

Boggie Assured Freedom as Records Show Term Expired

Family Grets Paroled Convict in Reunion at Lebanon

Clarence Boggie, the man who spent 13 years in prison for the murder he claims he didn't commit, was assured Saturday that he would not have to go back to prison again.

For the 55-year-old lumberjack it was the second Christmas present from the state of Oregon. He was reunited with his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Boggie, at Lebanon Friday night. When he reentered Oregon from Washington he faced a possible two-year sentence.

He had previously been pardoned from an Oregon sentence for robbery. But the pardon was conditional and Hal M. Randall, Oregon Parole Director, said the lumberjack would have to go within the stone walls for two more years.

Randall said today, however, that he had re-studied the obscure phrasing in the case, and now found that Boggie's sentence had expired in 1934. Randall so advised Gov. John H. Hall in Portland who said he shortly would issue a confirming statement.

Later the Governor issued the statement, along with an order to Randall's office to make no attempt to re-arrest Boggie.

This cleared the way for Boggie's impending marriage with Beatrice Nichols, part-time school teacher. The two conducted their romance via the mails, while Boggie was in prison at Walla Walla, Wash.

Mrs. Nichols, a widow who lives on a farm between Barronett and Cumberland, Wis.,

but currently is at Sterling, Colo., said she would leave Sunday to meet Boggie at Lebanon.

Boggie's first Christmas present from Oregon came when he entered the state. Police were told to arrest him, to serve out his remaining two years here, but the Governor intervened, announcing that Boggie at least could have Christmas day as a free man.

Nineteen members of Boggie's family were awaiting him, and tears flowed as Boggie embraced his mother, his 82-year-old father, then greeted two sisters, a brother and their children.

No Christmas celebration had been planned at the parent's home, but a gaily decorated tree was there by the time the freed man arrived, brought by Boggie's sister, Mrs. Mabel Smith.

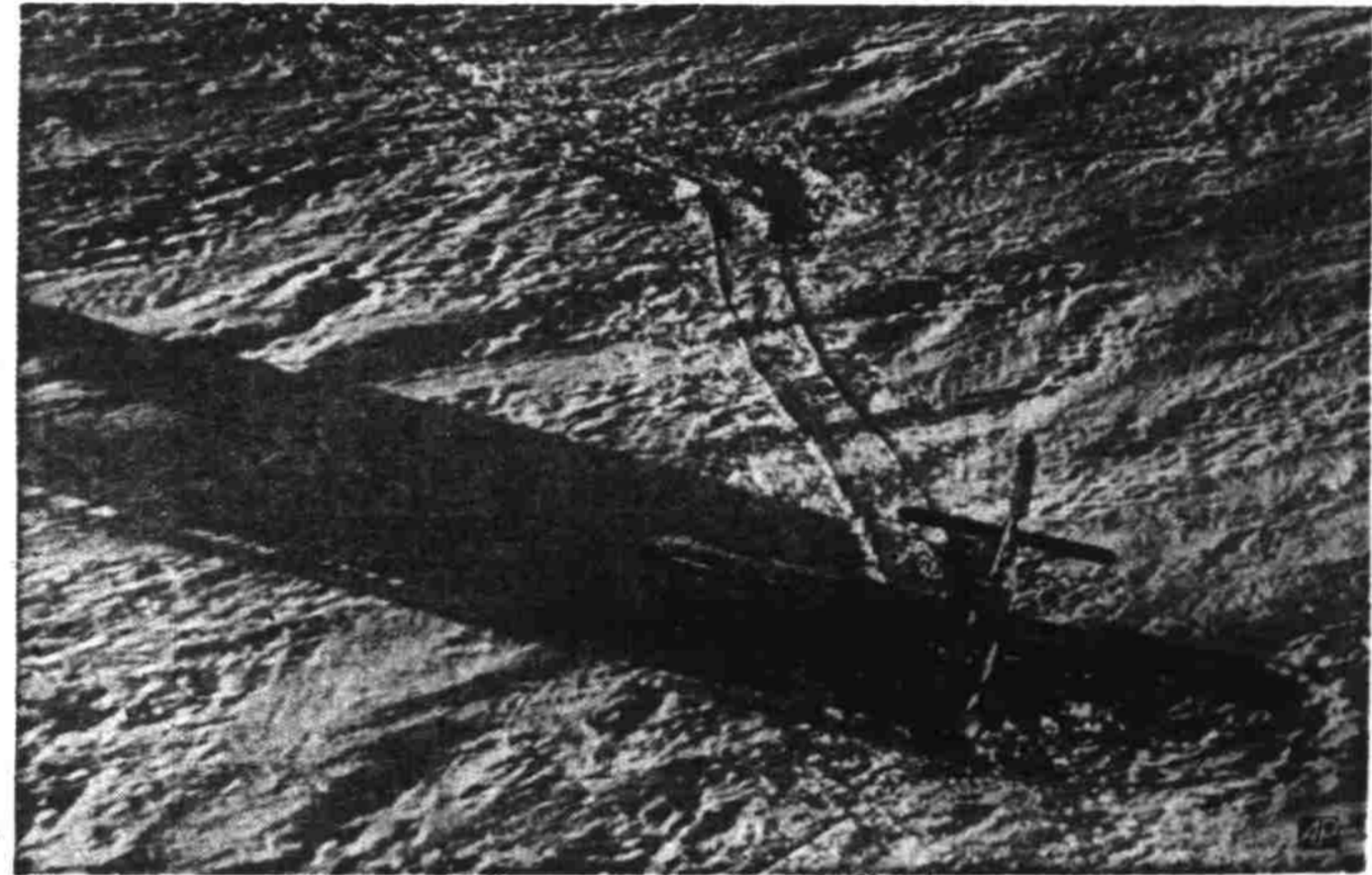
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City Quiet On Yule Holiday Dutch Take Last Big Indonesian City In Defiance of U.N. Halt Fire Order

Evidence of a Rescue That Failed



NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 25—Several of the 13 Air Force men stranded on the Greenland icecap stand by the glider in which an attempt to rescue them was made by a C-54 making a "snatch" pickup of the glider tow rope. Attempt failed when glider plowed into deep snow (note tracks to upper left) causing tow rope to break. Further attempts to rescue men have been hindered by stormy weather. This picture was made by Associated Press staff photographer Peter J. Carroll from a plane which flew over scene dropping supplies. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Republican Army Pushed To Mountains

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 25—(AP) Dutch troops captured Madion, the last major city of the Indonesian republic, today and seized almost all of Java despite a United Nations cease fire order.

Other Netherlands units had gained or were within reach of the major productive areas of Sumatra.

In a week of fighting the poorly-equipped republican army has been pushed back into wild mountain regions. Split up and without communications it is no longer an organized fighting force. Whether the republicans have retained enough strength to mount damaging guerrilla attacks against the Dutch remains to be seen.

A Christmas day Netherlands communique announcing the capture of Madion told of Dutch sweeps throughout Java. Madion, a communications center, is 85 miles east of fallen Jogjakarta, the former republican capital.

The Dutch also took Kediri, 30 miles southeast of Madion, the communique said. They now have advanced 80 miles southward from their north coast landing place at Toean and are within 30 miles of the south coast in that region of central Java.

Other Netherlands units operating immediately north and west of Madion captured Ngawi and Magetan. Mopping up continued around Magesang and Soerakarta, the bulletin said.

Important Rail Links Mobile Dutch forces captured Tawangmanggoe, 18 miles southeast of Soerakarta, and Wonogiri, 32 miles east of Jogjakarta. All of these sweeps in central Java gave the Dutch important highway and rail links and made the isolation of Jogjakarta more complete.

The U. N. good offices committee asked Netherlands and republican delegations to provide immediate information on what steps had been taken to implement the cease fire order issued yesterday by the security council in Paris. A Dutch spokesman said the committee letter was relayed to the Hague for action.

Dr. Surodjo, the republican delegation said the security council's order "has no meaning for the republic since its leaders have been captured and the government is unable to function."

Salem City Jail Empty on Yule

The Salem city jail was empty Christmas day after housing only four guests Christmas eve.

The tank was vacated early Christmas eve when Chief of Police Frank A. Minto gave nine men their releases as a Yule present.

During the evening and early Christmas morning three men were lodged in the jail for imbibing in too much seasonal spirits. Another man was held for Portland police on a larceny warrant.

All were released Christmas morning when the three charged with intoxication posted bail and the Portland man was turned over to Portland police.

White Yule in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25 (AP) Sections of the San Francisco bay area had the first white Christmas in weather bureau history, and the 20th goes back to 1878.

Thousands of kids left Christmas trees and holiday tables to frolic in the snow — highly unusual for this coastal region.

Tire chains were needed on some roads.

Attempt to Unthaw Pipe Burns Down House

PORTLAND, Dec. 25—(AP) Christmas day fires destroyed one home and seriously damaged two others here today.

The home destroyed was that of Ernest R. Humphrey, who was trying to thaw out a frozen water pipe with a flaming newspaper. A sheet blew unnoticed under the house and set it afire.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Christmas came as a welcome truce in the struggles of the world. Russian relations were calm. In China the fighting seemed to have died down for the moment. In Dutch smash in Indonesia was so thorough that little opposition remained. Palestine may have had spurts of gunfire but Christians made the pilgrimage to Bethlehem safely.

On the domestic front, too, Christmas seemed to mute strident voices in politics and industrial relations. President Truman enjoyed the holiday at his old home in Independence, with his family. Manufacturing, retailing, farming relaxed with a general feeling of satisfaction over a good year in business; and workers found little to complain of as the year drew to an end. The weather acted normally for the season, blowing a wintry breath across the land, sometimes snow-laden, to attest it was late December.

For this hull we should give thanks, because with the turn of the year we must face up again to many and grave problems. Christmas was a welcome anesthesia for the strains of international relations and the fears of domestic prospects. The holidays past our worries will return to fill the New Year bag fuller than Santa's 1948 pack.

The coming session of the congress is where most of the contents of the worry bag will be dumped. The country now awaits the president's message "on the state of the union" and his budget message. They will formally lay out a work program for congress, one sure to excite controversy.

In international affairs, congress must decide what to do about continued ECA appropriations. It must relate its military budget to the

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Arab Planes Bomb Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel, Dec. 25—(AP) Arab planes bombed Israel tonight a few hours after a complete and unrestricted blackout was ordered for the whole Jewish state, it was officially announced.

Air raid sirens sounded in Tel Aviv and the alert lasted more than an hour and a half. It was officially stated that a few bombs were dropped on the "coastal plain" but no damage was reported.

The Jewish blackout order was broadcast urgently over Israeli radio stations late today following recent raids at or near Haifa, Nazareth, Jericho and Gaza.

Snow Bypasses New York City

NEW YORK, Dec. 25—(AP)—The New York metropolitan area had snow squalls and bitter cold tonight but a threatened heavy snowstorm bypassed the city and moved out to sea.

The squalls were intense but brief, striking various parts of the city at different times.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Just one question before we issue this policy—How fast can you run?"

Wedding to Take Place After Near Half-Century Delay

PORTLAND, Dec. 25—(AP)—A 71-year-old farmer and the bride he selected 47 years ago will be married Monday.

David Wallit, Sauvies Island farmer, said the wedding planned nearly a half-century ago was dropped after he lost his leg in a logging accident.

But recently the girl—who married someone else in the meanwhile—resumed a correspondence with him. She is now Mrs. Helen Davy, a grandmother and a widow for the last 17 years.

She arrived here Tuesday, and they set the wedding date.

War, Peace Meet in Town Of Bethlehem

By John Roderick

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(AP)—This year's traditional Christmas ceremony in Bethlehem, where Christ was born, ended today in a strange atmosphere of war and peace.

Inside the hallowed Church of the Nativity devout Christians prayed for peace. In the adjoining chapel, Arab troops moved about with rifles on their shoulders.

The colorful Christmas eve pilgrimage from Jerusalem to Bethlehem was the smallest in many generations. At midnight, when the service began, probably no more than 200 Christians were inside the church.

War Flares Anew

The reason, of course, was the current Arab-Jewish war which flared up anew in the Holy Land as Christmas approached.

In other years the pilgrims set out from Jerusalem's old walled city and traveled six miles to Bethlehem over the winding road used by Mary and Joseph. This year war created a detour on the sacred road and made the distance twice as great.

In Bethlehem, Arab tanks mounted a grim guard in Manger Square. Soldiers of Egypt, Iraq and Trans-Jordan had their guns at the ready because Jewish lines were less than four miles away.

English Not Present

For the first time in 30 years the troops of Christian England were not present to keep the Christmas peace in Bethlehem. Britain gave up her mandate over Palestine last spring, and the troops were called home.

In their stead were American, French and Belgian truce observers on a United Nations assignment to restore peace to this strife-torn land. And with mixed Arab troops on guard, Christmas's greatest event was commemorated under the protecting guns of a Moslem king—Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. For the first time, no Jews made the pilgrimage.

Question of Timing Complicates Taft-Hartley Law Repeal Issue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—The elephant Truman administration has run into a tough and embarrassing problem: When should the Taft-Hartley labor law be repealed?

This prime question of tactics and timing suddenly has become the most discussed topic in the labor world.

President Truman, soon must decide what to recommend to congress. He has been getting plenty of conflicting advice.

The president is expected to ask congress to repeal the Taft-Hartley act and restore the Wagner act with certain amendments — thus ultimately producing a new compromise labor law.

Here is where the problem comes in: Should these things be done simultaneously, in one package? This might take a lot of time.

Or should they be done in two separate steps: (1) Quick repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and simultaneous re-enactment of the Wagner act; (2) passage of the amendments later.

There is considerable evidence that Mr. Truman is leaning toward the "one-package" approach.

CIO Campaigns For Expanded Social Security

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—The CIO today launched a drive for a much larger social security system.

The labor organization called for vast expansion of the present federal old age and jobless insurance plans plus inauguration of new pay-while-sick medical care programs.

Besides this, to come from the government, the CIO said it wants somewhat similar, supplementary insurance paid for by employers in collective bargaining agreements. John L. Lewis' \$100,000,000 a year health and welfare plan for coal miners is an example of this.

The CIO unfolded its elaborate social security plans in its publication "economic outlook," saying:

"CIO support of improved (federal social security) laws does not mean that our unions will relax their efforts to secure through collective bargaining employer-financed plans which provide protection against the economic hazards of old age, premature death, sickness and unemployment."

The CIO figured that part of its plan it wants the federal government to undertake would cost "7 or 8 per cent of payrolls for the next few years."

But "we are reluctant," the CIO's pamphlet said, to have workers pay more than 3 or 2½ per cent on employers 4 per cent on payrolls.

"Cost above a total of 6 or 6½ per cent payroll tax should be met out of general revenues through progressive forms of taxation such as the income or excess profits tax," it says.

"This would put a larger proportion of the cost on the well-to-do, as is proper."

China Military Scene Quiet

NANKING, Dec. 25—(AP)—Movement of at least two divisions of government troops, including some cavalry and tanks, through this capital's streets was the only sign of activity today in China's civil war.

Some of the soldiers evidently were returning from the fronts just north of Nanking while others were northbound.

U. S. More Prosperous, Less Charitable in 1948

NEW YORK, Dec. 25—(AP)—The nation had a higher income and gave less of it to charity this year than ever before in history, the Golden Rule Foundation said today.

Charles V. Vickrey, foundation president, said only one per cent of the country's record - breaking \$227,000,000 went to charities. Even in the worst years of the depression, Vickrey said, charity got 5.3 per cent.

8 Christmas Day Babies Born in Salem

Eight Salem babies will celebrate their birthdays on Christmas day. The eight — four boys and four girls — were born at Salem hospitals Saturday.

First Christmas babe to put in an appearance was George B., born to Mr. and Mrs. George Rossman, 1357 Hines st., at 12:02 a. m. in Salem Memorial hospital.

Number two born at Salem General at 1:58 "a. m." was a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Smith, 370 Browning ave.

Number three was Nikki Alllyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosner, 1136 N. 15th st., born at 2:43 a. m. at Salem General. Diane Marie, daughter of M. and Mrs. Niel Dickman, Aumsville route 1, and number four, arrived at Salem General at 6:25 a. m.

James Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Olinger, arrived at Salem General hospital at 7:53 for Salem's fifth Christmas child and a son was born at 10:32 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Rice, Salem route 7, to bring the score to six.

At 12:07 p. m. a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Finas Bales, 1765 Broadway st., at Salem Memorial, and Salem General closed out a busy Christmas for the stork by delivering a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Starks, 275 Grande st., Independence, at 1:15 p. m.

Power Station Blast Darkens Albany Area

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 25—(AP)—An electric power substation burst out with an explosion tonight, cutting off power for the entire city and some neighboring areas.

All circuits for the city served by the Mountain States Power company were knocked out when the plant caught fire at 8:10 p. m. and plunged the area into darkness. Jefferson was also without power.

The electrical explosion was heard for half a mile and blew the bottom out of the main transformer, flooding the concrete switching station with burning oil.

Firemen said the wiring and insulation of all circuits were burned away and the switches short circuited. Company employes hurriedly began rewiring on an emergency basis, but said some sectors would be blacked out for several hours.

Albany firemen used chemicals and quickly brought the fire under control.

Company employes blamed the heavy overload of power demand and said it probably was caused by too many electrical appliances in operation because of holiday cooking and the cold weather.

Similar neighborhood blackouts were experienced in Portland areas today, where Portland General electric officials said a heavy load of cooking appliances knocked out transformers.

Record Year of Prosperity for State Reported

PORTLAND, Dec. 25—(AP)—A record year of prosperity for Oregon was reported by business leaders here today.

They said 1948 saw new highs in payrolls and farm income. But a warning note came at the end of the year. The tourist business and the lumber market fell off. Some farm product prices also dropped.

The state unemployment compensation commission reported the payroll record at \$948,000,000 for the year, compared with the previous high of \$864,455,000 last year.

Lumber was a big leader in this. The timber payroll amounted to \$260,000,000, in itself slightly more than the pre-war high of \$259,916,000 for all industry in 1940.

The agriculture income was estimated at \$400,000,000 by Niels I. Nielsen, government statistician here. This compared with the previous high of \$370,847,000 in 1947.

Portland business reflected this. Bank clearings amounted to a record \$7,578,470, 282 and building permits to a record \$52,580,155.

The lumber cut, because of market softness at the end of the year, was down slightly to 7,072,000,000 board feet from the 1947 high of 7,164,000,000.

Salmon Skin to Sub for Leather

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 25—(AP)—Leather from salmon skin — Pacific American Fisheries has announced the new product as the latest for milady's shoes and handbags.

The big salmon canning concern reported the new — type leather as a by-product on its new process of preserving the fish with both the skin and the backbone removed. Invention of skinning and boning machines was a development in the food processing technique.

An ingenious attachment removes a thin layer of skin with the fish scales. The firm described the resulting leather as smooth, pliable and non-porous. It can be tanned and dyed.

Pastor Given Car By Congregation

Santa and the reindeer had disappeared, but a new tan Plymouth sedan was waiting Christmas morning for Dr. Seth R. Huntington, pastor of the First Congregational church, when he returned from early services.

Parked in his driveway, the auto was a gift from Huntington's congregation, instigated by the young people of the church.

U.S. Carrier Leaves on Greenland Rescue Trip

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—The aircraft carrier Saipan steamed from Norfolk (Va.) naval base today carrying helicopters for an attempt to rescue 13 fliers stranded on a Greenland ice cap.

Three banana-shaped helicopters, largest ever to land on an aircraft carrier, were taken aboard the Saipan before she left on the four-day voyage. The vessel also is carrying two other helicopters.

The navy expedition is in addition to expanding effort of the air force to get its own men out of the ice trap.

Eleven air force fliers have been stranded on the ice cap for more than two weeks. Two others joined them today when a tow rope on their pickup glider broke during a rescue attempt.

Reports to army authorities at St. Johns said the 13 men were well.

The navy and marines hoped to gain knowledge about cold weather during the trip, in addition to saving the icebound 13.

Truman Observe Christmas Day in Traditional Way

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 25—(AP)—President Truman surrounded by loved ones, climaxed a gay Christmas observance today with a whopping turkey dinner.

Santa Claus, he observed, was "too good" to him.

He reached this decision after an early morning peek at the presents beneath the big 10-foot Christmas tree in the living room of the home on North Delaware street.

He opened some of his own when he got up at 7 a. m., long before other members of the family were awake. He took a brisk, one-mile walk down the middle of the snow and ice coated streets an hour later and then joined Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, for the opening of other presents.

Farmers Union Slates State Conclave at Canby

CANBY, Ore., Dec. 25—(AP)—The Oregon Farmers union cooperative state convention will be held here for four days beginning February 21.

Ronald Jones, Brooks, state president, said about 400 members are expected to attend the sessions.

MOTHER KILLED IN FALL

PORTLAND, Dec. 25—(AP)—Mrs. Wanda S. March, 42, Portland, was killed early today in a tumble down her basement stairs. She fell shortly after midnight as she went to get candy and nuts to fill her children's stockings. The widower and four children survive.

WOMAN KILLED IN FALL

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 25—(AP)—Mrs. Esther V. M. Hapel of St. Ignace, Mont., tonight won \$100 a month for life or \$25,000 in a soap company's contest. The winner was announced on a radio program. It was the first contest she ever entered.

The 10 Biggest Stories in '48

1. Truman election.
2. Battle of Berlin.
3. Birth of Israel.
4. Gandhi death.
5. Marshall plan.
6. Cost of living.
7. Tragedy of China.
8. Mrs. Kasenkina.
9. Babe Ruth death.
10. U.S. spy hunt.

(On page 15 of today's Statesman. The Associated Press tells why its members made these choices).