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Pro-Nipponese Leader in Shanghai Shot

Military Rule Declared, Two Chinese Cities

Foreigners Fear Student Outbreak to Result; Jap Sailors March

Spokesman Comments on Trend of Sentiment Toward Japan

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Japanese military declared today the assassination of Tang Yu-Jen, pro-Japanese vice minister of Chinese railways...

Chinese authorities immediately declared martial law throughout Shanghai and the central government capital at Nanking.

Severe military restrictions also were imposed at Hankow against anti-Japanese demonstrations.

The Nanking government ordered a section of its railway line torn up as a drastic measure to check the attempt by Shanghai students...

The demonstrating students seized a locomotive here when authorities refused to grant them free transportation to Nanking...

Railway police intensified their precautions in the capital. The Japanese embassy at Nanking took a serious attitude toward the assassination of Tang Yu-Jen...

An embassy spokesman characterized the killing of the vice minister by unidentified gunmen in the French concession here last night as "glaring evidence of anti-Japanese sentiment..."

French police, in whose district the slaying occurred, insisted the motive probably was political.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Tension mounted high in the international settlement early today following the assassination last night of Tang Yu-Jen...

Foreigners feared that student outbreaks and other anti-Japanese activities would result.

Armed patrols of Japanese sailors marched through the streets of the Hongkong area as a precaution against possible incidents arising from the killing.

Tang's chauffeur told the police of the killing. He said his master was killed by two men in Chinese dress who shot him seven times at close range.

Tang had just left his automobile to enter a house in the French concession.

No formal meetings of state boards of which Governor Martin is a member will be held until after January 1, the executive officers announced late Tuesday before the Christmas holiday.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Harvard university received a half million dollar Christmas present today from Thomas W. Lamont, partner in J. P. Morgan and Company, to establish a new chair in political economy.

The 65-year-old banker, a Harvard graduate and former overseer of the college, gave the money for one of a series of new university professorships toward which alumni are being asked to contribute in recognition of Harvard.

Short Session's Mott Prediction



REP. JAMES W. MOTT

Bonus Bill Will Pass, Says Mott

Presidential Veto Isn't Certain, Believes, as Departure Nears

The Stetson-Byrnes bonus bill will very probably become law at the next session of congress, Congressman James W. Mott opined yesterday, on the eve of his departure for Washington.

Mr. Mott plans to leave Salem December 29 or 30 bound for Washington, D. C. Congress is to open January 3, he stated. Mr. Mott said he would vote for that bill.

Congressman Mott believes the measure which provides payment in full of remaining bonus certificates, loans deducted, will go through over the president's veto.

Of the latter he is not certain, having recently had advice from Washington that President Roosevelt might sign a bonus bill if it did not contain a clause making its payment out of new currency money.

In his opinion the next session will be a short one although one can never tell until the session develops what legislation will come up.

He declared the very program intended to "put the government's house in order" and "check the trend toward dictatorship," was proposed today by the American Liberty League.

In outlining the program, the league vehemently attacked new deal legislation and policies, assailed "gigantic waste," demanded a balanced budget and a "sound" monetary system.

A formal league statement asserted it would continue to oppose measures "which contribute to the overthrow of our form of government."

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Christmas decorations around the city were being damaged last night by a number of boys.

Salem police answered calls to several different locations in the city but were unable to catch the men responsible for the destruction.

At one home 30 light globes were reported broken.

The outdoor decorations have been encased by the former over-club which has offered prizes each year for the most attractive Christmas trimming.

Midwest Feels Wintry Hand; South Frosty

Five States Get Snow as Blizzard From North Moves Eastward

Chicago, Kansas City to Prepare For 5 Below Zero Weather

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A blizzard blustered out of the north country today, crippling air, rail and highway traffic and spreading zero cold through the middle-west.

The snow was heaviest in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Kentucky but the frigid wave that accompanied it moved to encompass most of the northern states and to penetrate some of their southern neighbors.

The storm deposited three inches of snow in Michigan, four or more in Wisconsin and Illinois, five in Minnesota's twin cities and six in central Indiana.

Forecasters said it would travel eastward from Ohio.

While this area bore the brunt, winter launched its most widespread and bitter assault. As thermometers went into a sharp decline, meteorologists warned they would fall still farther overnight.

Chicago and Kansas City prepared for five below zero weather. Springfield, Ill., staked up for ten below, Nashville, Tenn., looked for a drop to ten above and Dallas, Texas, to 19. More frost was expected in Florida.

Record seasonal lows were established on Christmas at many points. Devils Lake, N. D., had the nation's nadir, 22 below. Other sub-zero readings included: Keosauqua, Ill., -9; Canton, Ill., -7; St. Paul, Minn., -3; Springfield, Ill., -1.

Congress Urged, Reassert Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A "constitutional party" program intended to "put the government's house in order" and "check the trend toward dictatorship," was proposed today by the American Liberty League.

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Yule Gifts Vary; Chinese Feeds 80 Jewish Orphans

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Truly the spirit of Christmas whispered to Eng Shee Chuck as he sat in his Chinese restaurant today.

It told a story of peace on earth and of good will transcending race, creed or religion.

Eng Shee Chuck summoned many of his relatives. They prepared 80 chow mein dinners and tied red ribbons about 80 toys.

Then they took the offering to the Jewish children's home, steaming chow mein was substituted for regular dinners and toys were passed to wide-eyed youngsters.

Addresses State Teachers Today



DR. F. M. HUNTER

New Angle Enters Todd Death Probe

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Investigation into the death of Thelma Todd, in a pause between grand jury hearings, focused today on a report the actress' throat was swollen and bruised.

"I am not inclined to discount anything in this case," declared Deputy District Attorney George Johnson, "but if she was dead the number of hours she was supposed to be, I can easily see how the throat might be affected."

George Rochester, foreman of the grand jury which adjourned yesterday to reconvene Friday, said that "murder by monoxide" might be a solution of the case.

Johnson disclosed he was on the trail of evidence that might refute the stories told by several persons of seeing the actress alive Sunday afternoon and evening.

He said he has a "definite line" on an automobile exactly resembling Miss Todd's in which an attractive blonde and a dark appearing man rode about Hollywood Sunday, December 15. This, he said, would "tend to indicate a case of mistaken identity."

Three Eritreans To Die as Spies

ASMARA, Eritrea, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Three Eritrean spies, charged by Italian police with giving the Ethiopian government information concerning the location of troops in Italy's colonies, were sentenced today to be shot in the back.

Nine others were given sentences ranging from one to 16 years in prison.

The 12, it was charged, went to Italian Somaliland where they got government jobs or joined the Italian army. Italian police arrested them but discovered the Eritreans had made an agreement to procure military information for the Addis Ababa government.

The knowledge which the men obtained, the Italians charged, was communicated effectively to Addis Ababa along with drawings and reports.

ASMARA, Eritrea, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Ethiopian troops were routed with heavy losses in a skirmish today, Italian headquarters announced.

The encounter, fought for hours, resulted when an Ethiopian meeting here.

There is no sign or reason for believing that the waters can rise still higher, and engulf more dry land in a repetition of the Biblical flood. One basis of the Biblical flood stories might even be the mile rise of the oceans in the last few millions of years.

The unknown mechanism which raises and lowers the waters is believed to be glacial ice, on a newly conceived scale.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—An average increase of 0.4 per cent in the cost of living for wage earners in large cities from July 15 to October 15 was reported today by the labor department.

Addresses State Teachers Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, will open the 36th annual convention of Oregon teachers with an address at the initial session here tomorrow morning. His topic will be, "The American Pattern."

November Liquor Take Sets Mark

Exceeds Any Other Month in State Operations; Sales \$657,798

Far more liquor was sold in Oregon in November than in any other month the state liquor system has operated, figures released yesterday by the state liquor commission reveal.

Sales for the stores and agencies totaled \$657,798, an increase of \$70,000 over October, 1935, when sales totaled \$587,800. Sales in the state stores and agencies have been running steadily higher the last six months and were 80 per cent higher last month than in January, 1935.

Profits Reached \$131,221 Total. Profits to the state ran higher than any previous month, a net gain of \$131,221 being made in November on stores and agencies. These returns coupled with net income from licenses and taxes ran the total net of the state to \$154,457 for the month.

Earnings from licenses and sales will aggregate \$1,850,000 for the year, according to estimates made from the audited report of 11 months' operations. Since the state set up the liquor system now in operation, net gains for the unemployment relief fund have been \$2,535,953. Not all of this money has been turned over to the relief committee thus far as some of the funds have been retained as working capital. The liquor commission has used only \$107,000 of its (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Quints Remain in Nursery Yule Day

CALLANDER, Ont., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne said "Joyeux Noel" to their quintuplet daughters today by waving at them and talking through the glass window panes of their nursery.

The quintuplets were not allowed to have the family inside their nursery because of the possibility that cold germs might be brought in.

The five elder brothers and sisters and Mr. and Mrs. Dionne had dinner at the hospital but confined their greetings to the quintuplets to gestures and expressions the babies could hardly hear with a glass between them.

Seas Once Mile Lower Than Now

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—All the oceans of the earth were a mile below their present level in a new geological picture of the earth's recent history announced tonight by the Geological Society of America on the eve of its annual meeting here.

Today's oceans, all of them, are lapsing over their edges, in a world far wetter than a few million years ago, and under the influence of a mechanism still only guessed at.

There is no sign or reason for believing that the waters can rise still higher, and engulf more dry land in a repetition of the Biblical flood. One basis of the Biblical flood stories might even be the mile rise of the oceans in the last few millions of years.

The unknown mechanism which raises and lowers the waters is believed to be glacial ice, on a newly conceived scale.

Fire, Weather Join Guns and Autos in Toll

Flames Sweep Transient Hotel, Woman Dies; Banker Freezes

Butte Officer Slain by Fugitive, 3 Hurt; Babe is Shot

(By the Associated Press)

Fire, cold, gunshot and car crash added a touch of sadness to the general picture of the nation's merry Christmas Wednesday.

Flames swept a transient hotel at Hot Springs, Ark., causing at least one death but several other persons were unaccounted for. Five persons were taken to hospitals with injuries.

At Carthage, N. C., Arthur Blake Maness shot and killed his 10-months-old baby, critically wounded his estranged wife, then killed himself.

At Butte, Mont., Policeman Tom O'Neill was killed while attempting to quell a disturbance at a boarding house. Another officer and two other persons were wounded.

The frozen body of Robert Arthur Tees, Jr., 49, was found in a sub-zero winter near Sweet Grass, Mont.

John W. Goodman, state representative for North Dakota of the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

150 Die in Yule Tragedies

Towns and Mountains Shattered by Quake, Remote Chinese Area

Scanty Communications System Brings Belated Report of Catastrophe That Happened December 18; Avalanches Dam River, Form Lakes

CHENGTU, Szechuan Province, China, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Fragmentary reports from southern Szechuan Province told today of an earthquake December 18 that shattered entire villages and caused a death toll that may reach thousands.

The remoteness and inaccessibility of the quake area made it impossible to determine the full extent of the disaster.

Primitive, mountain dwelling Lolo tribesmen were the chief sufferers.

Villages and forts near the tops of the mountain range that extends north and south through the affected region were torn from their foundations and hurled into the valleys.

The communications system, dependable under normal conditions, brought scanty, incomplete reports of towns of 100 and more families being wiped out.

Freakish landscape distortions followed the upheaval.

A mountain was split wide for a distance of a mile.

In other places avalanches dammed rivers and formed lakes in what formerly were fertile valleys.

The Yangtze river in its upper reaches dropped five feet suddenly when the tributary Kinsha river was cut off abruptly by such a landslide.

Szechuan, a fertile interior province, is densely populated, with an average of nearly 300 persons to the square mile.

U. S. Air Force To Be Superior

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Speeding its program for strengthening the wings of the army, the war department is expected to announce contracts for 32 additional pursuit planes by the end of this week.

Army officers said today that completion of this year's purchases will give them an air fleet superior in point of modernity to the other nations with the possible exception of Germany.

The new pursuit plane purchases, plus two transport ships which may be ordered at the same time, will bring to 769 the number of aircraft purchased by the war department since June, 1934, at a cost of \$43,000,000. All but 103 have been ordered this year.

Test of Borah's Strength Looms in New York Moves

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A double-edged movement in New York state to pledge New York's republican convention delegates to Senator William E. Borah transpired the Empire state today in a likely battlefield on which Senator Borah's eastern presidential strength may be tested.

New York Deemed Testing Ground. This seemed the thought of numerous eastern republicans who previously have assayed New York as the probable testing grounds of a midwestern, liberal republican presidential movement if such a movement materialized.

Elderly Silvertown Man Falls to Death in Deep Ravine

Hat Given By Friend Found Beside Body

Misses Bridge in Dark on Way Home From Visit to Brinkmeyer

Headpiece Belonged to Youth Who Took Own Life 2 Years Ago

SILVERTOWN, Dec. 25.—(Special)—Carrying home the hat of a youth who committed suicide two years ago, Rudolph Stadel, 65, of route three, Silvertown, fell to his death last night. Stadel had just received the hat as a Christmas gift from J. F. W. Brinkmeyer, the uncle of the youthful suicide.

According to information obtained by state police, Stadel had been visiting at the home of Brinkmeyer, about one-half mile south of Silvertown on the Silver Creek falls road. He left his home at about 7:15 p. m.

In the dark Stadel apparently lost his way while hunting for the bridge leading to the highway from the Brinkmeyer place. Taking the wrong path, he missed the bridge and plunged over a 30-foot bank to his death.

Search Reveals Body in Ravine. When Stadel failed to return home Tuesday night, his son, Rudolph Stadel, Jr., began a search, which ended when the body was found at 8 o'clock this morning.

Officers who investigated the death said the man was wearing a hat that Stadel had tried to save himself from falling after slipping from the path but his footing failed causing him to fall the rest of the way down the steep bank. Death was caused by a fracture at the base of the skull.

When the body of Stadel was found, two hats were lying near the scene. In seeking an explanation, the hat was found to be the gift of Brinkmeyer. The hat had formerly belonged to Brinkmeyer's nephew.

Came to America From Switzerland. Stadel's body is at the Larson & Son chapel here. Survivors are Rudolph, Jr., Mrs. Walter Von Flue, Mrs. Carl Detweiler, Mrs. Ernest Kuenzi, Fred, Eddie, Ernest, Esther and Mary, all of communities in the Silvertown area.

Stadel came to this country 33 years ago from Switzerland. He lived in Portland ten years before coming to Silvertown.

Officer Killed, 3 Wounded, Butte

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Gunfire which cracked through the holiday calm of a Butte boarding house today killed police officer Tom O'Neill, wounded three others including a fellow officer, and sent posemen in search of the slayer.

O'Neill dropped dead in a volley of shots as he entered an apartment where he had been called to investigate a disturbance.

Officer James Mooney, accompanying him, fell with three flesh wounds.

Mooney summoned brother officers and directed them to seek Harry Knight, of Kingston, Mont., as the assailant of the four persons. Knight fled from the scene in an automobile.

Mrs. Florence Benevise and Frank Walsh, boarders, were shot during the disturbance which preceded the officers' arrival.

"Unloaded" Yule Pistol Kills Tot

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 25.—(AP)—St. Elmo Snodgrass, 2 1/2, was playing with his new electric train beside the Christmas tree this morning. His 11-year-old brother, Romaine, was showing his new pistol to a playmate, Granville Simmons, 13.

Granville thought the pistol was not loaded. He pulled the trigger, experimentally. A bullet plowed into St. Elmo's right arm and through his body. His father, S. F. Snodgrass, rushed him to a hospital, where he died a short time afterward.

The savor was gone from Christmas today for the parents and Romaine, another brother of 7, and a sister, 14.