

Manila Rebuilds—War-wrecked remains of the University of Manila, Philippine Islands, are among buildings to be considered under the program for the "new" Manila.

Custer's Last Stand Survivor Blames Disaster on Split

Lead, S. D., Dec. 13 (AP)—The only living survivor of Custer's Last Stand celebrated his 98th birthday Friday by recalling Gen. George A. Custer as a "bullheaded fool."

Charles A. Windolph said the famed battle of the Little Big Horn wouldn't have been lost if Custer hadn't split his command and led a handful of 7th cavalry troops against the dread Sioux. "That Custer was rough, bull-headed and extremely brave," the old Indian fighter cackled.

"He ordered his men to do the impossible and then went along with them to try it."

Actually, Windolph is pretty proud that he followed the dashing Custer into "impossible" brushes with the savages, and prouder still that he is the nation's oldest holder of the Congressional medal of honor.

His birthday celebration was quiet. He planned to have dinner with his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Fehlman, and her family.

Windolph has little interest in the atom bomb or communism, but will talk about Custer's last battle at the drop of an old campaign hat.

Still, he recalls an earlier skirmish in which he led a 13-wagon supply train through Indian bands as the "toughest" he ever fought.

"Only thing that saved us was that those Redskins thought the wagons were full of infantry," he said.

Windolph was first sergeant of company H of the 7th cavalry and missed death on the bluffs of the Little Big Horn river because of the split command.

Company H had been dispatched to aid of Maj. Marcus Reno, who had been besieged on one sector of the battlefield while Custer and his 276 men were being wiped out in another area.

During one phase of the famed battle of July 26, 1876, Windolph was hit by a .45 calibre slug while covering fellow troopers who were on a dangerous mission seeking water for the wounded and dying.

Vet's Name Stolen But Is Returned

Salt Lake City, Dec. 13 (AP)—Willard B. Frey of Salt Lake City can call his name his own today.

The 30-year-old Frey was notified by the Boise office of the veterans administration that one Timothy Cottrell, who borrowed Frey's identity, is to be tried for fraudulently obtaining money under false pretenses.

Officials have ruled, however, that Cottrell's former wife and children may keep the name of Frey.

Said the real Frey: "Now that I have another family with my name and official identity, I only wish I could claim them as income tax deductions, too."

Cottrell had been attending a detective school under Frey's G. I. bill of rights benefits. He retained the borrowed identity for three years.

During that time, records showed, he was married, divorced and was manager of a Boise shoe store. He later served a sentence in the McNeill Island federal prison. The veterans administration took him into custody when he was released from prison this month.

Boomhower could be in hiding. It could be presumed she is dead, but due to lack of positive proof, it is best to declare her missing," Condee said in a hearing on her \$45,000 estate.

Ward Party Charged \$7000 for China Ride

Aboard Lakeland Victory off Taku Bar, Dec. 13 (AP)—Consul General Angus Ward said today the communists charged him and his party \$7000 U. S. money for the 500-mile train ride from Mukden to Tientsin and to move their baggage.

Ward said he and the 19 others in the group had to travel in ancient third class coaches, equipped only with wooden benches and without water.

Mimi Boomhower Officially Missing

Los Angeles, Dec. 13 (AP)—Socialite Mimi E. Boomhower, who disappeared mysteriously Aug. 18, was officially declared a "missing person" today by Superior Judge Newcomb Condee. "It seems impossible Mrs.

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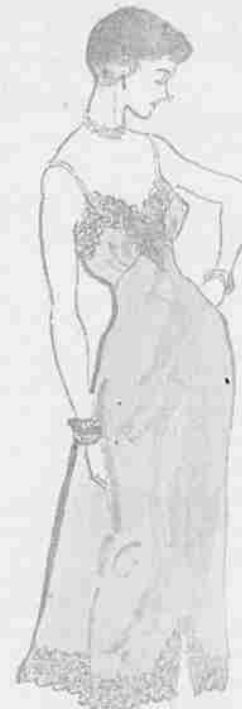


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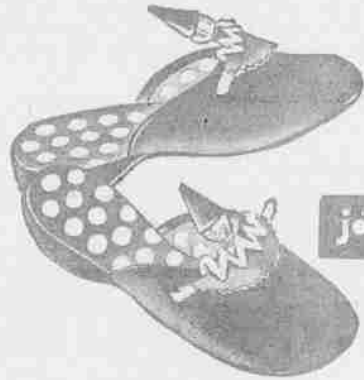
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