

Big Round-Up Of Reindeer Being Started

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 21. — Saint Nick's immortal Donner and Blitzen team is playing second fiddle in the Alaskan reindeer picture this Christmas. Uncle Sam has taken over the whip-hand.

Charles J. Burdick, special representative of the department of interior, was scheduled to fly to Nome today to set up the organization for the greatest reindeer round-up in northland history. His mission will be to spend \$720,000 for all the animals owned by non-Eskimos.

The purpose of the government action is to establish a herding program for the natives.

Burdick said he expected his crew to stage 50 gigantic round-ups over 168,000 square miles during January. The round-ups will offer the strange combination of modern science—exemplified by radio and airplane—linked with dog teams and the Eskimos' native resourcefulness.

While 10 radio-equipped round-up bosses direct the ground work in different sectors, Burdick will scurry between sectors by airplane, directing activities with his two-way radio.

In this land of winter darkness, the work will be done by moonlight to the baying of wolf packs across the snow. When there is no moon, there will be no work. Wolves are expected to be a menace only in the far northwestern Kotzebue area, where herders must keep a constant stand over their herds.

The round-up will be for counting and division of the unbranded animals, expected to be about two-thirds of the total, among the various owners on a pro-rata basis.



Brings German Ship Safe Into Port—Captain Frederick Stengler is shown getting a light from Sheriff Walter Clark of Broward county, Fla., just after he had eluded capture by a British cruiser by putting the German freighter Aratica into Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The British cruiser, cheated of its prey, stayed outside the port. — Associated Press Photo.

England Makes New Type of Fighting Plane

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—Great Britain is rushing production of a new type of fighting plane to combat the two-seater Messerschmidts which the Germans used in a big five-hour fight over Helgoland Bay Monday, it was reported today.

Farther and more powerful than the crack Hurricanes and Spitfires of the Royal Air Force, the new plane already has been tested and has been put into full production, it was said.

According to information so far made available, it is a Bolton-Paul all metal two-seater, with a multi-gun turret mounted behind the pilot's cockpit. It has a 39.5 foot wingspread, its fuselage length is 30 feet and it has a 1,000-horse-power motor.

A second new model, the Blackburn Roc, is destined to play an important part in the naval aviation corps. The test model of this plane, a fleet fighter, was completed several months ago.

Germany used in the Helgoland Bay fight its new Messerschmidt 110 two-motored fighters, reported to have a top speed of 370 miles an hour, mounting two small cannon and four machine guns forward and two movable machine guns in the rear.

British experts now assert with more firmness that Britain holds air supremacy. They say that the use of the new Messerschmidts to combat British North Sea patrols



Defeated Lie Detector—Carl Erickson, 25, is shown in a Chicago police station after Police Capt. T. Harrison said he had confessed to shooting and killing his one-time friend, Herbert Wolf, 28, and also had told how he defeated a lie detector test. — Associated Press Photo.

60th Birthday Of Stalin Cause Of Celebration

Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—Soviet Russia celebrated on a large scale today the sixtieth birthday anniversary of her leader, Joseph Stalin, who was eulogized by the press as "the pillar of hope to the workers of capitalistic states."

As his red army legions fought in bitter cold in the invasion of Finland, a new biography of Stalin was published by President Michael Kalinin of the supreme Soviet, describing him as "a happy man who led

one-sixth of the globe to socialism. He now is ready to lead them to communism."

The book was given an initial printing of 1,000,000 copies.

A flood of newspaper articles credited Stalin with many achievements of the Soviet Union, including the "liberation" of the Ukrainian and White Russian regions from Poland and pacts with the Baltic states, but made no mention of Finland.

The radio and newspapers were devoted almost completely to the anniversary.

The council of people's commissars resolved to institute in his honor 16 annual prizes of 100,000 rubles each for outstanding work in medicine, law, the sciences, arts and the theatre; similar prizes for the best inventions and for achievements in military science; and scholarships

for 6000 science students.

The newspapers reported that more than 270,000,000 copies of books by Stalin had been printed in almost a score of languages. A considerable reader, he writes in Russian, which he speaks with a Georgian accent.

Visitors are Welcomed

Lyons—Clyde Lewis went to Salem, and with his mother, Mrs. Frances Lewis, went to Cutler City where they spent the weekend at the Floyd Martin home. Mrs. Lewis will remain for an extended visit. Miss Beulah Lewis accompanied them as far as Monmouth where she spent the weekend with her sister, Miss Lucille Lewis, who is attending Oregon School of Education.

Claim Japanese Force Isolated

Chungking, Dec. 21 (AP)—A Chinese army spokesman declared today that Japanese forces holding Nanning, strategic South China military center, had been isolated and that the Japanese army was on the eve of a major defeat in the Nanning area.

The spokesman said Japanese units attempting to advance north and northeast of Nanning had been driven back to within ten miles of the city and that communications between Nanning and the coast to the south had been cut.

The Japanese army captured Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi province, November 24 in a drive from the South China coast, intended to cut China's highway outlets to French Indo-China and British Burma.

The United States embassy received a telegram from E. C. Zimmerman, formerly of Alton, Ill., reporting a bomb burst within 20 feet of the Evangelical Lutheran mission residence at Shaan when Japanese warplanes raided that port on the Upper Yangtze river yesterday. The message made no mention of casualties.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To The Editor:—The administrations' reciprocal trade treaties serve only as a clever camouflage for the free trade, a sort of a "Missouri treat," you treat me and I will treat you. Last year the United States, while asking our farmers to restrict crops, imported \$475,000,000 worth of the following commodities:

Cattle, dairy products, meat products, fish, hides and skins, inedible animals, vegetables, fruit, nuts, furs, cotton, beverages, jute, flax, hemp and ramine, not to mention anything about the millions of dollars worth of lumber and shingles. The foregoing are a few samples, every item of which could be produced in this country. This year we have excelled the importations of last year, and we are still entering into trade treaties with more countries on the same terms, and we continue to pay our farmers to restrict crops, and wonder why fair agriculture prices fall to zoom on our stock market. This kind of a procedure will serve fairly well so long as the administration can continue to bond our country, and operate on borrowed capital, and not worry about our mounting national debt. But there will come a day when, if our tariff laws are not raised sufficiently to protect our producers, we will plunge head-on into a complete panic. This country cannot allow importing of agricultural products. We are capable of producing more than we can consume at home, in fact it's folly for us to permit importation of any commodities that can be produced here in sufficiency. But the democratic party always did insist on free trade, and to hoodwink the public, this time they have clamped it onto us in a camouflaged manner in the name of reciprocal trade treaties, which means paying our farmers to restrict crops and opening up the home market for foreign dumping. There is no sound sense in free trading for the U.S.A. free trade means the countries that can produce and deliver the cheapest will capture the market and hold it for their benefit, which means Uncle Sam cannot compete.

Respectfully,
R. D. TURPIN.

Seaweed is being gathered in Sakhalin to send to China as food.

Ickes Summons Liberal Parley

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Secretary Ickes said today liberals among the democrats and republicans might call a national convention some time before the 1940 presidential campaign to organize support for whichever party named a liberal to head its ticket.

At his press conference Ickes said that he had discussed such a possibility with Senators Norris (Ind., Rep.) and La Follette (Prog., Wis.).

The decision to call the conference might or might not depend upon whether President Roosevelt decided to try for a third term, Ickes said.

"It (the liberal conference)," he explained, "might be called before or after the president had announced a decision or it might be held after both parties had chosen their candidates."

The convention, he said, would not be aimed at setting up a third political party.

Its primary purpose, he continued, would be to direct support to whichever party went to the country under a liberal banner.

In event both named "reactionary candidates," however, he said the liberals might be called upon for a "sacrifice lit."

Asked to amplify this remark, he said the liberals might decide, if they had nowhere else to turn, to launch a third party ticket, perhaps in New York state, with almost certain knowledge of defeat.

State to Patch Road Pavement

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, accompanied by Engineers Bishop, Smith and Swart of the state highway department, and County Judge Siegmund, County Commissioner Smith and County Engineer Hubbs, this morning, examined the water damage done to the fill and pavement on the north river road near McNary corners and the engineers agreed that the state will patch the pavement as soon as it is sufficiently dried out and weather is such as to permit.

The road was constructed last summer from federal funds and under a contract let by the state highway department so that department agreed to do the patching repairs. It is estimated that about 100 feet of patching will be required on the fill in places where the pavement has been torn out, said Commissioner Smith. This agreement on part of the state highway engineers will permit the road to be placed back in safe and easily traveled condition during the winter, rather than to await action next summer with the traffic going over places patched with rock and gravel only.

Messenger Boys May Work Again

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—Decision of 360 Western Union workers, on strike here since September 7, to return to work under a plan proposed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, was promised today by officials of the CIO American communications association.

The strikers, by a four to one vote, accepted the peace plan yesterday, but met again last night to hear a report of the strike committee on minor details of rates of pay and seniority. The committee met with company officials, who also accepted the peace plan, yesterday.

Under Secretary Perkins' plan, strikers will return to work without discrimination pending court action on a National Labor Relations board decision ordering dis-establishment of the independent association of Western Union employees. The company has contracted with this union for 21 years.

Most of the strikers are messenger boys.

Nickerson Opposes Justice Department

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—A proposal to create a state department of justice was opposed today by D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the Oregon state federation of labor.

"It is apparent to us that the goal is to create an all-powerful official and that a possible aim is to take selection of this official away from citizens of the state," he wrote to Hugh A. Scott, executive secretary of the Portland City Club.

The letter said the proposal was being studied by committees of the city club and the state bar association.

"It does not take much imagination," he wrote, "to see that a governor vested with the power to select an attorney general, who would direct all prosecutions, activities of the state police, the parole board, sheriffs and district attorneys could be a director in more than a small way."

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