NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR

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Tornado Toll

A violent Mother Nature hurl-

ing destructive tornadoes and

marred the New Year's debut in

freezing temperatures brought se-vere ice storms and later heavy

snows New Year's day to sections

of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and

Michigan, disrupting communica-

tion and power lines, toppling ra-

dio transmitter towers and caus-

ing damage estimated in the mil-

In the east, rain helped clear

New York streets of its record 25.8

inch snowfall of last Friday, but

freezing temperatures followed

Pennsylvania to Massachusetts

probably would be covered with

At least 20 persons were dead,

NEW YORK, Friday, Jan. 2

-(P)- Freezing rain coating elec-

trie wires, sidewalks and streets,

brought new peril to New York-

ers early today in the wake of

last week's paralyzing snow-

The ice made vehicle travel-

dreds made homeless in the wake

of tornadoes that struck five sou-

thern states New Year's eve. The

widespread disturbance left 10

known dead and an estimated 200

injured at Cotton Valley, La.,

three near Memphis, and one at

Mantee, Tenn., and one each at

leton, Dykesville and Haynes-

ville, La., and Altheimer and Vil-

Chicago and northern Illinois

suffered heavily in the midwest-

ing rain toppled at least five ra-

dio transmitter towers, knocked

down telephone lines, shattered

windows throughout Chicago and

icy sheet that crippled transpor-

staff of more than 1,000 mainten-

ance men had been summoned to

home in Monmouth Wednesday.

He is also a former superin-

and at Pendleton and for a num-

ber of years has conducted classes

Air Freight Jumps

Over 1946 Figure

A 600 per cent gain in the am-

ount of air freight shipments dur-

The company flew 50,939

pounds of freight out of Salem

in the year just ended. The bulk

of these shipments were made by

airline reported. Salem ranks

shipments originating at 39 west-

Air express from Salem increas-

ed 80 per cent over the previous

year and one-third more airmail

was boarded at the local port in

1947. Airline ticket sales here ap-

proximated \$187,000, 63 percent

Defeat Inflicted on

"This is the first fruit which

ists," said a communique review-

The general staff communique

ing the week-long battle.

ern United Airlines stations, it

ing 1947 over 1946 was announ-

600% at Salem

about to enter his car.

extension service.

Airlines company.

was reported.

more than in 1946.

lifted today.

lage, Ark.

Radio Towers Topple

tation facilities.

emergency duty.

and even walking hazardous.

more than 200 injured and hun-

Ice to Cover Highways

Excessive rains accompanied by

wide sections of the country.

14 Perish as Missouri Trains Collide Raised to 20 as

Communications Holiday Workers Strike Accident

To Affect Overseas Cable Messages

NEW YORK (Friday), Jan. 2 -(AP)- Last-ditch negotiations continued early today in an effort to avert a strike of overseas communscations workers but as the midnight strike deadline passed picket lines were formed here and walkouts were in progress in Washington

There had been no word to indicate the progress of wage negomight be nearing a settlement.

the overseas transmissions hand-

dispute, but it also was reported

that other concerns not affected

America Cables and Radio, Inc.

can Communications association

and the Independent All America

Cable Employes association. About

3,500 workers are involved.

After Holiday

automobile drivers today, follow-

damaged two parked cars.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 - (AP)

Congress action on the Marshall

plan may be delayed two months

beyond the administrations April

fairs committee, predicted today.

ton told reporters. "But if we get

it through by June 1 we'll be for-

plan in exactly the pattern cut

by the administration, but as it

finally evolves after careful hear-

ings and any necessary revisions.

Through British

Palestine Blockade

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1 - (AP) - A

mass attempt to break the Pales-

today when between 500 and 700

The ship which beat the British

hariya at the extreme northern

end of the Palestine coast. Ha-

gana, the Jewish defense organi-

zation, said all 700 Jews aboard

this ship now were inside the

11,000 other uncertified Jewish

immigrants filed quietly off their

Meanwhile, hundreds of British

tion camps.

Jewish immigrants waded ashore ing while you were in no condi-

"I wouldn't set any date," Ea-

In San Francisco, a union-

By Charles A. Soraque

Marion county lost one of its bridges last Tuesday when a log truck went through a bridge on the Little North Fork above Mehama. The bridge was undergoing reconstruction, but whether this weakened the old structure has not been stated. No charge has been made either that the truck weight exceeded the legal truck weight exceeded the legal maximum. The accident though Two Men Held has proven costly and has suspended traffic for the Elkhorn country above.

Old bridges over the state are eracking up under the burden of traffic, particularly of logs. Log Eve Accidents truckers have been favored with the maximum of concessions under the law and yet many truck operators yield to the temptation ing their arrests New Year's eve to overload. There has been a by city police. Few traffic misrunning controversy between log- haps were reported for the holiging people and the state highway department over enforcement of the truck restriction laws. Scores 1, was released on a total of \$250 a penalty period.

ations. Less apparent is the effect on roadway, though the ultiheavy for the type of road con-In short there is definite need

for enforcing load limits on truck (Continued on editorial page)

Cold Cripples Mummers Fete

disregard of biting cold and a soaking rain that washed out cers' reports said pieces of ramuch of the color and one whole diator grill and bumper found at choked Point McKenzie area west section of the Quaker city's an- the . parking meters matched of here in a search for the weanual New Year's carnival.

True to mummers' legend that car. the show goes on if at all possible, the fancy clubs and comics wirled gaily through the center Marshall Plan of this normally staid city.

But long before the last "shoot-er" -- rain rolling from his Delay Hinted grease-painted face - - passed the judges stand at city hall, most of the 500,000 spectators had sought refuge indoors from the numbing cold. And the string bands, 17 whose tinkling tunes help make deadline, Rep. Eaton (R-NJ) this annual fete unique in America, agreed to delay their march until Saturday.

MUKDEN TIDE TURNING

NANKING, Jan. 1 -(AP)- Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek told officials of his national government today that communist attempts to encircle Mukden had been "completely frustrated" and that the situation in Manchuria and in north China was improv- 700 Jews Break

Animal Crackers



OTTERVILLE Mo., Jan. 1-(AP) At least 14 holiday travelers, including former ambassador to Spain Alexander W. Weddell and his wife, were killed today in the tiations or whether negotiators rear-end collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains in a heavy snowstorm. It was estimated that a strike would halt about two-thirds of

Weddell's body was identified late tonight by Mr. and Mrs. Richled by companies involved in the ard Baldwin, St. Louis friends of the family. Weddell's wife also was listed among the tentatively identified dead.

could take over most of the mat-Weddell was ambassador to Argentina from 1933 to 1939 when he was appointed ambassador to estimated 161 employes struck the Spain. He served in that capacity

offices of Mackay Radio and Teleuntil his retirement in 1942. graph company at midnight (EST). Removal of the bodies in the The companies are the cables division of the Western Union subfreezing weather was tedious and nightfall added to the diffi-Telegraph company, Mackay Raculties. State highway patrolmen dio and Telegraph, Inc., the Comsaid two or three more bodies mercial Cable company and All may be found in a felescoped Pullman car. The unions are the CIO Ameri-

One of the injured died in a hospital at nearby Sedalia, making the known toll 13.

The locomotive of the second section of the train rammed through all but four feet of the rear Pullman of the first section, cramming it together like a giant steel accordion. Col. Hugh W. Waggoner of

the state highway patrol said the New Year's day tragedy appar-Six charges are facing two ed since Wednesday.

By the Associated Press An end-on collision of two sec-

Frank Takayama, Brooks route tion's accidental death toll to lem route 6, born at 11:34 a. m. posed or license plates lifted for the second newcomer this year. at the scene of an accident, reck- day's first 24-hour period.

less driving with liquor involved and failure to heed a police siren. killed in the wreck near Otter-Police reports said Takayama ville, Mo., and 83 other fatali- day of the year in Salem include: tration of the damage to highway was involved in a minor accident ties occurred in traffic accidents, structures caused by these oper- in the 900 block of North Capitol many of which were attributable Kliever, 1190 N. 17th st., and street about 5:30 p.m. Wednes- to icy road conditions in many daughters to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. day with a car driven by Lester northern parts of the country. mate cracking up of the surfacing W. Walling, Salem route 1. Dur- Another 23 miscellaneous deaths Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Quiring, 1374 or rutting of gravel roads again ing an ensuing lengthy chase occurred in such accidents as fires Third st., West Salem, all at Salem proves that the loads were too north through the Hollywood and falls. Oregon had two fatali- General hospital. district, officers reported, the ties, both Portland traffic deaths. Takayama vehicle strucks and

John William Stratemeyer, Alaska Winter jail in lieu of \$750 bail on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liq-

uor, driving with defective headlights' and destruction of city ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. property. After observers report-(AP)- The Alaska winter kept a ed a car whose description tallied tight veil today over the fate of with that of Stratemeyer's struck a B-29 weather plane, which vaand damaged three parking metnished early yesterday morning. The mummers pranced on Broad ers at State and Front streets and blocked efforts to locate five street again today in spectacular about 1 a.m. Thursday, police men who vanished after earlier sighted the car and commenced superfortress crash. a chase of several blocks. Offi-

the parking meters matched broken portions of Stratemeyer's ther observation plane and its nine Flags Raised crewmen. The aircraft disappeared two minutes after its takeoff from Elizendorf field and several persons reported noticing a bright flash in the sky from the plane's line of flight. Five army planes took to the

air in an unsuccessful search this morning and civilian aircraft was expected to join the search.

LEPERS ON MISSING SHIP

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Jan. -(AP)- Shipping authorities today asked the British Guiana and And he made it clear that he besides a crew of seven. was not speaking of passing the



OTTERVILLE, Mo., Jan. 1-Former U.S. Ambassador to Spain Alexander W. Weddell, who with his wife and 12 other passengers of a Missouri Pacific passenger train were killed tonight in a train wreck.

Babies Born January 1st

ently had been caused by failure of seven born here on New Year's tions security council. India acof block signals, disrupted by a day, is the seven-pound son of cused Pakistan of sheltering raidsleet-snow storm which had rag- Mr. and Mrs. David Loewen, 1533 Ruge st., West Salem who greeted the new year at 9:21 a. m. Thurs-

He was named Steven Ray, Hostions of a Missouri Pacific pass- pital records also indicated that enger train during a snowstorm another boy, the nine-pound son-Thursday helped boost the na- of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Shuck, Sa-Both babies were born at Salem Fourteen persons were reported General hospital.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Gulvin, Hillsboro route 2, and to

Daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farrow, Idanha, and to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Salem route 4, both at Salem Memorial hospital. Silverton's first baby of the new

year arrived Thursday afternoon at the hospital there. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Orey, Salem route 2. Thursday night Silverton merchants were still waiting, with prizes, for the first baby to be

A ground party, traveling by army weasel, probed the snow-

ROME, Jan. 1 -(AP)- Drums of military units throughout Italy rattled today in brief ceremonies heralding the Italian republic which came into legal being at midnight

Throughout the peninsula the Italian flag - minus the cross of the royal house of Savoy - was raised and military commanders announced to their men that the constitution of the new republic was now in force.

Newspapers gave much space to Trinidad governments to start a the burial in Egypt yesterday of er Missy Wallace, unreported for years was king of Italy. The event six days. It has a passenger list emphasized for Italians more than of 19 lepers and two attendants anything else the passing of an

Open Bachelor Season girls came by Trans-World Airlines from Italy and three by Pan-American Airways from Vi-Hailed by Nation's Misses Fare Rise on City

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 -(AP) Lace up those running shoes, men, and make for the escape tine blockade partially succeeded hatches Leap year dawned this morn-

from a beached ship while the tion to defend yourself. British were busy herding more And the unwillingly unmar other vessels into Cyprus deten- ed ready to declare an open season on all eligible bachelors.

Should a girl take advantage to pop the question every time the year is divisible by four?

The Washington Times-Herald asked a bunch of slick young spinsters - and got a chorus of enthusiastic "yeses."

commandos, garrison troops and civil policemen lined the docks at I'll not let opportunity slip by he could "make it appeare that Famagusta, Cyprus, as more than again!" averred Antoinette Gar- he is betrothit ane ither woman." cia, brunette secretary.

ia, brunette secretary.

Note that he only had to "make reau, McNary field, Salem): Partly lift the girl doesn't come out it appeare" he was already hookconverted cargo ships, the Pan and ask, she might never find ed. There were loopholes in those out his intentions," said Norma days, too.

Boxx, who added that she already had her man. Even some men - the traitors! got into the act. "Everyone is taking advantage

of everyone else," said Harold Tremeuan, a philosophical sail- are now 10 cents, compared with or, "so why shouldn't the women the recent 8-cent price. take advantage of the men one year out of four?"

Short of taking to the tall timthan 11,000 passengers from two ried women of this country seem- ber, an eligible male has two books and for children under 12 ways out. He could say thanks" or he could beat the deadline as cowboy star Roy Rognaval patrol ran aground at Na- of the custom that permits her ers did - by getting wed on December 31.

But there was a time, in Scotland several centuries ago, when it cost a man hard cash to turn down a leap year offer. He was fined, under the law,

for spurning "ilk mayden ladye "I missed last leap year but of highe and lowe estait" unless

damaging ide and snow storms marred the New Year's debut in

LONDON, Jan. 1 -(AP)- The world began a new year of "peace" today with civil war in Greece and China, bloodshed in Palestine and unsettled conflicts in India and Indonesia.

The "little man" everywhere was dogged by shortages and in-

Europe was split between communists and non-communists, and and the weather bureau warned for everyone on the continent the that by midnight highways from year 1948 promised to be one of suspense

In most of Europe there was "cold war" of propaganda and economic and political pressure, but in Greece the shooting was real. A battle-weary garrison at Konitsa was relieved by government troops after fighting off violent attacks by communist-led guerrillas for a week. Markos Vafiades, the guerrilla "general," in a New Year's proclamation declared 1948 would be a "year of victory" for his rebel govern-

Sporadic shooting again punctuated the day in Palestine. Warfare Threatens

Threatened with the danger of open warfare in Kashmir, northerly princely state, the Indian government prepared to refer the dispute with the new Dominion Salem's first 1948 baby, first of Pakistan to the United Naers who continued depredations against Kashmir.

The new year brought the return of civil law to Siam for the first time since Field Marshal ern area as high winds and freez-Pibul Songgram overthrew the government on November 9. Government sources said the military phase of the coup was "definite-

Marshall Plan Due Promise of financial assistance from the United States under the Marshall plan heartened the gov- company estimated it had suffer- day cruise aboard a destroyer. ernments of western Europe and ed at least \$1,000,000 damage to gave them hope that 1948 would its lines and equipment. A com- the public is also invited, will be were being held up. mark the turning point in the pany spokesman said the entire held in connection with National battle for economic recovery.

From eastern Europe, however, came bitter opposition to American efforts to hasten reconstruc-

The Russian magazine New Times declared "the first round of the battle for First round of the battle for Europe has in fact been lost by the American OCE Stricken imperialists. They have aroused the wrath and hatred of the masses of the people who do not want to become slaves of the trans-Atlantic invaders."

War Brides born there this year of parents residing in the Silverton trading Arrive One Day Too Late

NEW YORK, Jan. 1-(AP)-Eighteen European girls arrived by plane today to marry ex-soldiers, but immigration authori- in Salem in connection with the ties said the girls were a day too Oregon system of higher education

The prospective war brides who came from Austria and Italy, were ordered held on Ellis Island pending a special hearing. Officials said the deadline for them to enter this country, under a special congressional act, was midnight Dec. 31, 1947. Disgruntled ex-GIs, who had

gone to meet the girls at La Guardia field, immediately wired search for the small island schoon- Vittorio Emanuele III who for 43 an appeal to President Truman for an "extension of the visas." The ex-GIs said the girls had left their homelands in time to arrive before the deadline but that flight delays had made their arrival here late. Fifteen of the Pan-American Airways from Vi-

Buses Takes Effect

Increased fares on city buses took effect Thursday, along with the end of a competitive line for Oregon Motor Stages. Single rides Tickets, replacing metal tokens,

will be sold in multiples at three **Greek Guerrillas** for a quarter. Prices for student did not change. Tokens now held ATHENS, Jan. 1.-(AP)-The may be used as fare, plus one Greek general staff said tonight penny, or may be exchanged for cash at the company's office. ing defeat" on "communist forces" Salem Suburban lines ceased operations on Wednesday.

Weather Min. Precip 39 1.46 Chicago New York

50-mph Wind Lashes City;

Power Failures Reported

Over State in Wake of Gale

Shrine Game Storms Hit U.S. Cotton Bowl

> Sugar Bowl Texas 27, Alabama 7. Orange Bowl Georgia Tech 20, Kansas 14. Delta Bowl

Mississippi 13, TCU 9. 'Gator Bowl Maryland 20, Georgia 20. Dixie Bowl Arkansas 21, William & Mary 19.

Miami (Ohio) 13, Texas Tech 13. Raisin Bowl Coll. Pacific 26, Wichita 14. Salad Bowl

Nevada 13, N. Texas State 6. Pineapple Bowl Hawaii 33, Redlands 32.

Salem Junior First Citizen **Selection Due**

Salem's Junior First Citizen for 1947 will be named at the Junior Chamber of Commerce annual Founder's day banquet, Wednesday, January 21, Jaycee President troubles. Some lines were down, Howard Walker announced Thurs-

The Junior First Citizen is selected yearly by a group of local businessmen on the basis of civic period Thursday evening.

activities and accomplishments, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph activities and accomplishments, and is announced at the Jaycee banquet. The selectee must be between the ages of 21 and 35.

Last year's Junior First Citizen was the Rev. Clay Pomeroy, former assistant pastor of the First Christian church who has since moved to Portland to accept a similar post at the First Christian church there.

This year's principal speaker at the dinner, which will start at 7 p.m. in the Mirror room of the Marion hotel will be Rex Kimcoated the city's streets with an mell, deputy state attorney general, who will leave shortly for

the 27th anniversary of the organization.

A state Junior First Citizen will also be selected during the week.

Regal Miss Prof. Harvey E. Inlow, staff Admits Love member of the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, remained in critical condition at Salem General hospital Thursday night

following a heart attack at his COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. Prof. Inlow, an acknowledged 1-(A)-Princess Anne of Boubonauthority on Oregon history, and Parma said in an interview today former president of the Eastern that she was completely in love Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, was stricken as he was Romania, and "wherever he goes

I will follow him." The Danish princess is at the tendent of schools at Forest Grove residence of her uncle, Prince Axel, in a Copenhagen suburb, day night. Throughout western anxiously awaiting word from Oregon and coastal Washington

was a complete surprise to her. of Princess Elizabeth. It was love broken power lines, although no at first sight-I did not think it serious damage was reported. could happen to me," said the

24-year-old princess.

Lausanne we had no definite plans for the future," she continued. "It seemed so uncertain, but I hoped to see him again in April." If Mihai weds the princess he will not marry into a wealthy ced this week by the local United family. She is heir, however, to a small fortune left her mother in the will of a Danish millionaire who died last summer.

the West Mushroom company, the Parachutes for ninth in the amount of air freight Use on Airlines **Held Impractical**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 -(AP) Parachutes for airline passengers are not feasible, in the opinion of President Truman's air safety inquiry board.

The board, set up by President Truman last summer after a series of airplane accidents which cost nearly 150 lives, has sent a report to the White House but it has not yet been made public. The board said that nothing

had been presented to it to justify any change in the "fairly unanimous" opinion that the use the army had inflicted a "crush- of parachutes is impracticable. The main reasons against the in the battle of Konitsa, where a use of 'chutes, the board said, are

seven-day guerrilla siege of the the nature of air accidents, that local government garrison was is, the lack of warning; the necessity of knowing the technique for jumping, and the faster speeds has been reaped by the bogus and higher altitudes at which government of Slavo-Commun- transports fly.

BRITISH LIKE BING LONDON, Jen. 1 -(AP)- British said one column of troops, bent on motion picture exhibitors have relieving the Konitsa garrison, named Bing Crosby as the big-

Football Scores 1.46 Inches of Rain Brought By Local Storm

Rainy blasts of wind roared into the Salem area on the wings of the New Year causing some damage, but by late Thursday night had abated enough to allow the weatherman to forecast showers and warmer temperatures for today and Saturday.

The wind, which took up when 1947 left off, was strongest between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday and reached gale strength of 50 miles per hour at 3:30 p.m. the U. S. weather bureau at Mc-Nary field reported.

A total of 1.46 inch of rain lashed down with the gale. Yuletide decorations stretched across downtown streets were being ripped apart by the blasts, and by late last night were nearly all removed by the United Artists company of Portland and the Denison-Stone electrical firm

of Salem. Portland General Electric company reported that the only major power interruption occurred in the general area from Trade to Mission streets and from 14th to High streets for about an hour at noon Thursday, Power was restored through other circuit connections.

Many Minor Troubles A PGE crew of about 70 men. however, worked throughout the day taking care of other minor and in several areas snapped-off tree limbs had toppled onto lines. Street lights in several areas in south Salem were out for a short

company reported "the usual hard wind trouble". Some lines in scattered sections of the city were down but were quickly repaired. The company reported an open wire toll failure south of Salem, which isolated Salem from southern contact for a short while early Thursday afternoon.

Flights Held Up Local United Air Lines terminal reported that Thursday flights were not hampered because the extremely heavy wind was blowing in the direction of the runway, instead of counter to it.

eral, who will leave shortly for Because of bad storming in the San Diego where he has been in-mid-west, the Salem air lines office said that as of Thursday afternoon, flights between The Jaycee banquet to which Moines, Iowa, and Chicago, Ill.

held in connection with National Junior Chamber of Commerce quiet New Year day and indiweek, January 14-21, celebrating cated that the foul weather held most people at home. State police reported no instances of wind to rain damage in this area Thursday night. The weather bureau reported that the Willamette river was not affected to any considerable extent by Thursday's

> Reports of Rough Weather Meanwhile reports of wind and rough weather in other areas in the northwest part of the state were received here early this more

The ferry between Astoria and Megler, Wash., stopped running Thursday in the face of a wind blowing gusts up to 58 miles per hour. Ships stood by in port and with Mihai, the abdicated king of outside the bar, awaiting subside ing of the storm, the Associated

Press reported. Falling trees blocked the Tillamook-Otis highway late Thurs-Mihai. She said the abdication branches crashed from trees and temporary power breaks occur-"Mihai and I met for the first red. Repair crews spent the holis." time in London at the wedding days at work on fallen poles and

"When Mihai and I parted in Fainting Spell Foils Hostage Plan Of Portland Thief

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.-(P)-A gunman robbed a service station of \$210 in cash early today, but his attempt to kidnap a woman hostage was foiled by a fainting

The man pointed a gun at Homer E. Butler, service station attendant, early this morning, saying "come on, I mean business," and - - after getting the \$210 - -"so long, sucker."

Then he pointed his gun at Mrs. Jill Hanning, who was leaving a nearby cafe, and said "the cops are after me, and I can use you." But she fainted with fright -and the holdup man fled.

QUICKIES



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