

Winter Solstice Rings Alarm Clocks

By NICK BOURNE
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Approach of the winter solstice, without warning upon the over-burdened alarm clock, today brought the following advice from the weather bureau, astronomers and clock-fixers:

Wind your clock up tight tonight. The longest of the year tomorrow is the shortest day. From dawn to dusk's so near you may not hear the bell at all. This warning is a must—wind your clock up tight tonight. And pray the spring won't bust. The winter solstice, marking the long and short of the day and the longest business hours, occurs at 1:30 p. m. on Dec. 22. It is the time the "hands still" and brings more wear and tear on the alarm clock than any other day. After the solstice, the days get longer and, theoretically, it's easier to wake up.

War plant managers blamed absenteeism on the clock, caused by manufacturers' making navigation instruments and time fuses and the reluctance of many employees to come to work that old excuse, "the alarm clock just stay at home to save me," they reported.

One large clock manufacturer, faced with demands for new repairs and employing a large staff of repair men, issued three suggestions on what to do when the alarm doesn't go off:

1. Don't put heavy oil in it. It ruins the works.
2. Take it to a real repair man. Don't yield to the temptation to mend it with an ice pick. There are plenty of spare parts to fix them.
3. If you do null it apart, when you come to the repair counter with all the extra springs you can't get back, in please refrain from saying, "Look at what my little boy did!" The repair men know who did it and are tired of hearing that one.

NEW SHORTAGE
ST. LOUIS—(AP)—The Christmas rush has uncovered a new shortage—in men's pajamas. "In normal times only two-thirds of the men wore pajamas," one merchant explained. "Now the other third has stopped sleeping in their underwear—they can afford the luxury of pajamas."

GERMANY MINUS CANDY
STOCKHOLM (AP)—Candy production is to be outlawed in Germany after Jan. 1, 1944, advises from Berlin said recently. About 10,000 women are employed in U. S. petroleum refineries.



FRONT LINE SHOW—Magician Arnold Furst and Oscar, the white rabbit, put on a USO Camp show right up at the front lines to entertain U. S. fighters in the Pacific theater.

Farmers Ask Help In Losing Battle With Persistent Deer

ASTORIA — (AP)—Two Astoria farmers flared at two and a half acres of gnawed-off rutabagas and appealed to the state game commission for help in a losing battle against 20 determined deer.

Otto and Victor Olson complained that the animals, admitted to pasture land as strictly summer boarders, have moved into their rutabaga field. The Olsons threw up barbed wire fences. The animals leap over them.

They fired bullets over the heads of the deer. The animals sniff and stand still. If dogs are loosed, the deer skip over the fence, circle about till the dogs give up, then leap back to the rutabagas again.

'Christmas Carol' Ends 100 Years As Best Seller

NEW YORK — (AP)—Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" ended its first 100 years Saturday as a best seller.

"A Most prodigious success"—Dickens' own description of the reception given his Christmas ghost story, which sold 6000 copies within a few days of publica-

Highway Commission Settles S. P. Lawsuit

SALEM—(AP)—The state highway commission announced its \$49,000 suit against the Southern Pacific railroad and the California-Oregon Power company has been settled out of court for \$30,000.

The commission contended that a defective dike caused the flooding of the Dalles-California highway near Algoma in Klamath county.

Twelve companies, including several lumber concerns, had filed similar suits against the railroad and power company, but these cases also have been settled out of court. The suits were filed in Klamath county circuit court.

A former woman veterinary surgeon in Hollywood is now a WAC veterinarian.

An Army order for 800,000 wooden folding chairs saved 4,000 tons of steel.

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New Cattle Prices Will Aid Cannery

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—New OPA prices for live cattle on the Portland market, effective Jan. 2, represent a sharp advance for canners and cutters but virtually no change for choice and commercial animals, it was revealed with announcement of the new schedules today.

The prices were announced by the district office of price administration and the state war food administration office, in line with a directive from Director of Stabilization Fred Vinson, giving ceiling and floor prices on Oct. 26 for the Chicago market.

Theodore T. Swenson, in charge of the food distribution administration market news service at the Portland union stockyards, said that while packers have been paying from \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt. for canners and cutters, the new floor is \$7.30 with an \$8.80 ceiling.

Packers must pay these prices to qualify for full subsidy payments.

The minimum and maximum prices, based on 16 cents above those of Spokane, follow:

Choice, \$15.75-18.75; good, \$14.95-15.95; commercial, \$12.20-13.75; utility, \$10.15-11.65; canner-cutter, \$7.30-8.80; bulls, \$6.65-10.15.

the difference between victory and defeat in that area.

Bone said Japan's former premier, Mobyuyuki Abe, recognized "the rising tide of United Nations power," in his recent statement that "our enemies have planned an all-out counteroffensive, have taken the offensive and are carrying it out persistently."

U. S. 1943 Food Exports Top Previous Totals

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The foreign economic administration announced recently that this country in the first 10 months of 1943 stepped up considerably its exports of food under lend-lease, shipping in that period 9.5 per cent of its meat supply as compared with 6.1 per cent for all of 1942.

In only one major category, milk products, was the 10-months percentage lower than the 1942 figure. Milk products sent to foreign countries since last Jan. 1 totaled 3.3 per cent of the national supply as compared with 3.8 per cent for 1942.

The agriculture department in a separate report said lend-lease shipments for the 10 months totaled 8,688,400,000 pounds. Non-food deliveries in the same period, this report added, totaled 866,454,000 pounds.

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