

BIRMINGHAM PRINTERS**FAIL TO SHOW ON JOB**

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Printers failed to report for work today on Birmingham's two afternoon newspapers—The Post and News—and plans for publication were held in abeyance pending settlement of the walkout.

Publishers planned to issue skeleton editions if possible.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOST

Summit, Ill., Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—This city, one of Chicago's southwestern suburbs, was without a fire department today.

The firebell rang; the volunteers came; the firehouse burned down; the fire engines, including a new \$15,000 pumper which was used only once, were destroyed.

New York, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Chief Warrent Officer Robert Olsen, 40, a veteran of 17 years army service, was questioned today in connection with the fatal shooting of Chief Petty Officer William Wilson, 45, in the Hotel New Yorker during an argument which police said began over a girl.

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CALEDONIA CHIEF CLAIMS YANKEES ROUGH ON LEAVE

**French Governor Accuses
Negro Soldiers of Molest-
ing Women, Other Deeds.**

Noumea, New Caledonia, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—Christian Laigret, governor Protom of New Caledonia, today charged the American Military Command here with lack of cooperation with the French, alleging failure to control troops on leave, failure to live up to agreements regarding use of port facilities and illegal use of the local harbor.

Maj. Gen. Rush B. Lincoln, Ames, Iowa, commanding American forces on the island, refused to comment on Laigret's charges saying all matters which the governor mentioned had been discussed previously with French authorities and agreements had been reached and abided by within the limits of military necessity.

Laigret, who shortly will be replaced by permanent Governor Jacques Tallec, made the charges at a press conference, saying the points of friction had been reported to French authorities at Algiers but that no representations had been made to Washington.

Laigret was particularly bitter toward alleged American failure to control negro troops, whom he declared were continually guilty of molesting New Caledonia women.

He said an "intolerable" situation had reached the point where young civilians had organized into bands to threaten negroes who molested women.

SALVATION ARMY PLAYS SANTA TO LARGE NUMBER

The Medford Salvation Army played Santa Claus to a large number of people Wednesday evening when the annual Christmas tree was held at the army headquarters on 236 North Bartlett. Two large decorated trees, with a lighted star between, provided a background for the festivities.

A group of children gave a program of Christmas music and readings and gifts, candy and oranges were distributed.

Thursday afternoon Major Nettie Brown and a group of Home League women visited Camp White and distributed 900 handkerchiefs and 900 Christmas papers in the Station Hospital and the camp stockade. The handkerchiefs were wrapped by junior high school students.

Major Brown states that checks and merchandise orders were given to persons in need. She expressed her thanks to those who aided the army with its Christmas cheer program and added "A Merry Christmas to one and all."

Brethren Group To Present Program At 506 Beatty St.

A deputation team of five persons from LaVerne college, LaVerne, Calif., has arrived in Medford and will present a program Sunday, Dec. 26, at 506 Beatty St., at 8 p. m. LaVerne college is maintained by the Church of the Brethren.

Leader of the deputation is Fred Butterbaugh, field representative for the college. It is announced that the program will be mainly musical, with brief talks. The public is invited.

New York, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Mary Basso, 31-year-old pedestrian, suffered a fractured nose last night when she ran into an automobile.

HUSKIES EXPECT BOWL THRILLER

By Willard D. Eberhart
United Press Correspondent.
Seattle, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch, who leaves tonight with 28 University of Washington football players for the warmth of Pasadena, predicted today that the Rose bowl game between his Huskies and the USC Trojans would be the most exciting in history.

"Jeff Cravath is going to throw the book at us and we're not going to hold back," said the former all-American Purdue fullback.

"Both teams have a number of new players and there will be mistakes. The fans will want to see some long passes completed and some long runs, and I think they'll get their wish."

Camilli Transfer Has Landis Okeh

New York, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Judge K. M. Landis has approved the transfer of First Baseman Dolph Camilli from the New York Giants to the Oakland, Cal., Pacific Coast league team as manager, the Giant office revealed today.

The Giants were given an option to buy Oakland's star shortstop, Billy Rigney, now in military service, for \$25,000 after the war as a concession in the deal.

WESTERN SHRINE SQUAD COMPLETED BY RENFRO

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—The western squad for the New Year's day Shrine East-West football game was completed today with the announcement that Dick Renfro, Washington State back, will join the team at its Menlo Park training quarters tomorrow.

Coaches Babe Hollingbery and Buck Shaw opened practice sessions yesterday.

BRIEF HOLIDAY FOR TROJANS IN PRACTICE

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Trojan gridgers will have a brief holiday Saturday and Sunday before returning to practice sessions for the Rose bowl game.

Coach Jeff Cravath's squad went through both offensive and defensive drills at yesterday's two sessions in the bowl to get the feel of the turf for the New Year's game with Washington.

Cage Scores

(By United Press)
Notre Dame 47, Purdue 40.
Sampson Naval 50, Wilkes Barre 38.

ORDER BY PIGEON

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Al Jacobson can't get a telephone for his newly-opened auto supply house for a while, but he's making out. Jacobson also raises homing pigeons, and he has given each regular customer a pigeon. They get such a kick out of using the pigeons, he said, that business is better than when he had a telephone.

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