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Weather Forecast
OREGON — Increasing cloudiness today. Cloudy with light rain in the west portion tonight and over state Sunday except snow at high elevations.

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Bilbo's Income Tax Returns Subpoenaed By Investigators; Ouster Procedure Is Studied

Republicans Seek Report on Whether Solon Should Be Blocked From Senate Because of His Alleged Dealings With War Contractors

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—The senate republican steering committee has asked for a special report on whether Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., should be ousted from the senate for his dealings with war contractors, it was revealed today.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., steering committee chairman, said the report would be made by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich. Ferguson is a member of the senate war investigating subcommittee which investigated charges that Bilbo received gifts from Mississippi contractors whom he helped get government jobs.

Ferguson said he would have his report ready before the next meeting of the steering committee, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 30. There seemed little doubt he would recommend that Bilbo be banned from his seat on grounds of moral turpitude.

Would Ban Bilbo
Ferguson said in a radio discussion (Mutual network) last night that if he had to make a decision on evidence presented thus far, he would vote against allowing Bilbo a senate seat. At the same time, he revealed that the war investigating committee had subpoenaed Bilbo's income tax returns in its study of his dealings with contractors.

The senate GOP steering committee also has asked for a report from two republican members of the senate campaign committee which investigated charges that Bilbo's re-election was invalid because negroes were barred from voting in the Mississippi primary.

A republican search of senate rules and precedents indicated the GOP will need the help of some senate democrats for a successful challenge against Bilbo on either charge.

The election challenge would be in order when Bilbo steps forward to take his oath of office Jan. 3. It would take only a simple majority on the first test. But it would come before republicans actually get senate control.

Only 60 holdover senators would be qualified to vote at that time, 31 democrats and 29 republicans. An ouster move on grounds of moral turpitude would be in order after Bilbo and the rest of those elected in November had been sworn in. The senate division then would be 51 republicans and 44 democrats, not counting Bilbo.

Two-Thirds Vote Needed
But according to republican researchers, an ouster motion needs a two-thirds vote to carry. And republican strength alone would be a dozen short.

Bilbo insisted he was innocent of any wrongdoing in any of the charges.

Two Children Die in Flames
Glen Elg, Md., Dec. 21 (UP)—Three-year-old Mary Jane Staubs and her brother, Billy, weren't too fond of their afternoon naps. But yesterday was Billy's fifth birthday, so they went to bed happily in anticipation of an evening birthday party.

While they slept, their mother, Mrs. Norma Staubs left their one-room tenant farm cottage and went to the main farm house to bake a cake. When she returned, the small cottage was on fire.

Both Mary Jane and Billy died in the flames.

Quake Forecast By Seismologist
Tokyo, Dec. 21 (UP)—Allied headquarters issued Dec. 10 a report to assure occupation troops outlining the course they were to follow in the event of "heavy earthquakes" in Japan. It was recalled today.

The report was based on information from Kiyo Sagnaka, chief of the seismological section of the Tokyo meteorological observatory, following recording of earth tremors which he said at that time were similar to those which preceded the disastrous quake in 1923.

Theater Arranges Christmas Party
The annual theater Christmas party will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. in the Tower theater, it was announced.

This year's party will feature a free show and a visit by Santa Claus, who will have a gift for all youngsters attending. A part of the big Christmas party will be broadcast over radio station KBND from 10:45 to 11 a. m.

Japan Hit by Wall of Water

Mac Gets French Decoration



Gen. Douglas MacArthur stands at attention while Gen. Z. Peckhoff (right) presents France's highest award, the Grand Croix of the Legion of Honor, at headquarters of French mission in Tokyo. Special Legion of Honor guard stands in background during ceremony. Only two other Americans, Gen. John J. Pershing and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, have received the coveted award. Peckhoff, ambassador of France, is one of the most decorated men in French Army.

Streamlined Army Division Will Be Transported By Air; Firepower Greatly Increased

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—The army ground forces today announced a reorganization from which will emerge a new army division completely transportable by air and possessing 250 per cent more firepower and 20 per cent more manpower than world war 2 divisions.

Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ground forces commander, said the new division will be in the field in four or five months. He said the reorganization "takes into account lessons learned in world war 2 and looks forward to the atomic age."

"A modern army division, proven equal or superior to the best of friend and foe alike in the war just won, will henceforth be unparalleled fighting machines," Devers said.

Not Airborne
The new division, although its streamlined and light-weight equipment will be transportable by air, will not constitute an airborne division.

Plans for a new airborne division, a hard-hitting striking force designed to spearhead invasions by parachute and glider, will be announced later.

Under the army's new tactical concepts, after airborne troops have secured a foothold, the air-transported infantry will be flown to captured airfields in big transports to expand the beachhead.

1500 Planes Needed
It would take 1500 planes of the C-47 type to transport this new division. But 400 planes of a new experimental type of transport could do the job.

The new division will have between 17,000 and 18,000 officers and men, an increase of 3,000 over world war 2 division strength.

Drums Explode
Two nearby gasoline drums exploded, enveloping them in flames. Other Clark children ran to help. Sparks ignited their clothes. Neighbors helped beat out the flames, but Cecil was dead. The father, Charles, Sr., and James died at the hospital last night. The 12-year-old daughter died early today.

The only Clark child present at the farm last night who escaped injury was Larry—five months old.

Jap Village Of Usa Hard Hit By Wave
Tokyo, Dec. 21 (UP)—The Kochi area in Shikoku, hardest hit by today's earthquake and tidal wave, includes the village of Usa, famous for its pre-war exports to the United States of toys and novelties stamped "Made in USA."

The four occupation zone commanders in Germany sent messages of congratulations to Stalin yesterday. Yugoslav newspapers noted the birthday with praise for his help and inspiration. The Moscow radio did not mention the event.

Lighting Contest Judging Date Set
Judging of the Junior chamber of commerce lighting contest will take place Monday evening.

The judging was originally scheduled for tonight, but by moving it to Monday entrants will have another week-end in which to prepare their decorations.

Many outdoor decorations, including lighted trees, have appeared in the residential sections the past week. Jaycee officials have asked that all residents or stores wishing to enter the contest write to the Junior chamber of commerce in care of the Bend chamber of commerce so that the entries will be missed when the judges make their tour of the city.

Connections For Water At New High
City water department connections reached an all-time high of 3282 at the end of November, the monthly water department report revealed today.

The number of connections at the end of November was six greater than at the end of October, 127 greater than in November 1945 and 225 greater than in November 1944.

Water department income in November was \$8,518.49, the report showed.

Hundreds Die, Thousands Left Homeless as 'Quake Flood Sweeps Into Island

Tokyo Dec. 21 (UP)—A devastating earthquake and tidal wave struck Japan today for the second time in 23 years, killing at least 1,500 persons, making 20,000 more homeless and exposed to sub-freezing temperatures, and wrecking at least 50 cities and villages dotting the shores of Japan's inland sea.

The pre-dawn temblor, termed more severe than the 1932 Tokyo quake which claimed nearly 100,000 lives, hurled a tidal wave against 300 miles of coastline along Shikoku island and south-central Honshu.

The Japanese government reported 546 persons killed based on preliminary reports from 14 of the worst hit prefectures, but other estimates boosted that total by 1,000. The earthquake and the tidal wave demolished or damaged 14,686 houses and 21 factories, and destroyed more than 1,400 fishing vessels.

Early compilations listed 628 persons seriously injured and 823 missing. The only allied military casualty reported was a British soldier missing at Miho in Hiroshima prefecture.

At least 21 persons were killed in Osaka city, where headquarters of the U. S. 25th division is located. In Kochi prefecture on Shikoku island 127 died, according to preliminary Japanese government reports, and 127 were killed at Tokushima prefecture on the same island.

Waves Hit Cities
The thundering wall of water, which swept in from the Pacific after the submarine earthquake, pulled thousands of houses out to sea as it receded, and in other places flooded homes or smashed them flat.

Tonight thousands of families were without shelter in bitter cold weather, with icy winds adding to their misery.

Japanese relief resources were mobilized to rush aid to the stricken area, which extended from Hiroshima on the west to Osaka, Wakayama and Kainan on the eastern edge of the picturesque inland sea.

Japan's home minister, Seiichi Omura, told the house of representatives tonight that authorities were doing their utmost to break through shattered communications facilities to rush food and (Continued on Page 5)

Second Wave Comes
The second tidal wave, which was worse, occurred 40 minutes later and was a wall of water more than 10 feet high. It struck the town with terrifying force after shattering a small breakwater.

The water came through the streets in torrents, flooding every house, washing away furniture, mowing down fences and sweeping away every loose object including vehicles. It uprooted large trees.

A small fleet of fishing boats in the bay was torn from its anchorage and dashed into the city with the full force of the wall of water behind it. That added to the damage and debris.

Search Launched For Lost Plane
Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Aerial search continued today for the missing plane in which two mechanics, Willard Chase and Clarence Bauer, of Portland, took off from the Portland-Troutdale airport Friday.

A search Friday afternoon by eight planes failed to reveal a trace of the missing army trainer, according to Western Skyways officials.

Piccard Planning 19 Mile Sky Trip
Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—A balloon trip to an altitude of 100,000 feet—almost 19 miles up—will be attempted next June by Dr. Jean Piccard, 61-year-old scientist, in a dramatic quest for new data on cosmic rays and other phenomena of the upper atmosphere.

The ascension, to be financed by the navy's office of naval research, will start from the naval air station, Otisville, Ia.

As now planned the research will be conducted in a 400-pound gondola supported by a cluster of 100 balloons, each 57 feet in diameter. Other flights into the stratosphere have been conducted with steel gondolas attached to one large balloon.

If the flight is successful in attaining its desired altitude, Piccard will go nearly 28,000 feet above the present record of 72,395 feet set in 1935 by the army and National Geographic society.

A navy airman, yet to be selected, will accompany Piccard.

Republicans Lining Up In House Leadership Battle, With Halleck Of Indiana Out Ahead
By Lyle C. Wilson (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana was given the edge today in the contest for republican leadership of the house as the battle began to develop a long-expected bitterness.

House republicans will caucus Jan. 2 to select a speaker and to settle their differences over the leadership. Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts is assured the speakership.

Rep. Thomas A. Jenkins of Ohio sent the leadership battle sizzling into the open last night with a blast at Halleck, charging Halleck's candidacy was part of the Dewey-for-president boom.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York previously had said he favored Halleck for house republican leader. Jenkins also seeks the leadership. The other candidates declared and undeclared are Reps. Clarence J. Brown of Ohio

and Everett Dirksen of Illinois. The presence of two Ohioans in the race sharply diminishes the prospects of both to win out against Halleck or, in the event of a stalemate, Dirksen.

Jenkins' statement publicized what some persons had been saying privately—that Halleck's election as GOP house leader would be viewed in some degree as a boost for Dewey.

"Why is Dewey so much interested in having 'his' man in this very important position?" Jenkins asked. "He must believe it will help him in the presidency. Does it mean that Dewey will have a voice and hand in directing the actions of congress? It means nothing else."

Whatever it may mean, Dewey already has arranged close liaison with the strengthened New York republican delegation to congress. That the New Yorkers will be fronting for Dewey in

Washington for the 1948 GOP presidential nomination seems reasonably certain.

"I know," Jenkins' statement continued, "that the great majority of the republican congressmen resent the attempts of presidential aspirants and other ambitious individuals to control the activities of the new congress. It would be a fraud on the people for any person to accept this important position (the leadership) if he is obligated to use it for the special benefit of one person or group."

It would be as great a fraud to pretend that presidential politics will play less than a very big role in the deliberations of the 80th congress which will convene Jan. 3. With the republicans back in congressional power after nearly 16 lean years, the battle for the 1948 presidential nomination will be a mean one with no holds barred.

Gov. Talmadge Dies; Georgia Politics Upset

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21 (UP)—Gov. Eugene Talmadge who won an unprecedented fourth term as Georgia governor in November on a promise to maintain white supremacy died this morning less than a month before his scheduled inauguration. He was 62.

The end came at 7 a. m. EST in Piedmont hospital where members of his family and a few close friends had kept vigil since his condition took a turn for the worse Monday.

In contrast to the stormy and colorful life that marked his ascendancy in Georgia politics, Talmadge passed away quietly.

Weakened by Campaign
His death climaxed an illness that was aggravated by the zeal and drive of his 1947 political campaign when he stumped the state to make 272 speeches against the advice of his doctors.

Death was due to complications following the stomach hemorrhages suffered at Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 3.

Talmadge suffered no pain in his last hours but physicians said "his kidneys and liver both locked."

Talmadge never regained consciousness after yesterday mid-afternoon when he momentarily recognized his family and friends.

Wife at Bedside
With him when he died—but not all a the bedside—were his wife, the former Mattie Thurmond Peterson, his son Herman, and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Smyly and Mrs. W. H. Kimbrough, and two sisters.

Talmadge's passing prior to his inauguration loosed a storm of political speculation as to who would govern the state. There were three principal contenders.

1. That the legislature convening Jan. 13 would elect a governor to succeed Ellis Gibbs Arnall, whose liberal administration the conservative Talmadge was to inherit.

2. Gov. Arnall would hold over for another four-year term.

3. Lt. Gov. M. E. Thompson, scheduled to take office Jan. 14, would file suit claiming succession to the governorship.

Lost Plane Clues Receiving Study
McChord Field, Wash., Dec. 21 (UP)—Six rubber balloons, one still inflated, found by a ranger near Mowich river on the north-west slope of Mount Rainier were being investigated today as the latest clue to the marine corps plane missing 12 days with 32 men aboard.

Capt. Robert H. Masonheimer, acting commander of the McChord field air rescue squadron, said the ranger stumbled on the balloons late yesterday. Preliminary inspection failed to identify the cluster of balloons.

Five of them plunk and one gray in color. A second lead came from Elmer Johnson, a logger working out of the St. Paul and Tacoma lumber mill logging camp two in the same area, who said he and a group of other loggers working near Mowich river heard a plane flying over head December 10, the day the marine transport disappeared. Johnson estimated the plane was flying at 500 feet, but was hidden by rain and heavy clouds and its flight direction could not be determined. He said he believed it was flying "either northeast or southwest."

Meantime, army, navy and coast ground parties plunged deeper into the wilderness southwest of Mount Rainier, questioning residents of the isolated area in a renewed effort to establish the plane's line of flight.

Laundry Workers Hold '46 Banquet
The Bend chapter No. 1100 of the United Laundry workers held its annual banquet Wednesday evening at the Pine Tavern with 31 members and guests present.

Honor guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cady, Sam Scott, Mrs. W. E. Naylor and Helen Meyer.

Following a turkey dinner, an exchange of gifts was held with Sam Rachle acting as Santa Claus.

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