

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Some of our western towns never seem to grow up. They want to pose as relics of the old west...

But this pose of being wild west, of being tough and primitive, seems to have a grip on some of our cities...

This observation is prompted by a recent report of the grand jury of Klamath county respecting enforcement of gambling laws in Klamath Falls...

Storms Sweep Pacific Coast, Warnings Up

Gales swept areas of the California, Oregon and Washington coast today, while heavy rain throughout most coastal regions became a hazard to highway travel.

Two disturbances were traced by the weather bureau in the eastern Pacific, and storm warnings were issued along the northern California, Oregon and Washington coast.

The weather bureau reported a disturbance which formed about 600 miles west-southwest of San Francisco brought on the gales along the California coast.

An earlier storm, which centered about 300 miles off the Astoria coast today, was moving northward. Southeastern gales in Washington and Oregon resulted.

Housing Looks Dark to Snell

"It looks as though things may get worse before they get better," Gov. Earl Snell averred Saturday as he discussed need for housing facilities for returning servicemen.

"I have received letters from mayors of many Oregon cities which indicate that there is not enough room for many of the men now returning home," Snell declared.

Not From Choice!

The Statesman's Sunday comic section is missing today—but not from choice. It will return in full next Sunday, and we hope from then on the supply of still-secure newsprint will be such that we'll never have to pass up Blondie and our other comic friends again.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I say could I borrow one of your stockings for the night?"

NATIONWIDE TRAFFIC JAM INCREASING

Patton Rites Set For Luxembourg Today

By Richard A. O'Regan HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 22—(AP)—Past sorrowing lines of his comrades in arms, the body of Gen. George Smith Patton, jr., was borne tonight to ancient Villa Reiner, where the warrior will lie in state until funeral services tomorrow.

Patton, one of the most vivid figures in American military history, will be laid to rest Christmas eve in a U.S. military cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg, in soil hallowed by the blood of his fellow fighting men in the gallant U.S. third army.

The steel casket, draped with the banners of the U.S. third, seventh and 15th armies, was placed in the oak-paneled drawing room of the villa. The spacious room was filled with fresh roses and carnations flown in from France.

The somber tones of an organ, played in an upstairs room by Sgt. Joseph Crosby of Corvallis, Ore., broke the solemn silence.

Postmen Work Today to Deliver Christmas Mail

For the first time on Sunday in many years mail will be delivered today in the residential districts of Salem. This announcement was made late Saturday by Postmaster Al Gragg.

The delivery will clear out the heavy backlog of Christmas cards and letter mail received late Saturday and early this morning. Delivery of parcel post mail will be made today as it was last Sunday.

While it was thought all outgoing package mail had been received earlier, considerable was taken in Saturday afternoon. At one time the line of persons waiting in the lobby was so long that a second parcel post window was opened.

Ephraim Tutt's Creator Dies After Illness

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—(AP)—Arthur C. Train, 70, lawyer, novelist and creator of "Mr. Ephraim Tutt," a fictional character whose corporeal existence was taken for granted by countless readers, died today in Memorial hospital after a year's illness.

Train, reelected last week as president of the national institute of arts and letters, had been in the hospital several times since spring undergoing a series of operations. He was a native of Boston.

Equally capable as a lawyer and writer, Train received his greatest tribute as an author last year when Ephraim Tutt, fictional lawyer with the stovepipe hat, became the subject of a legal wrangle.

Train and Charles Scribner's Sons, publishers of "Yankee Lawyer," were used in supreme court by an attorney who charged that Mr. Tutt's failure to materialize is the flesh constituted fraud.

Stayton Woolen Mill Pays \$11,000 Bonus

STAYTON, Dec. 22—(Special)—Christmas bonuses aggregating \$11,000 were distributed to 50 employees of the Pax Woolen mills, according to J. B. Powell owner. All employees who have been with the company since July 1, 1945, through December 15, received a bonus at the rate of 10 per cent of their yearly earnings from January 1 through December 15.

Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal Churches Plan Yule Services

Christmas day church services in Salem will be held by Catholic, Lutheran and Episcopal churches, and midnight services will usher in the Christmas day at St. Paul's Episcopal and American Lutheran churches.

The first mass will be celebrated Christmas day at 6 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul's church. It will be sung by the children's choir and will be followed by a low mass at 7:30 and the second sung mass, "The Mass of the Shepherds," will be at 9 o'clock. The last will be a low mass at 10:30 which will be followed by benediction.

Masses are Scheduled The first mass at St. Joseph's will be a solemn high mass at 7:30 followed by low masses at 8:30 and 9:45 and the last mass will be sung at 11. Christmas carols will be sung at each of

As dusk descended over this old university city, a regulation army ambulance bearing the body moved out of the yard of the 130th station hospital, where Patton died late yesterday. A staff car and three military jeeps flashing red lights escorted the machine.

Silent American soldiers stood stiffly at attention, their arms raised in salute, as the procession wound through the twisting cobblestone streets. Stolid Germans watched unemotionally.

Patton's comrades will conduct Episcopal services tomorrow in ancient Christ church of Heidelberg.

Mrs. Patton, who flew to her husband's bedside after the automobile accident which paralyzed him, will attend the services with her brother, Frederick Ayer of Boston, Mass., who flew here several days ago. It was Mrs. Patton's wish that her husband be buried in the soil he did so much to liberate.

Staff Sergeant Faces Charge Of Espionage

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Dec. 22—(AP)—A good-looking army air corps staff sergeant is held in solitary confinement at nearby Hamilton field, the army stated today, charged with spying against his country and dealing with German espionage agents.

A public relations department release, authorized by the war department, identified him as 30-year-old Frank Hirt, formerly of North Babylon, Long Island, N. Y., and more recently of Petaluma, Calif.

"It is expected that he will be tried by an army court martial within the next month at Hamilton field," the statement said. Sgt. Hirt, native of the United States, lived with his grandparents in Germany for many years. He enlisted in the U.S. air corps soon after returning to the United States.

He is accused specifically of conspiring with German agents in Europe and Brazil to obtain and send to Germany information about U.S. military airplanes.

Sailors Take Taxicab East

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 22—(AP)—Four Atlanta sailors and one from Chattanooga licked the transportation problem and came home for Christmas by making a shuttle taxicab trip from the west coast.

S. I. c. Richard T. Harris of Chattanooga said today he and his buddies flagged a cab in San Pedro, Calif., after they found plane and train accommodations unobtainable.

In Dallas they transferred to another cab which took them to Atlanta. Harris made the hop from the Georgia city to Chattanooga on a bus.

The trip east was made in three days and cost the sailors \$55 apiece.

Farrell Urges Safe Driving Over Holidays

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., Saturday issued an appeal for careful driving over the Christmas holiday season. Attention was called to the unsafe condition of highways in many parts of the state.

Both car drivers and pedestrians were asked to observe traffic regulations.

Unemployment Hits New High

Oregon's unemployment reached a new post-war high last week as 24,067 payments were made to those without jobs, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Saturday.

Not since April, 1938, has so many weekly checks been sent out by the commission. The number of payments compares with 783 for the week ended September 1; 4324 for the week ended October 6, 1945; 563 for the week ended December 1. More than \$400,000 was paid this week, and officials said the amount showed no signs of falling off before late spring when construction, lumbering and other seasonal operations will be resumed in greater volume.

Weather Max. Min. Rain Salem 52 33 .02 Eugene 55 35 .02 Portland 49 35 .01 Seattle 61 38 .30 San Francisco 62 56 .53 Willamette river 3 ft. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy, occasional light rain today. Maximum temperature 50 degrees.

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Stranded GIs Total 168,000

Little Hope Seen For Servicemen Left on Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22—(AP)—The army's "operation Santa Claus" to get Pacific warriors home for Christmas was running short of time today, with little hope for newcomers to western ports which have about 168,000 awaiting transportation.

Army and navy officials explained that over-taxed transportation facilities were assigned on "first come-first served" basis and that the thousands arriving from now until Christmas day had little hope of getting on a train or plane going east of the Rockies until after Dec. 25.

With indications that the port cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and San Diego would likely have at least 150,000 stranded men of both services on Christmas, thousands of turkey dinner invitations for the veterans poured into army and navy headquarters.

The San Francisco area had the biggest number: waiting transportation, 53,000. The army's total was about 44,000, with 5100 to move east today and 3348 arriving by ship. The navy's backlog rose to nearly 9000.

About 45,000 soldiers, sailors and marines are scheduled to be brought to western ports by the Pacific transport fleet in the navy's "magic carpet" operation from now until Dec. 26.

Christmas trees on all ships and piers and at all camps where veterans are billeted, distribution of presents, entertainment by civilian professionals as well as army entertainers and most important, generous "liberties" were included in the elaborate plans to make the delay pleasant.

In addition, there will be special church services. Everything possible is being done to put through communications to relatives of the men and special pay advances are being made so everybody will have some funds.

Oregon Man to Receive Honor For Volunteers

An Oregon man, to represent the state of Oregon at the White House ceremonies honoring the volunteer, unpaid members of the selective service system, will be selected at a drawing here next week, Colonel Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, announced here Saturday.

The Oregon representative will be chosen from among 101 volunteers who have served on local boards since the inception of the selective service program in Oregon. The drawing will be held in the executive department Thursday with Mrs. Earl Snell, wife of Oregon's governor, picking the number from a hat.

The man selected will be notified immediately and will leave on his expense-paid trip to Washington about January 15.

State Tops E Bond Goal

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22—(AP)—Oregon's Victory loan E bond sales topped the state's quota today. Total sales of \$22,858,859 were 101.6 per cent of the quota, state war finance officials said.

FLIGHT TO ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—(AP)—Carrying 21 passengers, a Pap American World Airways clipper took off today, inaugurating the company's new schedule of daily flights between New York and England.

UNRRA IN "FULL STRIDE"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—Recent American contributions have enabled UNRRA to reach "the full stride of action," Director General Herbert H. Lehman said today.

TO RESTORE POWER

MOSCOW, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Soviet Union will complete the restoration of all war-damaged electric power stations by 1948, the news agency Tass said today.

Mangled Remains of Navy Truck



SAN DIEGO, Dec. 22.—Pictured is the navy ammunition truck which exploded on the coast highway near La Jolla, Calif. One thousand persons were left homeless by the flaming explosion. Rockets, depth charges and shrapnel ripped through Torrey Pines and Camp Callan housing centers, smashing every window and leaving every house uninhabitable. Empty shells and (at extreme right) can be seen an unexploded shell. (International Soundphoto)

U. S. to Offer Haven to 39,000 European Refugees Yearly

Joe E. Brown Dropped Comedy To Kill Japs, General Reveals

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22—(AP)—How Joe E. Brown switched roles from actor to fighter and killed two Japs in a foray on northern Luzon was related by the comedian today for the first time.

The incident was disclosed by Major Gen. Robert S. Beightler, commander of the 37th (Ohio) division, and Brown reluctantly confirmed it.

"I've never mentioned it before," the actor said. "Maybe some people will think I shouldn't have done it. I was only doing what every one else was doing—trying to help win the war."

"Besides," he added, "the Japs were shooting at me." And they were, reported General Beightler, who was host to Brown when he visited the 37th troops last June in his entertainment tour. He said:

"One of our men standing beside Brown was shot by a Jap sniper and wounded."

Brown and Beightler had a reunion last night on the stage of a local theater, where the actor is playing in the show, "Harvey." It was there that Beightler told how Brown went into combat.

Elaborating today, General Beightler said: "Joe was worrying the life out of me, because I personally felt responsible for his safety and he insisted on staying up at the front when he was not putting on a show."

"I finally asked him if he would like to help capture the town of Bambang, and Joe thought that would be swell."

"I put him into the lead tank, and the attack got underway." As the spearhead broke into the town, the general related, Joe popped out of the tank and began firing a carbine at the Japanese. During the attack, a machine gun in Brown's tank exploded and a soldier was stunned.

When the skirmish was over, the colonel and Joe had a friendly argument over who got two Japs lying near them. The G.I.'s settled it by awarding to Brown a flag one Jap carried.

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Simplified Tax Form to Lower State Revenue Minimum of 3%

State income tax revenues for 1946, based on 1945 incomes, will be reduced at least three per cent by use of the new simplified income tax form approved by the 1945 legislature, state tax commissioners said here Saturday. Sending out the short forms will start this week. The law providing for use of such forms was held valid by the state supreme court here Friday in a decision on a suit brought by F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc. Young contended that the bill designed by presiding officers of senate and house of representatives and by the governor was not the one approved by the legislature. Under the new law individuals with net more than \$500 adjust-

Quotas Remain Same Under Planned Policy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—President Truman today directed the entry into the United States—within established immigration quotas—of European war refugees at the rate of about 39,000 a year. Most of them will come from central and eastern Europe and the Balkans where approximately 2,000,000 persons are said to be homeless.

The effect of the order is to require that the regular immigration quotas from those countries be filled with persons whom the war drove away from their homes and who, for one reason or another, are not returning. There will be little room left for other nationals of those countries who may want to come here.

"This is the opportunity for America to set an example for the rest of the world in cooperation towards alleviating human misery," the president said in a statement.

Along with the statement the White House made public an official directive to six federal agencies to put the plan into effect.

Panama Revolt Draws Arrest

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Many On Move For Holidays

Thousands Wait At Depots for Transportation

By the Associated Press The worst traffic jam in history spread throughout the nation last night as servicemen, civilians and brand-new discharges surged into trains, buses and planes in a gigantic home-for-Christmas movement. Determined to celebrate the gayest Christmas in five years with their families at home, tens of thousands waited in endless lines at ticket windows, pushed into buses, stood for hours jammed in the aisles of trains, and some even slept overnight at airports in the hope that someone might cancel a reservation. Ignore Warning No longer obligated to ask themselves "is this trip necessary," the holiday travelers ignored warnings by railroads that space was at a premium, that military travel was at its highest peak in history despite the end of the war. Travel reached such a volume that the New York Central system suspended ticket sales at a number of points "until further notice," and in Washington all lines shut off ticket sales to civilians for 30 to 90 minutes at a time. Air lines had 40 to 50 persons on waiting lists for each flight. Telephone jams developed as thousands besieged railroad stations for reservations. In Chicago, a Union depot station master said 15,000 were left in the station last night when trains pulled out without them because of lack of space. Shore patrols and military police supplemented regular policemen in keeping order at the stations but minor stampedes still were reported. In Madison, Wis., a sailor suffering a mangled leg when a surging platform crowd accidentally pushed him under the wheels of a train. Aggravating the national tie-up was shortage of equipment reported by all rail lines as a result of wartime deterioration and military demands. (Additional details on page 6.)

New England Favored Site

LONDON, Dec. 22—(AP)—Most delegates to the United Nations preparatory commission appeared tonight to favor some small New England community in the vicinity of Boston as the permanent home of the world peace agency.

The New York City area was considered a close second, but other areas still were in the running, and many delegates said they still had open minds.

The shift to New England developed in informal discussions after the commission voted 20 to 5 to establish the permanent headquarters of the United Nations organization in the eastern United States, thus eliminating such bidders as Denver, San Francisco, and the Black Hills area.

Ickes Urges Hawaii as State

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—The admission of Hawaii "in the immediate future" as the 49th state in the union was recommended today by Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

The people of the Pacific ocean outpost already have voted in the ratio of 2 to 1 in favor of statehood. The final decision on admittance will be up to congress which will check up on the territory's qualifications through a committee visit next month.

Ickes' announcement was unexpected. Not long ago he said that he doubted whether he would make any recommendation on the issue before next year.

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS. GIMME A QUICK HAIR CUT AND SHAVE, I'VE ONLY GOT SHOPPING DAY LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS!