

238 Refugees Lost At Sea

Craft Disintegrates In Sea Of Marmora

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The stormy Sea of Marmora gave up the bodies of 69 Jewish refugees today and 189 more were missing and feared drowned after the break-up of a ship carrying more than 400 passengers from Bulgaria to Palestine.

Unofficial reports said that 114 of the refugees were known to be safe. The recovered bodies included those of 38 women, 15 children and 16 men.

The little steamer crumbled in high seas near Istanbul.

Approximately 380 passengers, including many children and their mothers, were thrown into the sea without an opportunity to take to lifeboats, the newspaper Cumhuriyet reported.

The captain of the Uruguayan boat succeeded in swimming ashore and called government rescue crews to the scene. The sea was said to have been dotted with struggling refugees and debris.

SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Gideon Snook, deputy coroner, pronounced the death of Dr. Edwin P. Fagan, 38, suicide yesterday.

Bogus Construction Agents Prompt Warning

A warning has been issued by the Better Business bureau of Eugene chamber of commerce against men contracting for roof repair and small construction jobs.

Complaint has been made that several men who have been doing this type of work have been doing poor jobs, charging higher prices than they originally set, and in some cases actually damaging the roofs.

Persons in doubt as to employment of men for these jobs may call the chamber of commerce to check their references, Mr. Brenne said.

Lighthouse Temple Program Announced

Children of the Lighthouse Temple Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas program Wednesday evening, December 18. The public is invited. Solomon Rexius, Sunday school superintendent, is in charge. The Bible school will have a special Christmas service Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 p. m.

The annual church pageant, "They That Sit in Darkness," will be given Sunday evening, December 22. This will be an illustrated sermon.

Honeycombs six feet in length are not uncommon on the Malay Peninsula.

Growth Of Eugene Shown In Records

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cost slightly less than a 24-hour heating plan.

Figures show a loss of 175 customers from a rate schedule now being discontinued by the board, these persons having transferred to the class A residential schedule.

An increase of 3.1 per cent in the number of electric ranges in the homes of domestic customers is also revealed by the yearly report. Water utility customers have increased 225 in the past year.

Indicative of the rapid spread of electricity to homes and farms in this area is a report compiled by the water board in regard to the functioning of the federal electric home and farm administration. The waterboard and local electric store dealers cooperate with this administration in making electrical appliances available to a large group of consumers. This is the way the plan works:

(1)—Any customer of the Eugene water board who needs a new refrigerator, range, or washer, may go to his electric store and make application for purchase under the EHFA plan.

(2)—Cost of the equipment he wishes to purchase will then be prorated on a monthly basis and charged on his light bill.

(3)—Once a piece of equipment is sold the dealer presents the contract to the water board, which pays him the purchase price. The water board then collects the money from EHFA, plus 12½ cents for each contract and a \$1 booking charge. Monthly payments are turned into the EHFA.

(4)—Financial condition of the retail stores and their ability to stand the cost if payments are not met and the equipment is repossessed is checked closely each month by the EHFA.

(5)—The Eugene water board serves only as a collection agency for its customers who take advantage of this service. It cannot lose anything by the transaction, and as Mr. McArthur pointed out, benefits in the increasing load for electric power, and shares the benefit which accrues to the entire community from better business.

Contracts signed with the EHFA have been nearly doubled in 1940 over 1939. Mr. McArthur said. Last year's report shows \$46,792.56 in deferred balance payments for electrical equipment while for 1940, \$76,452.81 has been chalked up, or a total of \$123,245.17.

Largest sales increase has been for refrigerators, with 130 sold in 1939 and 313 in 1940. Figures for some of the other equipment are: ranges 87-126; radios, 46-48; washers 40-76, and vacuum cleaners, 8-36.

Importance of these figures, so far as the water board is concerned is the increase in the use of electricity which will result, Mr. McArthur explained. An incomplete picture of retail sales is given, for only 12 local dealers are cooperating with the program, and over \$76,000 is still in deferred payments which will come in during the next two or three years.

Water System Escapes Cold; Minor Damage

The four-day cold wave has caused little damage in the city's water system. W. J. Moore, superintendent of the water department, declared Friday. Several persons have reported frozen pipes at their homes, however.

The Friday morning low of 15 degrees caused all four settling basins at the city filtration plant to freeze, Mr. Moore said. This had not occurred the three previous days. There is no danger from this ice unless it freezes six or more inches deep, but in that case it would have to be broken to prevent pressure.

Work at the steam plant and on the city pipe laying projects are being slightly delayed by the cold weather because of the difficulty in handling steel at freezing temperatures. Two blocks of pipe have been laid at Tyler street and will be connected soon, Mr. Moore said.

Enemy Subs Balance Respective Losses

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The British submarine Sunfish has sunk a German supply ship of about 4,000 tons off the Norwegian coast, the admiralty announced today. The submarine also was to have hit and damaged a German oil tanker of about the same tonnage.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(AP)—One of Germany's pocket U-boats was reported today to have sunk three armed British merchant ships totaling 15,800 tons.

The Indianapolis Speedway, site of the annual auto races, was built in 1909.

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Cold Water Discouraging

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Dec. 13.—(AP)—George Cook told police he saw this happen on the banks of the Wabash:

A well dressed man about 35 tied a heavy rock around his neck and jumped 14 feet into the river. He stood for a moment shivering in water up to his knees.

Then he picked up the rock, climbed back on the bank, untied the rope and walked away.

Sheffield Suffers Covert Raids

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to the attack on London around dawn to cause slight damage in one district.

A hail of incendiary and explosive bombs broke on Sheffield late last night and continued for about two hours and less severely until early this morning.

Many Casualties

There was extensive damage and there were many casualties. The shopping center suffered extensively.

Aided by bright moonlight the Germans dropped first incendiary, then explosive bombs. They started many fires. But firemen, working in disregard of danger, fought the fires during the worst part of the raid and overcame them.

WITNESSES described "numerous full hits on steel mills and other industrial plants."

Fires could be seen as far away as the Wash, on the English coast, 75 miles away. An "all out" raid on Coventry last month inaugurated a series of "utter destruction" raids on Birmingham, Portsmouth, Bristol, Southampton and now Sheffield. The Coventry raid had been considered by the Germans as their peak.

"Several hundred" planes participated in the raid on Sheffield and all returned, informed quarters said.

Sheffield was attacked with bombs of the "heaviest caliber." Returning pilots reported extensive fires. The attackers were not hampered even by unfavorable weather.

Eugene Flu Situation Is Found Unalarming

University of Oregon health authorities said Friday the mild flu epidemic, which has been apparent for several weeks on the campus, has slackened considerably. About 30 student patients are being watched by doctors and nurses in their homes. Thirty more are confined in the infirmary, which has been filled to capacity. None of the cases is serious and there are no restrictions on social activities among students.

City schools, for the most part, reported their attendance as average or only slightly less than average. Frances Willard school had the greatest number of absences, 83 pupils, or about 20 per cent of the total enrollment. One teacher was absent Friday. The usual percentage of absences is from two to eight per cent. Because of the prevalence of the flu the all-school Christmas program planned for December 20 has been cancelled, and the rooms will hold individual Christmas parties.

Condon school had from 8 to 10 per cent of the children absent. The average is about 5 per cent. At Edison school, the percentage of absences was about seven per cent, a normal figure. About 140 or 12 per cent of the pupils at Eugene high school were absent Friday. The usual figure is around 50. One teacher also was reported ill. At Lincoln school, 67 of the 405 children were absent.

Indications that the spread of the disease is being checked was shown at Roosevelt junior high school, where 87 of the 375 children were absent Friday. Earlier in the week, 103 children were reported out of school.

First grade pupils of Washington school suffered the most from flu or other illness, as about one half of the children in that room were absent Friday. Otherwise, the attendance was normal. Attendance at Whiteaker school was also reported as being the same as usual.

Fifteen per cent of the pupils and two teachers at Woodrow Wilson school were out Friday. The average figure is from five to seven per cent.

British May Chase Italians Into Libya

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sibility of an Italian armistice with Greece, asserting that Italy would defend her lines in both Albania and Libya all winter, come what may—and carry out Premier Mussolini's threat to

"break Greece's back, whether in two months or 12."

Five Generals Fall

A British communique said the 20,000 Italian prisoners already announced had now been "increased by several thousands" in the 5-day-old battle along the Mediterranean sea coast. Two more generals were reported taken, raising the total to five.

"In the western Egyptian desert, remnants of the beaten Italian army continue their withdrawal, closely followed up by our advanced troops," a British communique said, adding that because of the vast size of the battlefield "it is still impossible to give any precise figures" on the number of fascist prisoners.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill said yesterday, however, it would not be surprising if the best part of three Italian divisions were snared in the British blitzkrieg trap.

Dispatches from Athens said the Italians had thrown fresh troops into the war with Greece in a vain attempt to halt the onrushing Greek drive against heights surrounding Chimara, Adriatic sea port.

Forces Fresh

"At many places, the Italian command replaced entire units with fresh forces at the cost of many sacrifices, because the morale of the older forces was seriously impaired and they were considered unfit for further fighting," a Greek dispatch said.

After the Greeks repulsed fascist counter-attacks, it said, "the initiative along the entire front passed once again to Greek troops. The enemy is continuing to retreat."

Captured Italian officers were quoted as doubting Italy's ability to continue the fight after the expected fall of Kilastra pass, 10 miles northeast of Tepeleni on the southern end of the 100-mile front.

An exchange telegraph (British) news agency dispatch from Athens said the Italians had started withdrawing from Tepeleni after fierce fighting.

Hitler, Von Ribbentrop Leave German Capital

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop have left Berlin for an unknown destination, a CBS broadcast reported from Berlin today.

Earlier dispatches from Berlin had told of rumors there—denied in authorized quarters—of an imminent meeting between Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

NEW KNITS BLOCKED Electric Cleaners—Phone 300

Holiday Programs Planned By Church

The annual children's Christmas program of the Grace Lutheran church will be Christmas eve, December 24, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. B. Maier will give the address. The Christmas day service at 11 a. m. will be conducted by Rev. Walter F. Mueller, assistant pastor.

The young people will have a Christmas party Sunday evening, December 15, at the home of Miss Gertrude Libke with a presentation of gifts for the Lutheran sanatorium at Wheat Ridge, Colo. They will go caroling the evening of Sunday, December 22.

As a Christmas gift for the church, members of the congregation have authorized remodeling of the chancel of the church, which includes placing an altar dossal curtain and a stained glass window over the altar, and the installation of church lanterns, especially designed for this church.

The New Year's Eve service will be at 8 p. m., and will be conducted by Rev. Martin P. Simon. The New Year's Day service, with holy communion, will be held at 11 a. m. Rev. W. B. Maier in charge.

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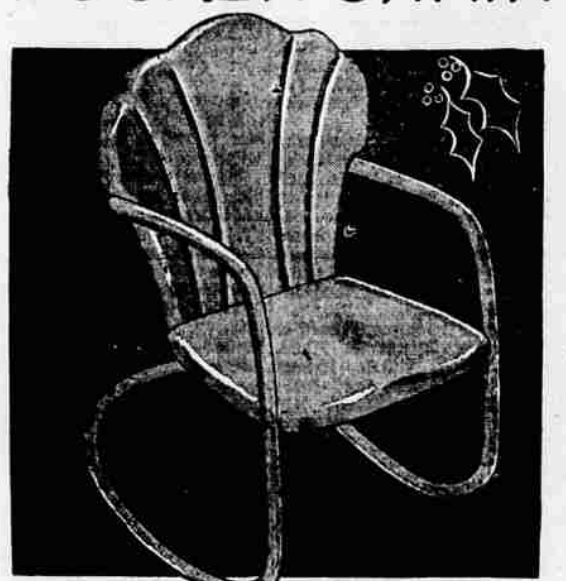
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