

TRAIN TRAGEDY CLAIMED DUE TO LACK OF SENSE

Rennert, N. C., Dec. 17.—(UP)—The known dead in yesterday's collision of the southbound Tamihi and northbound Tamihi Champions rose to 80 today, the Red Cross reported, as a railroad official said he could not explain why the wreck could not have been averted in the 40 minutes between the derailment of one train and the arrival of the other.

Rennert, N. C., Dec. 17.—(UP)—The fireman of the stalled southbound Tamihi West Coast Champion tried but failed to flag down the speeding northbound Tamihi East Coast Champion shortly before it smashed into three derailed cars of its sister train near here yesterday, killing at least 70 persons, C. G. Sibley, general manager of the carrier, said today.

A 40-minute interval occurred between the derailment of the southbound train at 1:15 a. m., EWT, and the time the northbound engine and coaches crashed into the derailed cars. "Our information is that the fireman on the southbound train went ahead to flag the northbound train, but did not succeed," Sibley said.

"He had a fusee but stumbled and fell and it broke. He used his red signal lantern but the engineer of the northbound train did not see the signal."

"The sleet and snow storm was continuing very heavily at the time of the crash. A passenger on the southbound train, meanwhile, charged that dereliction of duty and a 'complete lack of horse sense' by trainmen were responsible for the smashup."

Presbyterian Young To Conduct Service Sunday Afternoon

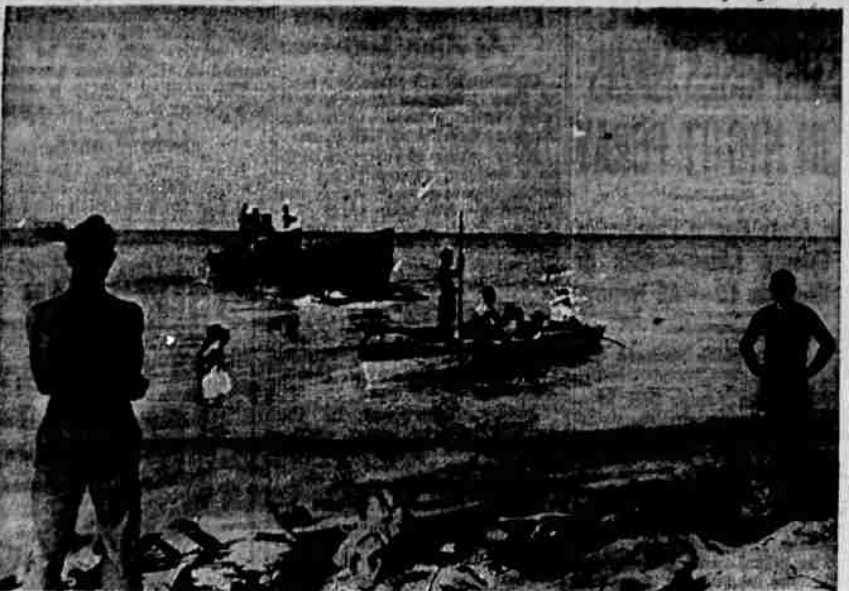
The traditional Candle-Light Vesper service will be presented next Sunday afternoon at 5:30 at the First Presbyterian church. The service is planned by the church young people as their Christmas offering to the members and friends.

The organist will present a selection of meditations and Christmas songs during the half hour preceding the service. All who wish to come early and enjoy the beauty of the church in the evening twilight will find added pleasure in the organ.

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Natives of Gilbert Island Take Interest in Yank Equipment



Venturing out in a canoe after most of the Japs had been cleaned out on the former enemy base of Tarawa, Gilbert Island natives look over a U. S. landing barge as it comes to the beach.

Jonas Lie



London reports that Jonas Lie, Nazi-minded Norwegian, has replaced Vidkun Quisling as director of police in Norway.

music. The church will be beautifully decorated with evergreens and illuminated with soft candles. The service will include music by the choir and the young people and a short Christmas message by Sgt. William Roth-shafer.

At the 11 a. m. service the choir will render two numbers, "Christmas Cradle Song" and "Oh Leave Thy Sheep." Robert Wright is singing a solo, "Birthdays of a King." The minister's subject for the morning is "The Overcrowded Inn."

In one year, 3,000 members of West Virginia's Future Farmers of America chapters have invested \$34,000 in war bonds.

MUSTER OUT PAY CONSIDERATION IS DELAYED TO 1944

Washington, Dec. 17.—(UP)—House consideration of mustering out pay for veterans of World War II was definitely postponed today until next year. Speaker Sam Rayburn said it would be "impossible" for final action this year because the military affairs committee had heard many expert witnesses on the pay question, but "they don't agree on the terms."

Rayburn's announcement came shortly after Committee Chairman Andrew J. May, D., Ky., was called to his home in Kentucky by the death of a relative. His office said he would not return to the capital until the first of the year.

Legion Disclams
Meanwhile the American Legion denied May's statement that it was one of a number of veterans groups causing the delay in immediate consideration of the pay legislation.

Francis M. Sullivan, Legion legislative representative, said May had referred to the Legion "erroneously," and that his organization supported the original May bill calling for mustering out pay ranging from \$100 to \$300, depending on length of service. Sullivan said he wanted passage before Christmas.

Two other organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans, announced they favored combining mustering out pay and veterans bonus

in one bill with passage before the war ends.

RECORD NOT ENOUGH
Albuquerque, N. M., (UP)—Meat output in 1944 may equal the record production of 1943 but it will not be large enough to supply all needs, Arthur M. Hauke of the New Mexico Service disclosed. Military, lend-lease and other non-civilian meat demands will increase about one-fourth over demands for last year, leaving a smaller amount for civilian consumption Hauke said.

WOMEN SHUN MUSCLES
Charlestown, Ind.—(UP)—Girls will be girls, even in the midst of their important contributions to the war effort. At the bag loading plant of the Goodyear Engineering Corp. here, women in the craft assembly department had only one objection to swinging a hammer and running a power saw. Fearful that the arm swinging movement would develop unwanted muscles, they solved the problem. They now alternately use left and right arms!

Daily Meteorological Report

Forecast for Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Saturday. Warmer Saturday.
Oregon: Fairly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Rain northwest portion Saturday. Warmer Saturday. Warmer north portions tonight.
Local Data
Temperature a year ago today:
Highest, 35; lowest, 25.
Total monthly precipitation, 63 inch. Deficiency for the month, 86 inch.
Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1943, 5.1 inches. Deficiency for the season, 28 inch.
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 85%; 5 p. m. today, 90%.
Tomorrow
Sunrise 8:34 a. m.; sunset 5:45 p. m.

	High Temp.	Low Temp.	Precipitation	Wind
Biose	39	22	Cloudy	
Boston	35	14	P. Cl'dy	
Chicago	28	9	Clear	
Denver	36	26	Clear	
Dulles	40	28	Clear	
Helena	31	22	Clear	
Los Angeles	49	38	P. Cl'dy	
Medford	32	28	Cloudy	
New York	37	17	Clear	
Omaha	26	12	Clear	
Phoenix	46	36	P. Cl'dy	
Portland	41	28	Clear	
Reno	41	15	Cloudy	
Roseburg	41	33	Fog	
Salt Lake	17	—	Clear	
San Francisco	46	—	Cloudy	
Seattle	47	32	Clear	
Spokane	37	23	P. Cl'dy	
Wash., D. C.	38	18	Clear	
Yakima	39	25	Cloudy	

NEED MAGAZINES FOR SOLDIERS IN CAMP HOSPITAL

An urgent plea for magazines for the Camp White Station hospital was made today by hospital recreation workers who stated that dozens of copies of late issues could be used. The magazines may be left at the Riverside USO from where they will be taken to camp.

Lists of the most popular magazines have been made up by workers who distribute them and have come to know the favorites of the men. Women's magazines are not desired, but issues of weekly magazines, such as Colliers, Saturday Evening Post and the news weeklies, including Life, Time and News-Week, are much in demand providing they are not more than two or three weeks old. Copies of monthly magazines, such as the Reader's Digest, Country Gentleman and Esquire, are favorites providing they are not more than two months old.

Westerns Liked
Westerns of all types, comic magazines and detective magazines are greatly in demand and here the date of issue does not matter so much. This is true also of such better-type magazines as Fortune, Atlantic Monthly, Harpers and the New Yorker, for which there is much demand. Outdoor magazines of all types are also greatly enjoyed by the patients, it was said.

Residents of this area are urged to make a practice of turning in their magazines regularly each week instead of allowing them to accumulate.

Livestock

Portland, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Cattle, 25; calves, none. Market nominal; few canner and cutter cows sold \$4.50-5.50; week's supply good fed steers \$14.25-15.50; extras top \$15.75; best heifers \$13.50; young cows \$12.00; good to choice vealers salable \$13.50-14.50.
Hogs, 125. Asking steady, or around \$14.00-14.25 for good-choice 200 to 230 lbs.; carload close steady late Thursday 200 to 230 lbs. \$14.25; 240 to 270 lbs. \$14.50; 180 lbs. \$13.75; lighter and heavier weights \$13.25-12.50.
Sheep, none; market nominal. Good-choice trucked-in lambs salable around \$12.50, sorted carload to \$13.50; good ewes salable \$9.00-4.50.

South San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Cattle, 30. Fed steers and heifers scarce. Bulk for week: grass heifers \$10.50-12.00, good range cows \$10.50-11.00, common range cows \$9.00-9.50, steady, canners and cutters 25c lower, mostly \$6.00-8.00; bulls steady, common to medium \$9.50-10.50.

Calves: For week 110, steady; good to choice vealers salable \$12.50-13.50. Hogs, 300. Steady; few packages good 200 to 270-lb. barrows and gilts \$14.75, under 200-lb. and over 270-lb. sorted at \$14.00. For week: Receipts, 3,100; butchers steady, cows 50c lower, late bulk medium to good \$10.50-11.00.
Sheep, 750. For week, 5,000; lambs 50-75c higher, bulk \$14.00-15.25, choice absent; cull to good ewes \$3.50-5.50.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Hogs, 9,000. Steady to 25c higher; fairly active; good and choice 150 to 280 300 to 350-lb. cows \$12.50-13.50. Cattle, 2,500; calves, 500. Fed steers and yearlings steady to 25c lower; choice offerings steady only on limited buying on shipper account; top \$15.15 for 1,500-lb. averages; best yearlings \$15.10.
Sheep, 5,000. Early sales lambs steady, but scattered bids about 25c lower on natives; two doubles good to choice 97 to 105-lb. fed western lambs to shippers and packers \$14.85.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Wholesale market prices:
Beets, Calif., green, 20c.
Beets, local, 75c.
Carrots, local, 75c.

Cauliflower, No. 1, \$2.00-2.25.
Spinach, No. 1, local, \$2.25.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Wheat:
Dec. —1.71 1.71 1.70 1.70
May —1.66 1.66 1.65 1.65
July —1.64 1.64 1.63 1.63
Sept. —1.63 1.63 1.62 1.62

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Dairy market:
Butter: 93 score 43, 92 score 42 1/2, 90 score 42 1/4, 89 score 41 1/4.

Cheese: Wholesale prices, loaf 27 1/2, triplets 27.
Eggs: Large grade A, 52, medium grade A 48, small grade A 41, large grade B 45.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Late strength in railroad issues gave the stock market a firm appearance today and volume increased in all sections.

Improvement in the carriers was in contrast with yesterday's market where the rails broke on a strike threat by operating railroad workers. Santa Fe rose more than a point. Southern Pacific had a wide recovery, and New York Central strengthened.

Norfolk and Western was up more than a point.
Steel shares improved with U. S. steel and Bethlehem mak-

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



ing new highs for the session in the late dealings.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:
American Tel. & Tel. 154
Anaconda 24 1/2
Chrysler 80 1/2
Curtiss Wright 5 1/2
General Electric 37
General Motors 50 1/4
Montgomery Ward 44
Penn. R. R. 25 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 45 1/2
J. C. Penney 98
Radio 9 1/2
Southern Pacific 23 1/2
Standard Oil of California 35 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur 34 1/2
Transamerica 28
United Aircraft 42 1/2
U. S. Rubber 51 1/2
U. S. Steel 51 1/2

The first vineyard in Sonoma county, California, was planted in the 1860's with cuttings brought especially from Europe.

V-GARDENS POPULAR

Champaign-Urbana, Ill.—(UP)—Victory gardens, which proved popular with collegian "city slickers" here this year, probably will dot the University of Illinois campus again in 1944, according to M. J. Dorsey, head of the university's horticulture department. He said agencies here requested more V-garden space be made available next year. This year's demand for their produce he said, was far in excess of the supply. More than 250 persons each were allotted a 25-by-100-foot plot in designated areas near the university stadium and on campus in 1943.

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