have left a trail of death and destruction among tens of thousands of tent-dwelling Arab refugees in the Middle East, it was reported here.

(Jewish immigrant families in tent camps in Israel also were suffering, reports from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv said.)

The United Nations Relief and Works agency headquarters in Beirut said all relief organizations were taxed to the limit to meet the emergency.

Missing Persons In Ship Disaster Still Total 11

ASTORIA, Ore. — (AP) — The fate of 11 persons missing in a fire which swept a ship anchored in the mouth of the Columbia river, still was not determined.

One hundred three others including 23 passengers and 80 crew members were rescued by the coast guard shortly after flames whipped through the mid section of the Danish vessel, Erria, early Thursday.

Crewmen said the fire started from sparks from a shorted electric cable, a few minutes later a hold was on fire.

Survivors said crew members ran from cabin to cabin pounding on doors and ordering passengers to lifeboat stations.

Four of the eight lifeboats were lowered the first with women and children and the others with men. Three boats burned and one was not launched.

The coast guard station, only a mile away, rushed tugs to the scene to pick up the lifeboats.

One survivor, E. L. Blythe of Portland, said "there was no panic, but most of the passengers left their luggage behind. Some of them were in night clothing and overcoats."

The 462-foot boat, bound for Liverpool via New York, was towed late Thursday out of the channel. It was listing at a 25 degree angle. Coastguardsmen who boarded the fatal briefly Thursday, said there was no sign of life in the smoking red-hot mid-ship section.

Waitress Saves Roomers In Blaze At Gardiner

REEDSPORT — (AP) — A waitress ran from door to door awakening about 30 roomers and directing them to safety as fire destroyed a combination restaurant and rooming house at nearby Gardiner early today.

The waitress, Margaret Harris, discovered the flames about 2 a.m. One roomer, an invalid who was not identified, was carried to safety by two others.

Firemen from here and Gardiner fought the flames. Loss was estimated at about \$15,000. The building was owned by the Gardiner Lumber Co. Most of the roomers were loggers and highway crew workers.

Lions And Santa Entertain Kiddies

Through the assistance of the Roseburg Lions club, Santa was kind to about 30 little boys and girls whose Christmas might otherwise have been slim. Thursday night at the annual Lions Christmas party held in the Hotel Umpqua.

The children, ranging in age from about three years up, were treated to a turkey dinner and program, prior to the appearance of Santa and distribution of a large number of gifts, as well as candy, to the children.

Carl Felker, general chairman, was master of ceremonies. The program opened with the singing of Christmas carols, led by Al McBee, and with music accompaniment by R. Cloyd Riffe.

The Rev. W. A. MacArthur gave a chalk talk, telling the Christmas story. The visit of Santa Claus in the hotel lobby followed.

Lady Lions assisted Santa in the selection and wrapping of gift packages.

Stalin, 72 Today, Awards "Peace" Prizes To Aliens

MOSCOW — (AP) — Joseph Vissarionovich Djughashvili — better known as Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, prime minister of the Soviet Union—became 72 years old today.

Little fanfare marked the day. But the press observed it with announcements of the award of Stalin prizes for "strengthening peace among the peoples."

The six winners announced are Mrs. Monica Felton, housewife; British novelist; Anna Seghers, a German novelist; Pietro Nenni, leader of the pro-Communist faction of the Italian Socialist party; George A. Mado, a Brazilian author; Kuo Mo-yen, president of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Ikuro Oyama, Japanese professor.

Prizes to each are a gold medal, 100,000 rubles (equal of \$25,000 at the Russian official exchange rate), and world recognition as favored stalwarts of communism.

Stalin's health was described here as satisfactory for a man of his age.

(Observers outside the Soviet Union have noted his recent public appearances have been fleeting, and that the Soviet Press has been publishing old photos showing him in glowing health, instead of newer ones which might show him to be failing. He has been reported ill several times since the war, and scraps of information indicate his health is poor. He is said to puff at the slightest exertion. Medical circles indicate he may have some kind of heart disease.)

Since the war he has taken an annual autumn holiday in the warmth of southern Russia usually returning by his birthday. No public announcement of the holiday has been made this year, but he is presumed to have taken his annual rest as usual.

The winners of the Stalin prizes this year are all mostly writers and professors.

Yule Lighting Contest Decision Postponed

To make sure no house was missed in their survey last night, the Junior chamber of commerce Christmas lighting committee members postponed their judging of the best lighted homes until Dec. 26.

The committee toured the city and outlying districts to inspect Christmas lighting of homes in the Jaycees' annual contest. But the committee felt, it would be better to delay its decision a couple of days rather than to have missed a logical contender.

The committee urges home owners wishing to be entered in the contest to keep their homes lighted each evening between 6:30 and 9:30 for a few days for final judging.

The contest is to choose the best lighted home costing over \$50 to decorate and the best costing less than \$50.

Bride Dies In Her First Hunt For Christmas Tree

EVELETH, Minn. — (AP) — An Eveleth housewife was found dead of exposure late Thursday, 24 hours after she and her husband became lost in deep woods on a search for their first Christmas tree.

The body of Mrs. Arne Maki, 42, was found in an improvised lean-to by firemen from nearby Virginia. They had taken a sled into the woods to rescue her. Maki, 40, was treated at the hospital for severe frostbite.

The Makis were married six months ago.

Penalty Given Woman On Bad Check Charge

Ruth Elliott, 30, Burns, Oregon, was given a two-year penitentiary sentence in circuit court here Wednesday afternoon after pleading guilty to a charge of drawing bank check with insufficient funds.

The penalty was imposed by Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

She was convicted of passing a \$180 worthless check in Roseburg.

Fruit Warehouse Burns With Loss Near \$1 Million

WENATCHEE — (AP) — Nearly 100,000 boxes of fruit were destroyed in a fire in the J. M. Wade Fruit Co. warehouse in downtown Wenatchee late Thursday.

Fire Chief T. A. Weaver said the loss, including the building valued at approximately \$200,000 would be between \$750,000 and one million dollars.

Wade said the fire started in empty boxes in the warehouse about 3 p.m. It was brought under control six hours later.

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Stern Note To Reds Cites Omissions In Present List; Appeal Sent For Red Cross

MUNSAN, Korea — (A) — The Allies today demanded the Reds account for more than 1,000 American and other missing U.N. soldiers and "an unbelievable number of South Koreans not listed as prisoners of war."

The demand was made in a stiffly worded note. It was handed to a Red liaison officer in Panmunjom shortly after Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway appealed to Communist chieftains to open the gates of North Korean prison camps to the International Red Cross.

These developments came as the Allies offered to give up all islands off the North Korean coast in a move to hasten agreement on an armistice.

The Allied note demanded a complete explanation of "wide discrepancies" between the number of Allied prisoners listed by the Communists and the number the Allies assert the Reds may hold.

The note did not reject the Red list of 11,559 prisoners handed over Tuesday.

The U. N. note today said "more than 1,000 of the U. N. personnel named as POW's" in earlier broadcasts by Communist radios "are missing from the roster submitted" Tuesday.

Other new names have been used since then on Red China's official Peiping radio. They were broadcast with purported Christmas greetings from Allied prisoners to the folks at home.

The official Red roster named 3,198 American, 1,219 other U. N. soldiers and 7,142 South Koreans. The Allies said they hold 132,472 Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

Friday's U. N. note did not say how many of the unaccounted for 1,000 were Americans.

The truce subcommittee on exchange of prisoners will meet Saturday for the first time since Tuesday. The question of what happened to the missing men undoubtedly will be the key to that session.

Only 6 Days To Snap Deadlock

The staff officers are working on the problem of how to supervise an armistice. They were called in by the subcommittee Thursday in an attempt to break a deadlock before the provisional cease-fire line agreement expires next Thursday — only six days away.

While the Communist list carries the names of 3,198 Americans, the U. S. armed forces list more than 11,000 missing in action. Admittedly many were killed in battle and their bodies not found. But American officers have accused the Reds of slaying from 5,500 to 8,000 captured American soldiers.

These figures would leave about 1,000 unaccounted for.

Ridgway Issues Appeals

General Ridgway appealed by radio to North Korean Gen. Kim Il Sung and Chinese Gen. Peng Teh-huai to allow Red Cross representatives to visit Red prison camps.

"With no other considerations than the welfare of these men and the distress of their families," Ridgway said "I earnestly request that you secure immediate authorization for the entrance of fully accredited representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross who are standing by ready to provide you with their assistance."

Two Red Cross representatives are in Tokyo awaiting permission to enter North Korea. Six other delegates are due from Geneva Christmas day.

Red Cross officials in Tokyo said 11,000 food parcels are (Continued on Page 2)

Another Oregon Prison Guard Facing Charge

SALEM — (AP) — For the second time this week a guard at the state penitentiary has been accused of illegal activities involving prisoners.

Warden Virgil O'Malley said that Howard B. Hansen, 27, had been accused of attempting to help a prisoner escape. McConnell was arrested Monday and pleaded guilty in district court Thursday.

McConnell, who was fired as a guard last week after giving a convict dynamite, a gun and bullets, waived grand jury hearing.

The state parole board was asked by the court to investigate the case to aid the judge in passing sentence. Punishment for the crime may be from 5 to 20 years in the prison.

The convict whom McConnell helped was Dupre Poe, serving life for the murder of a Silverton policeman 20 years ago.

A guard captain discovered the dynamite, gun and bullets before they could be used.

McConnell is 27 years old, has an 18-year-old wife, and a month-old baby.

Warden Virgil O'Malley said that Poe, Omar Pinson, serving life for murder of a state policeman; and William Benson, serving five years for robbery, were to have escaped, and paid McConnell back from proceeds of future holdups.

All three convicts are notorious for having made several escape attempts. They now are in segregation cells.

Parley In Steel Dispute Collapses

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Steel labor negotiations collapsed today and the dispute was referred to a complete deadlock.

Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediation service director, told reporters he was sending the case to the White House as hopeless — leaving it up to the President to decide on the next step to try to avert a threatened New Year's day strike in the vital steel industry.

Mr. Truman apparently has two courses to take.

One is to invoke the Taft-Hartley act, with its provisions for an 80-day court injunction prohibiting a walkout.

This, however, would probably shelve the unsettled steel dispute until March, with the possibility that John L. Lewis may be threatening a nation-wide coal strike then.

His second course would be to refer the steel crisis to the wage stabilization board for a recommended settlement.

However, it was considered highly unlikely the board could complete this process before CIO President Philip Murray's Jan. 1 strike deadline.

Allied Fliers Gash Reds' Rail Lines

SEOUL — (AP) — Allied fighter planes swept across northwest Korea in misty weather today and blasted out gaping cuts in Communist rail lines.

U. S. Fifth air force Shooting Stars, Thunderjets and Mustangs and marine Corsairs scored cuts south of the big rail centers of Sinanju and Kunu.

American Sabre jets thundered northward to their MIG hunting grounds along the Yalu river but were not challenged.

The quiet of the ground fronts was broken by two small, sharp fights in the early morning hours near the punch bowl on the eastern front. Attacking Red units twice tried to probe Allied lines and were twice beaten back.

B-26 light bombers strafed, bombed and fire-bombed Communist vehicles Thursday night. Pilots reported more than 110 damaged or 2,100 sighted.

Naval aviators said their bombs exploded a convoy of eight trucks.

Santa Stand-In Killed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (AP) — Santa Claus lost one of his Christmas season stand-ins in a traffic accident here Thursday night.

George Weaver Hulst, 68, former Grace, Ida, farmer, was struck and killed after leaving a department store where he was employed as Santa.

Laid-Off Men Battle For Snow Shoveling Jobs

DETROIT — (AP) — Nearly 3,000 men seeking jobs as snow shovelers mobbed a city hiring hall Thursday night.

Ninety policemen were called to restore order as the men pressed around the door of the hall, pushing and shoving to get in.

Police said most of the men were laid-off factory workers seeking money for Christmas.

After the men had been lined up, 1,000 were hired at \$1.41 an hour and sent out in gangs of 25 to clear the streets of snow and slush. The other 2,000 were turned away.

The city has set the cost of removing Detroit's 16-inch snowfall of the past week at \$13,000 an inch, figuring wages and equipment.

Diner Of Costly Meal Collects \$40 In Holdup

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — A shabbily clothed man ordered and ate one of the most expensive meals on the menu in a midtown restaurant last night. They, cashier Ellen Penko told police, instead of paying for the dinner, he quietly drew a pistol, robbed her of \$40, and sped away. Miss Penko said she had never before had a robbery in her restaurant.

The Weather

A little warmer with rain today. Showers tonight and Saturday.

Highest temp. for any Dec.	70
Lowest temp. for any Dec.	5
Highest temp. yesterday	42
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	37
Precip. last 24 hours	3.52
Precip. from Dec. 1	15.24
Precip. from Sept. 1	15.24
Excess	3.31
Sunset today, 4:40 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:42 a.m.	



LEO F. YOUNG, center, chairman of the Douglas county Red Cross chapter, awarded certificates to members of the Red Cross production and supply service group for outstanding service in chapter rooms Thursday afternoon. Following the presentation, the service group held its annual Christmas party and exchanged gifts. Persons interested in working with the group are asked to contact chapter members in the army. Pictured, from left, are group members Mrs. Ruth M. Addison, Mrs. Mable Wilson, Young, Mrs. Roy Patrick, Mrs. Hazel Willhelmy, chairman, and Mrs. Marion E. Dittmer. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

"Back to the grass roots" is not only a meaningful figure of speech, but an indicative \$ figure, as for instance: Alfalfa hay is now quoted at \$44 a ton.