

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with scattered light showers tonight and Friday. Snow in mountains. Little change in temperature.

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Scene of Chelan School Bus Accident



Rescue workers examine embankment at scene of tragic school bus accident which cost the lives of 15 children and the bus driver in the icy waters of Lake Chelan, Wash. Divers found bits of broken glass and other evidence at a depth of 144 feet but expressed fear that the wreckage might have gone over an under-water ledge into water 1,400 feet deep.

FRIGID WATERS HANDICAP DIVERS

First Creek, Wash., Nov. 29.—Special deep sea diving equipment was used today to probe the frigid waters of Lake Chelan, whose dark depths hid all trace of a submerged school bus and its 14 occupants.

CORVALLIS BOY, 4 DROWNS IN DITCH

Portland, Ore., Nov. 29.—The storm death toll in the Pacific northwest stood at 17 today with the Lake Chelan bus tragedy accounting for 16 of the dead.

Roger Gray, four-year-old Corvallis, Ore., youth, drowned in a rainfilled ditch yesterday. Efforts of a fire department rescue squad to revive him were unsuccessful.

Interstate Theft Charges Dropped Against Waiters

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Federal Judge Walter J. Labuy today dismissed the government's case against 18 dining car employees of the Erie Railroad who were charged with operating a \$90,000 a year meal check racket.

Labuy said he was compelled to conclude "that the government had failed to prove its charges that the men had conspired to commit interstate theft."

After Labuy announced his decision, Robert Hariston, Cleveland, waiter, changed his plea from guilty to not guilty in order to be included in the findings. The suggestion that Hariston change his plea was made by Assistant District Attorney George G. Kelly.

MCCARTHY TO STAY New York, Nov. 29.—President LARRY MACPHAIL of the New York Yankees today flatly denied a report that Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane would succeed Manager Joe McCarthy, asserting "no change in the management is or has been contemplated."

Sales Tax Is Needed To Pay For Wanted Items, Is Claim

Salem, Ore., Nov. 29.—That sales tax is here again. This time it has the backing of the Oregon Taxpayers' Federation, the Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards and a lot of other groups and individuals who do not wish to be connected publicly with the retail sales tax plan.

EIGHT DEAD IN CRASH OF C-47

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 29.—Army authorities today counted eight dead, including three air force men and five Japanese-American veterans of service in Italy, as the result of the crash of a C-47 transport plane near here last night.

RUSSIA CALLS ON NATIONS TO TELL MANDATE PLANS

London, Nov. 29.—Russia today indirectly called on the nations holding old League of Nations mandates to say now whether they intend to put them under the trusteeship system of the new United Nations organization.

A statement on the subject of mandates by the Soviet delegate, Andrei A. Gromyko, in committee debate at the UNO preparatory commission conference went unanswered by any of the six mandatory powers represented.

Tum Sudens Ready To Meet Demands

Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tum Suden, parents of 3-year-old Dickie Tum Suden, who disappeared Nov. 1 from his mountain cabin home near Downieville, Cal., announced today they were "standing by ready and willing to meet any and all reasonable demands and instructions of the persons holding our son."

Dog Fight Places Fala In Hospital

Rhinebeck, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Fala, the late President Roosevelt's Scottie, was confined to the Sheldon canine hospital today for wounds suffered in a dog fight Saturday at Hyde Park. His antagonist reportedly was Blaze, Elliott Roosevelt's Bull Mastiff.

Fala reportedly was set upon by Blaze, the 125-pounder which created a congressional furore when he was blown from England to Mr. Roosevelt's son, then a brigadier-general in the army, to receive the appointment.

A W Strikers Ask Intervention

NO. 2 MAN IN NAZI SECRET SERVICE WILL BE WITNESS

Maj. Lahouser's Testimony Expected to Be Most Sensational Yet Heard in Trial

Nuernberg, Nov. 29.—The No. 2 man in the Nazi secret service, Maj. Gen. Erwin Lahouser, has been summoned as the first witness in the war crimes trial, presumably to give the inside picture of Nazi plots and secret dealings, it was learned today.

Lahouser's testimony, it was reported, may be the most sensational yet presented in the trial of the 20 top Nazi leaders.

Nuernberg, Nov. 29.—The chief assistant of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, chief of Nazi intelligence services, Canaris is believed to have been executed by the Gestapo last April a few days before the Nazi collapse when Adolf Hitler received information indicating Canaris was plotting against him.

Lahouser held the No. 2 post in the intelligence setup from 1938 to 1943 and was hospitalized in 1944 after the July 20th attempt to assassinate Hitler. He was one of those who was in the room when the plotters' bomb exploded.

Testimony submitted today disclosed that Germany was preparing a two-front war in Europe as early as 1937 and that the Nazi high command thought Russia was poorly prepared for such a conflict.

The Nazi war criminals were interested spectators today at a courtroom showing of horror films taken by American army photographers in Germany's worst concentration camps.

It was the first time the captured Nazi leaders had been brought face to face with the pictorial evidence of the atrocities carried on under their regime, and they watched with rapt attention throughout the 52-minute showing.

Von Pappen bows When the film turned to the mass burial of Nazi victims at the Hadamar concentration camp, Franz Von Pappen bowed his head and put a handkerchief across his eyes.

But Rudolf Hess sat bolt upright and craned his neck to catch every shot.

The picture opened with shots of charred bodies sprawled around a concentration camp where the prisoners had been machine-gunned while trying to flee from a row of burning huts.

Herman Goering leaned forward in his seat and exchanged whispered comment with Hess and Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

There still was confusion over the exact number of men aboard the plane. McClellan fielded the plane's destination, listed 23.

A search was continued in the crash area, about three miles east of here, for additional dead or injured.

Quakes Center In North Africa Area

Bombay, Nov. 29.—Two new earthquakes, apparently centering in the North Arabian sea, were recorded at the Bombay observatory early today. Both tremors were slight and were believed to be the aftermath of the two severe shocks that hit northwestern India yesterday.

The bodies of nine persons who were swept out to sea by the tidal wave that washed over the Bombay waterfront after yesterday's earthquake were recovered today.

LEGION HEAD NAMED

Washington, Nov. 29.—Lynn O. Stambaugh of North Dakota, former national commander of the American Legion, was nominated by President Truman today to be a member of the board of directors of the export-import bank.

SENATOR SWORN Washington, Nov. 29.—Charles C. Gossett, former democratic governor of Idaho, was sworn in today as senator from Idaho. He succeeds the late Sen. John Thomas, a republican. Gossett resigned his governorship to receive the appointment.

Traffic Deaths Up 53 Per Cent Over Last Year Figures

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The National Safety Council, citing a rapidly increasing traffic death toll, warned today that this country "is paying an inflationary price in human life for the privilege of indulging in a postwar traffic spree."

Traffic accidents are "getting out of control," it said. The council reported that traffic deaths throughout the nation went up 53 per cent in October over the same month a year ago and said that the toll for the first 10 months of the year was 14 per cent higher than in 1944.

MARSHALL GOING TO SURVEY CHINA WAR SITUATION

Chungking, Nov. 29.—Lt. Gen. Albert O. Wedemeyer, U. S. commander in China, said today that Gen. George Marshall is coming to China to survey the military situation and make recommendations to President Truman on future military aid to China.

"Few men in the United States," Wedemeyer said, "are better equipped to evaluate the situation than Marshall."

Wedemeyer disclosed that he has opened discussions with the Chinese regarding sale of surplus U. S. army property in China.

Hump Flights Told He confirmed that American fighter planes are being flown from India to China and said that reports that 11 P-51 fighters have been lost en route to Shanghai are correct.

(Unofficial reports from Calcutta had placed losses at 13 and pilots charged the planes were not in good shape for the treacherous flight over the "hump.")

Wedemeyer denied that 700 American planes had been turned over to China. He said the planes will be assembled at Shanghai where, if the Chinese desire, they can be returned to the United States.

Mediation End Seen Meanwhile, dispatches from Peiping said Marshall's new appointment had created a sensation among Chinese political observers there.

Peiping observers foresaw the possible end of American efforts to mediate between the Chinese central government and the communists and of the United States' "neutral" attitude in North China and Manchuria.

BRITISH OCCUPY ALL SOERABAJA

Batavia, Nov. 29.—The British announced officially today that Soerabaja has been occupied completely and that fighting in Java appeared to be confined to interior regions and the western part of the island.

At the same time, Indonesian Premier Sutan Sjahrir said he now was prepared to resume talks with the Dutch and British but that the date had not been fixed yet.

(A BBC broadcast last night said the Netherlands minister for overseas possession told an interviewer in The Hague that the Dutch are hopeful but "increasingly doubtful of reaching a peaceful settlement in Java.")

He was quoted as adding that the "Dutch are prepared to use force of arms to keep Java inside the Dutch kingdom.")

Lone Bandit Robs Two Kansas Banks

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 29.—A lone bandit armed with a revolver, robbed two Kansas banks during the noon hour today, the FBI announced here.

The FBI said that the bandit entered a bank at Hepler, in southeast Kansas, at 11:10 a. m. and escaped with between \$700 and \$800.

Forty minutes later the same man held up a bank at Stark, Kan., 12 miles west of Hepler, and escaped with about \$500,

INDUSTRY MAKING FAST CONVERSION TRUMAN ASSERTS

Total Employment Rising After Initial Post-war Layoffs; Now at V-J Day Level

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Truman said today that reconversion of U. S. industry from war to peace production was well on its way toward completion.

In a news conference review of the first 100 days of reconversion, Mr. Truman said total employment was rising after the initial postwar layoffs and was now back at the level of V-J day.

He added that employment is expected to continue to rise. Mr. Truman said the disruption of our economy by the return of peace was much less severe than had been anticipated and reiterated that reconversion was almost completed.

Ahead of Schedule The president said frankly that he made his reconversion recapitulation at this time to show that the administration is not asleep on the job and that, actually, the reconversion program is far ahead of schedule.

He warned that inflationary pressures are still great, and he saw "danger signals" building up through the winter and spring, particularly in rising real estate, wholesale and raw materials prices.

"We must continue to hold the line," he said. "We cannot permit inflation."

Strikes Explained The president attributed the upsurge of strikes since V-J day to the fact that parties now in dispute held their grievances in check during the war. New strikes since August, he said, totaled about 1,500, involving about 1,500,000 workers.

He said that time lost through work stoppages since August was estimated at 76 of one per cent of the total working time available.

The labor department reported yesterday that the working time loss attributable to strikes in progress last month was the highest on record, amounting to 7,800,000 man days of idleness or 1.27 per cent of all available working time.

Paris Flight Will Start Next Monday

Washington, Nov. 29.—A preview passenger flight to Paris next Monday, marking the debut of the 300-mile an hour Lockheed Constellation as a luxury liner of the skyways, was announced today by Transcontinental and Western Air.

The Constellation will take off from Washington at 2:30 p. m. A schedule of less than 17 hours elapsed time for the 3,840 miles to Paris has been set, with brief stops at Gander, Nfld., and Shannon Airport, Eire.

Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 29.—Vice Admiral S. A. Taffinder, commander of the 14th naval district, announced today that civilian travel to the mainland will be impossible until all military requirements have been met.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Retail prices of cider vinegar will be increased four to ten cents a gallon on Dec. 4, the OPA announced today. The increase is necessary, OPA said, because of the short crop of fresh apples.

Japs Plead Lack Of Law Knowledge

Kwajalein, Nov. 29.—Ten Japanese officers on trial for the murder of five American airmen admitted today that the fliers had been beheaded and staked their lives on pleas they were ignorant of international law and only followed orders.

One accused officer said he paid his "respects" to an American flier before swinging the broad-edge execution sword.

Lindbergh Downed Jap Zero During Visit To Balikpapan, Is Revelation

By William B. Dickinson United Press Correspondent New York, Nov. 29.—Charles A. Lindbergh sent a Japanese Zero fighter plane down in flames with one short burst from the guns of his army lightning during a far east air forces raid on oil installations at Balikpapan, Borneo, on October 10, 1944.

The high military authority from whom I first obtained this story more than 13 months ago has just released me from the pledge of secrecy I gave him at that time, and I am now able to give full details.

Reason for secrecy—at least until the end of the Japanese war—was obvious: Lindbergh

Roosevelt Pledge Injects Acrimony In Pearl Hearing

Washington, Nov. 29.—Members of the Pearl Harbor investigating committee clashed today over a 1940 campaign pledge by the late President Roosevelt that American boys "will not be sent into a foreign war."

Sen. Owen Brewster, R., Me., quoted the now-famous paragraph in which Mr. Roosevelt said he would make that statement "again and again and again."

Brewster asked former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew whether Mr. Roosevelt's statement was published in Japanese newspapers at the time.

Grew, who had testified that the Japanese papers in 1940 were giving prominence to isolationist or pacifist statements by American leaders, could not recall whether they published that statement.

RESCUERS COMB COOS WILDS FOR DOWNED AIRMEN

Coos Bay, Nov. 29.—Civilian volunteers and rescue teams from the Portland army air base combed the heavily wooded southern Oregon wilderness today in search of seven airmen, missing since their C-46 plane crashed Monday.

Five of 12 men aboard the giant army transport were known to be safe. Two already had been taken to the Coos Bay City hospital for a physical checkup.

Two other survivors were being brought in over washed-out roads and hastily-constructed mountain trails from a logging camp some 40 miles from here. They stumbled upon the camp after two days of wandering through the dense forest.

One Lands In Tree A third, Flight Officer Dave Reed, Sedalia, Mo., dangled in his parachute harness from a giant evergreen fir tree for 36 hours before he was freed.

Dr. Donald Long of Coos Bay, first to reach the scene, administered emergency treatment and sedatives to the injured airman while awaiting the arrival of stretcher crews.

Maj. Frank Gaunt said the plane exploded in mid-air after he jumped. Gaunt said 10 men had parachuted before him, and he feared the pilot, Capt. Hugh B. McMullen, of Kansas City, Kan., had been trapped in the plane.

Blocked By Weather The transport, en route from Sedalia to McChord Field, Tacoma, Wash., was forced to turn back from McChord when bad weather conditions prevented a landing.

Gaunt said that for some reason all the flight instruments except the altimeter suddenly went out and icing conditions on the antenna cut off radio communications.

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World May Dwell In A-Bomb Fear Washington, Nov. 29.—A leading atom-bomb expert told congress today that failure to control atomic weapons would lead to a world in which "every ripple on the international scene will make us wonder whether the atomic bomb may not arrive before morning."

Dr. Harold C. Urey, University of Chicago professor who played a major part in atom bomb work, painted the grim picture of a world ruled by fear in testimony before the special senate atomic energy committee.

ASK TRUMAN TO FORCE G. M. CO. TO NEGOTIATE

President's Hands Off Policy Will Only Result In Further Prolongation, Word.

(By United Press) Striking CIO auto workers appealed directly to President Truman today for intervention in the General Motors shutdown as CIO steelworkers voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike, to back demands for a \$2 daily wage increase.

Workers in 820 steel and aluminum plants, iron ore pits and bauxite mines voted 370,084 to 73,362 in favor of a strike.

The United Automobile Workers union at the Ternstedt plant of GM's Fisher body division, Detroit, asked Mr. Truman to "use the power and forces at your command" to bring company officials into immediate negotiations over the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Truman Urges Meeting "Your hands-off policy will only result in further stalling by General Motors and prolongation of the strike," the union said in a telegram to the White House.

At the same time, Mr. Truman told a press conference it would be a good idea for representatives of GM and the strikes to get together and discuss their differences.

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach has been trying to bring the two sides together but thus far has failed to persuade GM President C. E. Wilson even to meet U. S. conciliators.

Mr. Truman entered the strike at the Great Lakes Towing Co., Cleveland, O. He ordered the Office of Defense Transportation to seize and operate the struck company.

831,000 Idle The number of workers idle because of strikes and shutdowns across the nation rose to 831,000, highest figure in several weeks.

End of the bitter, 10-week UAW strike against the Ford Motor company of Canada, Windsor, Ont., was in sight, however. A policy committee representing 10,000 strikers recommended immediate adoption of a settlement formula providing for appointment of a government arbitrator, previously opposed by the union.

The plan was presented to the strikers, who were to take a secret ballot on its acceptance.

YAMASHITA RESTS DEFENSE IN TRIAL

Manila, Nov. 29.—Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, on trial for war crimes, rested his defense today after denying that he ordered or even knew of atrocities committed by Japanese troops in the Philippines.

In answer to a question by Lt. Col. Harry F. Clarke of Altoona, Pa., defense staff chief, Yamashita denied telling Gen. Artemio Ricarte (puppet guerrilla leader) he had issued orders to kill all Filipinos. He admitted knowing Ricarte, however.

"To kill 30,000,000 people is an unthinkable matter," Yamashita said.

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Victory Loan Drive

"E" Quota \$525,000 "E" Sales to Date \$211,556 Remainder to sell \$313,444