

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy, with occasional light rain tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

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TRAGEDIES MAR CHRISTMAS DAY



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Now that Santa Claus has gone, it may be permissible to disclose that the Christmas eve greetings exchanged by Messrs. Richberg and Johnson were not exactly heavy.

They were inspired by exigencies of ordinary politeness among brethren of the new deal, and by someone with a telephone who was able to tell both boys what the exigencies of political politeness in the new deal are.

But it is just as well the greetings were exchanged between Messrs. Richberg and Johnson by telegraph.

Each one still knows what the other thinks about him. If these thoughts are ever faithfully reduced to writing perhaps each can use the other for libel.

What happened was that Mr. Richberg has been hearing stories that General Johnson is supposed to have been telling of the record. These verbal yarns are not the kind on which libel suits are usually based.

They merely reflect personal opinion of one man for another.

Mr. Richberg had no direct information of what was in Johnson's book. He did know that Johnson's opinions were usually expressed in a blue streak. If made a matter of official record by publication, they might be libelous.

He hoped to keep his warning confidential.

There were three copies of his letter of warning against publication of libel. The original went to the magazine editor, who, probably, did not give it out. The second went to the publisher of Johnson's book. The third was kept by Mr. Richberg under lock and key.

One of the three copies fell into the hands of newspaper men, and that is the way the story got out. It was the best possible kind of publicity for the Johnson book.

What General Johnson's friends really believe is that Mr. Richberg got Johnson out of the MIA. They say that is the basis for Johnson's feeling.

In a way they are right. Mr. Richberg found the NRA too confining for himself and Johnson. Just before President Roosevelt started on his Hawaiian cruise last summer, he thought the general's tactics were detrimental to success of the NRA.

A lot of people agreed with him. It was shortly after Mr. Roosevelt's return from Hawaii that Johnson left. Of course, the impetus of Mr. Richberg's influence played a part in Johnson's withdrawal.

Whether there is anything else in a matter for argument, but no one will care to start it, as no accusations have been made, and probably none will be.

The NRA is showing occasional signs of being just as hard-boiled as ever.

The board has been somewhat careful about imposing codes on recalcitrant big industries which still shiver no codes, but has shown three unopposed flashes of fire lately. The main difference from the old days appears to be that the board is being close-lipped about its crack-down blows and loud-mouthed about its moderate steps.

This is a reversal of the Johnsonian technique.

The picturesque general himself could not have been more authoritative in the cotton garment code case. When garment makers related the 35-hour week, the board adopted a rule vanishing from the code authority any one who did not cooperate. That effectively banished the code authority itself.

Similarly, the board trampled all over the lumber code authority. It ordered a hearing on controversial price fixing provisions, over the protest of the code authority, and then knocked out price fixing.

Thirdly, a hearing was ordered on the spot and shoe code when the board noted that many factories were moving to small towns. The board suspected that code provisions permitted lower wages in small towns.

In the Johnsonian era, each of these steps would have been blown up into a headline sensation by the skilled publicity staff.

The world's championship medal for hal-pussing goes to the new Texas governor, James V. Allred, without a question.

When Allred went down to Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins' office

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BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Nicholas Zuchowicki, 50, died here today from a fractured skull suffered when he fell down a flight of stairs yesterday while playing the role of Santa Claus for a friend's family.

166 Deaths Listed On Holiday, Mainly In Auto Accidents

(By The Associated Press) The Christmas holiday death toll mounted grimly today when an automobile was struck by a train at a crossing near Harvey, a Chicago suburb, killing seven persons.

The seven automobile occupants were believed to have been workers in the Illinois emergency relief station at Chicago Heights.

The crash brought the Christmas holiday death list to at least 166 persons.

17 Die In Train Wreck A train wreck near Hamilton, Ont., resulted in the loss of at least 17 lives while fires, motor car accidents, drownings, suicides and other tragedies turned the day from joy to sorrow for scores of families throughout the United States.

As is usual on holidays the heavy traffic on highways caused most of the fatalities, at least 115 of the dead perishing in motor mishaps.

The auto death toll by states showed: Indiana 3; Pennsylvania 6; Missouri 13; North Carolina 3; Louisiana 5; New York 5; New Jersey 2; Ohio 6; Arkansas 10 (since Sunday); Michigan 14 (since Sunday); Texas 8; Washington State 7; Idaho 3; Utah 2; Oklahoma 4; Georgia 3; California 14; Illinois 2; Massachusetts 2; and one each in Florida, Alabama, Kansas, Maine, Connecticut and Oregon.

Fires in Missouri and other sections helped considerably to swell the death toll. A mother and her three children perished in flames at Sedalia, Mo. Another mother and her three children were burned to death at Joplin, Mo. Chicago counted two dead in fires. A 4-year-old girl was dead in fires. A 4-year-old girl was dead in fires.

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FRENCH AIR ACE MAKES 312 MILES PER HOUR

ISTRES, France, Dec. 25.—(UP)—Raymond Delmotte, French air ace, set a new world's record for land planes yesterday, entitling him to a Christmas present of 300,000 francs (\$158,000).

Making four laps of a prescribed course in the amazing time of 21 seconds, Delmotte averaged 302.456 kilometers (312 miles) an hour, surpassing the late Jimmy Wedell's mark of 490.800 kilometers (308 miles) an hour.

FANATIC TRIBESMEN KILLED ON WARPATH

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Twenty-one Filipinos were killed when fanatic mountain tribesmen met on the warpath on the island of Mindanao, according to Philippine constabulary headquarters here today.

Sixteen of the dead were members of the mountain tribe, killed when they attacked a constabulary camp in Agusan province last Saturday.

CHINESE FINANCE HEAD DENIES CHANGE PLANNED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25.—(AP)—H. H. Kung, minister of finance, declared today that rumors the Chinese government is planning to nationalize silver, adopt paper currency, and devalue its standard dollar "are spread by unscrupulous persons hoping to profit from disturbed financial markets, and are without foundation."

Ethiopia Charges Italian Trespass

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Ethiopian government charged today Italians had settled in Ethiopian territory and were continuing to fly airplanes over it.

The statement claimed the Italians are building an automobile road from Radir to Ado and Guerogul, in this country.

Millionaire Straphanger Dies After Brief Illness

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 25.—(AP)—John E. Andrus, "millionaire straphanger," died at his home today. He was in his 94th year and had been ill three days.

Andrus, who made a fortune estimated at one time at \$200,000,000 in ore, timber, medicine, banking and real estate, gained the title of the "millionaire straphanger" because he rode the subway daily for many years in going to and from his Manhattan office.

In 1927 he abandoned the subway for an automobile. But he continued to take an occasional subway ride in order, he explained, "to keep in trim."

The subway, he once said, was his only other mode of travel. In the spring of 1927, however, he suffered a leg injury when knocked down in a subway jam. That was the beginning of his abandonment of the underground trains.

Once before he had received an injury in a subway rush, but resumed his straphanging when he recovered. Andrus planned a trip to Europe by airplane whenever aerial travel became as safe as riding the subway. He never made the trip.

Arrest 6 in Raids on Illicit Rum Resorts

Calling The Roll In Lindbergh Case



Dr. John F. Condon, who became known as "Jafeite" through his efforts as intermediary in the Lindbergh kidnaping, may be the star witness when Bruno Hauptmann comes to trial in New Jersey. (Associated Press Photo)

COLD ADVANCING OVER MID-WEST TO EAST COAST

With rain intermittently in Medford today, the weather man forecast cloudy weather, with occasional rains for tonight and Thursday, and said there would not be much change in temperature. Although the mercury went down to 31 at 11 o'clock last night, today's lowest was reached at 9:30 a. m. Precipitation between 2 p. m. Monday and 9 a. m. today was 1.4 of an inch.

(By The Associated Press) The season's most severe cold wave, already entrenched in the north central section, swept across the middle western United States today and advanced into the east.

The coldest spot in the United States was Evelett, Minn., closely followed by Bemidji, Minn., with 37 below. Devil Lake, S. D., recorded minus 34. Other sub-zero temperatures were: Duluth, 25 below; Minneapolis, 16. In Canada 44 below was recorded at Dawson.

In Chicago the temperature dropped from 28 at midnight to 2 above at 9 a. m., with weather bureau officials predicting a drop to 5 below in the city and 10 below in the suburbs tonight. A letup was predicted for tomorrow.

Driven from Canada with an icy blast that gripped Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota last night, the cold wave advanced into Wisconsin and Illinois, and today penetrated Indiana, Ohio and the north and middle Atlantic states. The wave advanced as far south as the Iowa-Missouri boundary, C. A. Donnel, Chicago weather forecaster, said, and was felt in northern Texas and Arkansas.

In many places the cold snap hampered both train and highway transportation.

Ungrateful Beggar Robs Host, Is Shot And Killed In Act

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(UP)—Edwin Busch, 52, entered the tavern of John Consigliari early yesterday and asked for a meal.

It was Christmas, so Consigliari locked the tavern and took Busch to a restaurant, where he ordered a heavy lunch. Leaving, Consigliari pressed a bill into Busch's hand and wished him a merry Christmas. Then he visited friends.

Two hours later, Consigliari returned to his tavern and found Busch rifling his cash drawer. He shot and killed him.

HEARING ORDERED ON COAL CODE REVISION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—NRA today ordered a public hearing January 4 on revision of the bituminous coal code.

The order for the hearing followed suggestions for changes from both the industry and the United Mine Workers of America. They were prompted by reports of widespread violation of the price fixing clauses.

Among the amendments proposed was one to forbid future contracts for coal at less than code prices.

Caution Fails To Save Legs Of Pedestrian

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—(UP)—William R. Carnahan, 35, believed most everyone should be home in bed at 6 o'clock Christmas morning, and that it would be a good idea to go for a walk.

He was extra cautious because his leg had been broken in an automobile accident six months ago, and it was the first time he had stepped outside the house since then.

Crossing a street, Carnahan was struck and knocked down by another machine. Both legs were fractured.

BETTY GOW SILENT ON EVIDENCE WILL REVEAL AT TRIAL

Scotch Girl Returns to U. S. Closely Guarded To Tell On Stand Story of Lindbergh Baby Kidnaping

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 25.—(AP)—In Hunterdon county's century-old court house a special panel of 48 prospective jurors—23 men and 25 women—was sworn today for the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, January 2.

Betty Gow, demure Scotch girl who was the last person to see the Lindbergh baby alive, returned to the United States last night under a heavy cloak of secrecy, to tell New Jersey courts what she knows of the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Clad in tweed coat and brown scarf, she paused on the deck of the Cunard liner Aquitania just long enough to say, "I can't say anything," let news photographers snap her picture and was whisked away in a black limousine to the Morrow estate Englewood, N. J.

Betty Gow was the last person to leave the Aquitania. Police surrounded her, and it was only after difficulty that reporters could get close enough to shout questions into her ear.

She declined to say whether she would testify for or against Bruno Hauptmann, Bronx carpenter charged with murdering the 20-month-old son of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

And so she was swallowed in the same secrecy that surrounded her departure from Scotland. She had traveled incognito, but newspapermen recognized her.

Federal agents reportedly had been assigned to guard her landing, been

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RUSSIAN ASSASSIN CONFESSES GUILT

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Leonid Nicolaioff, alleged assassin of Sergei Kiroff, was announced today to have made a confession to the murder and with thirteen alleged Leningrad terrorists, was turned over yesterday to the military collegium of the supreme court for trial.

They will be tried as members of the contra-revolutionary Zinovievite group alleged to have organized the assassination early this month.

An official communique said Nicolaioff confessed: "I had to show the murder of Kiroff as an independent act in order to hide the participation of the Zinovievists in it."

He was also announced as having said he received money from a certain unnamed foreign consil.

J'VILLE MASONS INSTALL THURSDAY

Warren lodge number 10 of the order of Masons and Adrei Star chapter number 3, will hold joint installation of officers next Thursday, Dec. 27 in the blue lodge at Jacksonville. After the installation ceremony a turkey dinner is to be served.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State Ezra M. Wilson of this city will conduct the rites, and Grand Perseverance of the grand lodge, J. E. Crawford, also past master of Warren lodge number 10, will be acting marshal.

Lulu Salisbury will be the installing officer, and Mrs. E. G. Riddell will be installing marshal for the stars.

EARLY MORNING SNOW WHIRLS INTO KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A post-Christmas snow storm whirled into Klamath Falls early this morning, quickly smothering the city in a deep coating of great wet flakes.

Crews were rushed out to main highways at dawn to keep roads clear. Blizzards were reported from Crater Lake Park and Cascade mountain communities. Trains were late arriving here.

The outlook was for a continuation of the snow.

PRESIDENT WOULD DEVELOP MARKET FOR ELECTRICITY

Appliance Purchase Stimulation Is Planned to Create Greater Demand for Power and Cheapen Rates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—An effort to find means of stimulating purchases of electrical appliances through regular private utility channels is being made by President Roosevelt.

He said today at his press conference that the government is seeking to be helpful to private utilities in setting up a program—similar to that of the electric home and farm authority in the Tennessee valley—to aid in financing purchases of electrical appliances.

His theory is that by encouraging the utilities to produce appliances for the home and farms on a large scale, the price to be considerably reduced.

Cheaper Rates Aim The presidential attitude was interpreted as a distinct willingness by the administration to cooperate with private utilities in efforts to obtain cheaper power.

Some utility heads have pledged cooperation to Mr. Roosevelt. The Edison Electric Institute has started court action against the administration power program, seeking to test

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STEPHENSON TO MANAGE CENSUS

R. O. Stephenson of this city has been appointed federal farm census supervisor for Jackson county, according to advices received by the county agent's office.

The farm census, the first taken since 1930, is scheduled to start in January. The supervisor has the power to recommend the appointment of enumerators, and attend to other details. The census was provided for at the last session of congress.

The census will include the count of farm stock and equipment, number of acres cultivated, extent of crops and varieties.

Heretofore, farm census figures have been gathered at the same time as the regular census. The forthcoming one will be in more detail.

EXPLORER MAKES LONG ANTARCTIC AIR JAUNT

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Lincoln Ellsworth, Antarctic explorer, and his pilot, Brent Balchen, were reported today to have made a successful airplane flight Christmas day across the Antarctic from Deception Island to the Bay of Whales.

The report did not say whether Sir Hubert Wilkins, the partner of Ellsworth on the expedition, was in the plane with Ellsworth and Balchen.

It did, however, say that the members of the expedition intended to have a great time in their encounter with the expedition headed by Admiral Richard E. Byrd at Little America.

\$18,000 IN PAYROLL SEIZED BY BANDITS

LANCASTER, S. C., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Four highwaymen robbed three guards of an \$18,000 payroll four miles from here today after shooting the tires of the guards' automobile.

The payroll was being taken from Lancaster to Chester where there are textile mills.

Generally cloudy, occasional light rain in west portion tonight and Thursday and snow or rain and colder in east portion tonight; decreasing west and northwest wind off coast.

Outlook for 1935 Bright Yet Dubious Says Filene

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Edward A. Filene, widely known Boston merchant and economist, today described the outlook for 1935 as "at the same time very bright and dubious" and pointed to several "two-way signs."

Filene warned that if business and the supreme court failed to co-operate with the president, the country might be "compelled to turn to socialist measures."

"America has decisively endorsed the new deal," he said, "thus ending that uncertainty which constituted such a drag upon recovery in 1934. In 1935, however, the supreme court may rule that certain vital parts of the new deal are unconstitutional, thus demobilizing our half-built structure of recovery and forcing a new beginning under most difficult circumstances."

"Business is pledging co-operation with the president, and there is un-

Mrs. Roosevelt Says Townsend Plan Impossible

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(UP) Although an ardent advocate of old-age pensions, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today condemned the "Townsend plan" as impractical and impossible to carry out.

"I have worked for old-age pensions," she said, "I believe them vitally important to any society that plans for the future.

"But I do not believe in the Townsend plan. It is utterly impractical. It is unfortunate that the impression should be given that such a plan can be accomplished, for it cannot."

The Townsend plan calls for payment of \$200 a month for persons over 60, provided they spend the sum the same month and refrain from gainful work.

MEDFORD WOMAN HURT IN CRASH J'VILLE HIGHWAY

Miss Carlie Oswald, about 22, employed at the H. A. Marx home, 16 South Orange, was taken to the Community hospital about 1:30 a. m. Tuesday suffering from fractured ribs and a sprained back after an accident on the Jacksonville highway.

The car in which she was riding skidded and turned over in a ditch.

Miss Oswald was permitted to leave the hospital yesterday for her home, 526 Berrydale, her injuries described by Dr. Robert W. Stearns as not serious.

Reports filed with city police and given by hospital attendants, indicate that she was a passenger in a car driven by W. H. Deahlrage, 30, of this city. It was reported that an

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BROWN, CASTER IN OFFICE JANUARY 7

Syd J. Brown, elected sheriff at the last general election, and Otto Caster of Phoenix, elected county commissioner, will be sworn into office Monday, January 7. The district attorney's office has ruled that the commissioner takes office at the same time as the sheriff. They will be the only two changes in the official family of Jackson county.

Brown succeeded Sheriff Walter J. Olinchield, and Caster assumes the chair in the county court now held by R. E. Nealon.

Brown has announced that he will announce his list of appointments "shortly after Christmas." There is reported to be a long list of applicants for deputyships under the sheriff.

Roosevelt Carving Prohibits Gorging

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With a smile, he told newspapermen at his press conference that he had to serve so many second helpings he hardly had a chance to do any eating.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 25.—If rumor is any good at all it looks like England is having their best Christmas present in years between Ireland annoying the life out of 'em (I think more for pure devilment than anything else) and the prince not marrying and Lloyd George's memoirs they have had a pretty uneasy life.

I imagine he has met a lot of girls that looked good enough to 'em but in the language of the royal ritual, they were "mongrels." When you have to take one that is sired in the purple, it kinder cuts your field of operation down. But this Swedish princess looks mighty lovely and they are a great people, all those Scandinavians. So we will all cheer with England. Yours,

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STATE POLICE AND SHERIFF 'MOP UP' ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Midnight Club Operators Jailed—Membership List Proves Surprise to Officers—Arrestment Today

In a series of raids against alleged illicit liquor resorts in this city and adjacent areas conducted by the state police and sheriff's office Christmas eve, three places were raided, and liquor and slot machines seized, and six persons arrested. Further arrests were scheduled for today.

William A. King and William A. Horn were arrested in a resort known as the "Midnight Club" in the King's Highway district. Two slot machines and a quantity of liquor were seized.

Kenneth G. Garman and Lavon L. Garman, brothers, and Carl L. White were arrested at 402 South Central avenue. A quantity of liquor was also seized in this place.

Virgie L. Miller, charged with the operation of an illicit liquor resort at 327 West Second street, near the Junior high school was arrested.

Arrestment Today. Charges of sale and possession of liquor, and maintenance of a "common nuisance" will be filed, and arranged for trial.

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REAMES BACKED BY JOE CARSON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Reports current here that Mayor Joseph K. Carson of Portland was being prominently mentioned for appointment to fill one of the two vacancies on the federal court of appeals, brought from Carson the statement he is not a candidate and that his support is being given Evan Reames of Medford.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Clifton Mathews, U. S. district attorney for Arizona, has been recommended by U. S. Senator Henry F. Ashurst, for appointment to the bench of the ninth circuit of appeals, made vacant last week by the sudden death of Judge William H. Sewelle.

The San Francisco post was offered Senator Ashurst by President Roosevelt and Ashurst in turn recommended F. W. O'Sullivan, 67-year-old Prescott attorney. As Mr. O'Sullivan declined, both threw their support to Mr. Mathews.

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