

Big Time Racketeers Fail To 'Take Over' Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 19 (AP)—America's big-time racketeers "outsmarted themselves" when they tried to "take over" the rich city of Los Angeles early this year, Mayor Fletcher Bowron said today.

Fate Writes Script For Logging Show Out Silverton Way

Twin billings seem to be in order at the A. H. Sacher logging show out at Silverton. The same act, with two different actors named Clifton Hadley and Henry C. Burkhardt, played out the script as it was written by the hand of fate.

Both are alive, thanks to the two hard hats furnished by the Sacher management and worn by the two actors. It cost Hadley three weeks away from work, an apple-size head swelling, and two stitches in his scalp. Burkhardt lost only three hours on Friday afternoon, and his neck end. He went back to work on Monday.

The script called for each actor, with another man, to fall a sizeable second growth Douglas fir in rough, rocky terrain with a dense cover of alder and maple. Both did. In each case the fir struck a piece of limb—one ten feet long, the other six feet—about 100 feet in both cases. Each man was hit on the hard hat. Hadley was knocked out. Burkhardt was knocked dizzy, but not unconscious.

The accidents happened two months apart.

Hard hats are required by the new general safety code of the state industrial accident commission to be worn by all fallers working in the woods. They must be furnished by the employer. Sacher bought them last summer. They saved two lives before Christmas. The logging show is still running.

Walter Tooze to Run For Supreme Judge

Portland, Dec. 19 (AP)—Multnomah County Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze has confirmed a report that he will be a candidate for the Oregon supreme court next May.

A native of Marion county, he has been a member of the Multnomah court since 1942. His present term runs until 1955. He practiced law in Polk and Yamhill counties before moving here in 1929.

Judge Tooze will seek the vacancy caused by the retirement of Justice J. O. Bailey, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1951. Robert F. Maguire, Portland attorney has also announced his candidacy for the same post.

Village's Marshal Gets Back Law Power

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 19 (AP)—Albert Lea authorities gave the village of Goldfield, Ia., back its police force.

Goldfield's 21-year-old town marshal, Eldon D. Askildson, got himself arrested here last week when he collided with a truck. He pleaded guilty to drunk driving and was given his choice of a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail. He took the latter.

Officials at Goldfield, however, decided they needed him there and sent money to cover the fine and Askildson was released.

Four Corners Plans Party For Children of Community

Four Corners, Dec. 19—The Four Corners Firemen's Auxiliary will sponsor their annual Christmas party December 23 at 7:30 o'clock at the community hall for all children of the Four Corners Rural Fire Protection district up to and including twelve years of age. Parents unable to remain for the program may bring the children and return for them at the close of the program. There will be special moving pictures.

Miss Henrietta Wolfer, instructor at Monmouth College of Education, accompanied by 25 students, visited the Lincoln school, studying the factual working of each room and discussing with Arthur V. Myers, principal, the school in regard to parent relation, harmony in the school and its future effect on teachers in the making for the next generation of teachers and students. The visitors remained for lunch in the new cafeteria.

On Thursday, December 22, at 1:15 p.m., the children will present the Christmas carols in group singing for the mothers and all interested persons wishing to attend. There will also be a visual education program, "The Child of Bethlehem."

Clayton D. Green, who is with the hospital division of the army, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., visited in the Floyd Green home on Beck avenue this week. From here he went to Cheyenne, Wyo., to

discredit the police department" by getting former Chief C. B. Horrall and four of his most trusted officers indicted on charges of taking underworld payoffs, but he pointed out that every one of the defendants has now been legally cleared.

"The affair has been rather bitter to experience," Bowron said, but in the end I think it will produce some good.

"The syndicated, commercialized gamblers and racketeers have had a setback. Now the public can see more clearly than ever how these forces operate and to what lengths they would go."

Here is what happened to the central figures in the prolonged, often spicy investigation:

Mickey Cohen, reputed king of Los Angeles bookmakers, set off the fireworks when he charged at the trial of one of his henchmen that two vice squadders were trying to shake him down. He now is awaiting trial with some of his "boys" and three policemen in connection with the beating of a radio repairman.

Brenda Allen, former head of a luxurious Hollywood call house, added her testimony that she kept two vice squad officers on her payroll so her place would not be raided, and told of letting policemen in free to watch nude sex "circuses" that Hollywood movie figures had to pay for. She was in jail on a pandering charge when the investigation started. She's out now, because one of the vice-probe witnesses told the grand jury she perjured herself to convict Miss Allen.

Former Police Sgt. Charles Stoker was the state's star witness before the grand jury. He later was charged with burglary of a finance company to recover a cancelled check that he allegedly forged. He denied the charge and said he was framed because of his grand jury testimony. The charge was dismissed after a superior court jury could not agree on a verdict.

Audrey Davis, policewoman who served as Stoker's vice-squad partner and off-duty girl friend, told the grand jury she perjured herself at Miss Allen's trial because Stoker wanted her to. She also accused Stoker of burglary and testified against him at his trial. She married another former policeman and resigned from the force after Acting Chief W. A. Worton suspended her.

Former Chief C. B. Horrall retired for reasons of health in the midst of the grand jury investigation. He was indicted for perjury, went to trial and was acquitted.

Charges against Assistant Chief Joseph Reed and Capt. Cecil Wisdom were dismissed because the evidence against them was the same as that on which Horrall was cleared.

Vice Squad Lt. Rudy Wellpott won dismissal of both perjury and bribery charges on grounds of insufficient evidence.

Suspended Vice Squad Sgt. E. V. Jackson also won dismissal of perjury and bribery charges because Miss Allen, who left her county jail cell to testify against him before the county grand jury, was the chief state witness and refused to testify in open court on grounds that she might incriminate herself.

Dayton—Clarence McKown of Havre, Montana, has arrived in Dayton for a two weeks visit at the home of his aunts, Mr. and Mrs. L. Phelps, Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Youngberg of Carlton.



'Death Crash' Almost Really—A staged "death crash" of two dare-devil drivers (above) resulted in near-death reality in Pittsburgh, Pa., before a Christmas shopping crowd of 2500. The event, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Safety committee, resulted in serious injury to both drivers. One driver, Dwight Harris, 18, is shown as he was hauled from one of the cars. (Acme Telephoto)

East Salem Schools Offer Yule Programs This Week

East Salem, Dec. 19—The annual Christmas school programs will be presented by the children in all East Salem schools this week.

Auburn school program has been changed from the usual night event to Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All grades are taking part. The regular Christmas treat will be provided by members of the Mothers club.

Swegle school children will present their program Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Pupils from all grades will portray the Christmas story. This will be on the regular December meeting date of the Parent Teachers association, which with the Swegle Women's club will provide the annual treat.

Swegle Sunday school will present its program Friday, December 23rd in the school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. They, too, will provide treats for the children following a musical program.

The Monroe Avenue Sewing club members were entertained Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Warren Shraake. A Christmas party was enjoyed with the gifts those brought for secret pals. Attending were Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. Clarice Mahoney, Mrs. Paul Gilmer and Lee Ann, Mrs. Steve Irving, Mrs. John Meier, Mrs. Wilfred Wilber and two children, Mrs. Glenn Moody and Glenda Lee, Mrs. Loran Richey, Mrs. Arlo McLain, Mrs. Arthur Stowell, Mrs. Charles Barney and Ann, Mrs. Stuart Johns, Mrs. Hugh Williams and Sharon and the hostess.

Mrs. Robert Pickrel honored her daughter Leigh's fifth birthday at their Lancaster drive home by inviting guests for the traditional birthday refreshments. They were Mrs. Don Adison, Carol and Donna, Mrs. Earl Malm, Gary and Jan Louise and Sue Joe.

The Middle Grove Women's Society for World Service will not meet Tuesday as the regular meeting has been postponed until after Christmas.

Southern California Gets Deluge of Rain

Los Angeles, Dec. 19 (AP)—This—after five years of extreme drought—may be the wet winter Southern California has been seeking.

The heaviest rainstorm of the season brought over two inches of rain yesterday, advancing the total to nearly five inches, compared with 1.30 this time last year and well above the norm of 3.35.

And more rain is on tap today, says the weatherman.

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Disabled Plane Lands Safely

London, Dec. 19 (AP)—A British airliner with 10 persons aboard made a safe crash landing today after its undercarriage jammed. None of those aboard was injured.

The twin-engined plane, a British European Airways Viking, took off from Northold airport at London at 9:21 a.m. (4:21 a.m. EST) for Brussels with six passengers and a crew of four.

The pilot's message said one wheel of the undercarriage failed to retract.

The airways ordered the plane to circle over a private airfield at nearby Wesbridge, in Surrey, until its gas supply was nearly exhausted and then to try a crash landing unless the jammed wheel had been shaken loose in the meantime.

Birthdays Celebrated

Monmouth—Mrs. George Harding entertained at her home for her son, Tommy's eighth birthday. Small sister Jane also helped celebrate as it was her third birthday. Children present were Tommy and Jane Harding, Ned Van Maanen, Marilyn Barry, Loretta Barry, Kathleen Enz, Mary Martha Parker, Charlene Barry, Wendell Van Maanen, Robert Bagley, Jerry Blackwell, Robert Swanson, Jimmy Schroeder and Larry and Phillip Harding.

Jury Deadlocks In Mass KKK Trial

Rome, Ga., Dec. 19 (AP)—The deep south's first mass civil rights trial has ended in a declaration of mistrial for the ten Dade county defendants accused of flogging seven negroes.

The deadlocked decision was announced by Jury Foreman Herman D. Casey, Jr., Rome auto salesman, precisely 48 hours after the jury received the case.

The ten defendants received the verdict with a mild show of disappointment since they had expected acquittal. On trial were Sheriff John W. Lynch of Dade county, three of his deputies, and six private citizens.

Housewives Get Credit in N.Y. For Successful 'Dry Friday'

New York, Dec. 19 (AP)—The first "shaveless, bathless" day in New York history, resulted in the conservation of 139,000,000 gallons of water, as compared to the same day a week ago, Water Commissioner Stephen J. Carney announced today.

The amount of water saved Friday also was 81,000,000 more than the day before, Carney said. He said the city used 349,000,000 gallons less than the consumption on an average day before water conservation began.

Total consumption Friday was 798,000,000 gallons.

Carney said he was "very happy" about the results of the city's first "Dry Friday."

"This means we are getting the public cooperation in this request for voluntary cooperation," he said. "We know that this support not only holds these figures down but will make possible our continued intensive drive for additional saving of water."

"More important, New York City has answered for itself a

very important question—just how much water do we need for essential use."

Despite the saving, however, Chief Engineer Edward Clark, said the city had lost ground in its attempt to keep the reservoir level from falling. Reserves, he said, dropped 95,000,000 gallons between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday.

Carney said city officials had not yet decided whether to hold another "shaveless and bathless day."

It was the housewives, and not their fashion-conscious husbands, who won the credit for the successful "Dry Friday."

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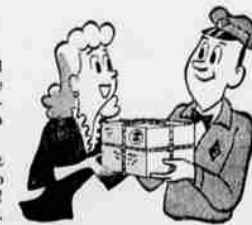
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