

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy to partly cloudy with occasional rain, becoming heavy at times tonight and Wednesday. Continued strong to gale force winds. Little change in temperature.

Highest yesterday 34
Lowest this morning 45
Precip. To 5 a.m. today .31

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CRASH SURVIVOR SAYS EXPERIENCE WORSE THAN WAR

Officer Who Bailed Out of Stricken Plane in Washington Tells of Hardships.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—First Lt. Warren Lawson of Magnum, Okla., only known survivor from the crash of a navy Ventura plane last Thursday, said today his three days of wandering in the southern Washington woods were far worse than his 19 months of combat as a pilot with the troop carrier command in Europe.

Lawson bailed out of the stricken plane along with three of the ship's crew and an unidentified sailor.

Plane In Trouble

The lean airman said he knew the plane was in trouble when one engine cut out as the pilot was letting down through the overcast in an attempt to get back to the Portland airport.

"We were down to 5,500 feet and by my watch we should have been over Portland. Five minutes went by, then the copilot came back and told us to get ready to jump. He said we were on one engine and lost without radio contact.

"The sailor, a hitchhiker on the plane, bailed out first. Then I jumped, then the copilot and the crew chief. As we broke out it was snowing. I could see trees below and shouted to the others to cross their legs to prevent injury. They yelled back. I landed in a tree, climbed up the shrouds of my chute to the main trunk, freed my parachute and took it down the tree with me."

Sailor Injured

Lawson said he heard the sailor crying for help and one of the crew members hollering "get me out of this tree."

"It was only a couple of hundred yards to the sailor, but it took ages through the snow and dense timber, over heaps of fallen logs. He was hanging in his parachute harness 40 feet from the ground. He had hit the trunk of the tree in the fall and said he didn't have the strength to climb up his risers to reach the tree trunk. I couldn't persuade him to jerk the parachute loose from the limb on which it was snagged and drop to the ground.

Lawson said he feared the sailor was seriously injured. He said he was able to find only the sailor after his descent.

After leaving the sailor to find help, Lawson struggled down hill until dark, sleeping under a fir tree in a trench, covered by his parachute during the night. He declared it saved him from freezing.

Friday he trudged to a little creek, followed it to a deep canyon.

Eight Mile Trek

Forest service men estimated Lawson had come eight miles from the spot where he landed in the canyon. Friday night he slept in a hollow log in the ravine and Saturday he continued his weary journey down stream, encountering an open shelter, a abandoned forest ranger camp, where he found a few ginsengs and matches with which he built a fire.

Saturday night he found a deserted cabin and there he said he ate a load of flapjacks made out of sour cream, cocoa and canned milk.

Sunday at 1 p. m. he found the end of a road, caught a ride with some people from Tulsa, Okla., who were out for a drive and ended up at the Portland army air base hospital.

Newsprint Price

Due for Increase

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—OPA is expected to announce Friday an increase of \$3 to \$6 a ton in the price of newsprint. The raise will become effective in most instances, on Jan. 1.

The increase is designed to bring profits of domestic producers up to pre-war levels. Three price increases have been allowed since 1942.

French Penetrate

Annemese Defense

San Francisco, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—French troops have broken through the defense lines thrown up by rebellious Annemese forces 190 miles northeast of Saigon, French Indo-China, according to a joint Anglo-French communique broadcast by the Melbourne radio today.

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Committeemen Interview Witnesses in Pearl Harbor Probe



Congressmen Frank B. Keefe (left) and Bertrand W. Gearheart (right) interview Capt. Alvin D. Kramer in office of the commanding officer of Bethesda Naval Hospital, Wash. The congressman, Republican member of the Pearl Harbor investigating committee, had previously charged that Kramer, a vital Pearl Harbor witness, was being held incommunicado by the Navy in a psychiatric ward of the hospital. Kramer stated that he had been available to talk with committeemen at any time and that the reason he had not seen them before was that he had not been approached through proper channels.

CHILD BEATER IS FINED, WARNED IN JUSTICE COURT

Because of an unmerciful spanking administered an 18-month-old baby boy who wouldn't come to the table to eat, Warren Evans, 48, was fined \$25 and court costs of \$4.50 in Justice of the Peace W. P. Tucker's court this morning. Evans, who pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery, was told by the court that he would be picked up in contempt of court if he visits any future violence on children.

The baby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McKee, had been left in the care of Mrs. Evans, who had been employed by the McKees since last April and lived at the McKee home, at the Gilman Dairy near the airport.

According to District Attorney George Neilson, the baby wouldn't come to the table to eat Saturday night. After the child persistently refused to come to the table, Evans spanked the boy in an effort to reprimand him. Sunday morning the parents noticed numerous black and blue marks on the child, whereupon McKee swore out the assault and battery warrant. Neilson said black and blue marks were still visible on the boy's body when the child appeared in court this morning.

Evans and his wife have been dismissed from the McKee home, Neilson said.

The Oregon penal code says any person knowingly and willfully cruelly mistreating a child under 16 years of age, when such child is not his own, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or both.

5 FILIPINO BOYS IN JEEP HOLDUP

Manila, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Five Filipino youths who held up an armored bank car today and escaped in an army jeep with \$206,500 were arrested tonight with all but \$7,000 of their loot.

Police said the young bandits were arrested fewer than seven hours after the holdup—the biggest in Manila's history—and had signed a full confession.

Armed with 45-caliber army revolvers, the youths seized the money as it was being loaded into a bank car in the Santa Ana district of southeastern Manila for transfer to the National City bank.

They fled in a jeep allegedly borrowed from a Philippine army lieutenant who is now under investigation, police said.

Col. J. P. Holland, Manila police chief, said \$199,500 of the loot already had been recovered and that a search was being made for the rest of the money.

NURSE SAVES LIFE

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Bus Driver Vernon McNeil today owed his life to the quick thinking of Nurse Miriam Cox, who held the severed arteries in his throat shut with her fingers after he was thrown through the windshield of his bus in a collision. Police said he had a good chance of recovery.

British Demands On Siamese Would Mean Subject Nation

By Stanley Rich

(United Press Correspondent)
Bangkok, Siam, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Great Britain has presented a series of new demands on the Siamese government which would reduce that nation to the status of a subject nation of the British, it was learned today.

Complete and authentic records of recent Anglo-Siamese peace treaty negotiations at Kandy disclose that Britain is actually threatening Siam with an ultimatum, which makes Allied peace terms for Japan a mere invitation to tea by comparison. However, the British maintain that they are dealing on a "friendly" basis with the

Siamese with the ultimate aim of sponsoring them as members of the United Nations.

On the other hand, high members of the Siamese government say they were kicked upstairs during the Japanese occupation because of refusal to collaborate. regard British demands as so harsh and one-sided they intend to resign from the present government in a body if the treaty is signed.

"We refused to be puppets under the Japanese, and we'll certainly refuse to be puppets under the English," one official said.

Siamese government sources also outlined a series of complaints said to have caused Siamese resentment of British military personnel.

These included asserted use of Siam as a base for military operations by the French against Annamese nationalists, charges that the British had taken over living accommodations here to "an indecent and preposterous extent" asserted outrages against Siamese women, skyrocketing prices, and British spending and wage policies which it is asserted have been a factor in one serious strike and in huge increases in government expenses.

It was explained that Siam has released no official word on current conferences or the internal situation because she is desperately afraid of the British, who control her economic and civil administration.

U. S. WITHDRAWING FORCES IN IRAN

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The United States is going ahead with the withdrawal of American forces from Iran despite Russia's refusal to accept a Jan. 1 deadline for evacuating soviet troops.

To this end, it was learned today, this government has sent an army-state department mission to Iran to expedite the withdrawal and "windup" U. S. affairs.

Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala said the mission emphasized U. S. determination to get out of Iran by Jan. 1 even if Russia does not.

"The U. S. is setting the example by removing its portion of foreign troops in Persia," he said. "Of course, we'd rather see the other powers leave first and we are going to continue to press for it."

Ala reiterated that it was the presence of foreign troops that was responsible for unrest in his country.

Guerilla Leader Home From Long Fight On Luzon

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Gen. Russell W. Volckmann is on his way home to his wife and 10-year-old son after five-and-a-half perilous years in the Philippines.

The war department said Volckmann, a leader of guerrilla forces on Luzon, is scheduled to arrive at Hamilton Field, Calif., today. He is due at his Clinton, La., home tomorrow.

Volckmann, who graduated from West Point in 1934, landed in the Philippines in July, 1940. He was a major on Bataan when it surrendered April 8, 1942.

Escaping the Japanese, he backed his way through the jungle to join guerrilla forces.

HITLER INFORMED RUSSIA TRYING TO AVOID CONFLICT

British Prosecutor Brings Out Fact Nazi's Invasion Plans Set Far Ahead.

Nuernberg, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler was told by his Moscow ambassador 15 days before the Nazi attack on Russia that Russian leaders "are doing everything to avoid conflict with Germany," the War Crimes tribunal was told today.

The statement was made by Sir Hartley Shawcross, opening the British phase of the prosecution of 20 top Nazi leaders. Shawcross laid the legal basis for count two of the indictment, charging the waging of aggressive war in violation of Germany's treaty obligations.

Shawcross said he would present staff records which would "make it clear the Russians were making no military preparations and that they were continuing their deliveries under the (Russo-German) trade agreement to the very last day."

Nazi Plans Set

Shawcross said that the German ambassador on June 7, 1941, reported to Hitler that "all observations show that Stalin and Molotov who are alone responsible for Russian foreign policy are doing everything to avoid conflict with Germany."

At this time, Shawcross said, German plans for invading Russia were well advanced.

By May 1, 1941, said Shawcross, the German time table had been fixed, calling for the attack June 22 and a schedule of operations set up which indicated the German high command expected to conquer Russia in four weeks.

STORM ABATING IN BAY REGION

San Francisco, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Unusual cyclonic disturbances, which plunged El Cerrito, Cal., into darkness for an hour and a half, snapped power lines in Berkeley and set off four burglar alarms in San Francisco, were moving north 600 miles off the California coast, the U. S. weather bureau reported today.

The disturbances generated a powerful wind and rain storm, but the weather report for the San Francisco bay area today predicted occasional showers and indicated the storm had abated.

A high tension line in El Cerrito broke at 5:15 a. m., cutting off electric service in the community until 6:45. Ten power lines were blown down in Berkeley at 5:30 a. m.

The Oakland airport weather station reported that winds averaged 25 miles an hour and frequently reached 40 miles an hour.

NAVY PLANE LOST IN MEDFORD AREA

The 12th naval district reported today that a Hellicat fighter plane, one of a flight of seven en route to Red Bluff, Cal., from Paso, Wash., had disappeared in the vicinity of the Oregon-California border.

Army planes from Medford are directing the search for the fighter, which became separated from the other Hellicats in heavy overcast. Name of the pilot was withheld, pending notification of next of kin.

PLANE MISSING

Hamilton Field, Cal., Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Hamilton field officials reported today that a basic training plane with one man aboard was missing on a flight from Red Bluff, Cal., to the field here. They said the plane's home field was McCord, at Tacoma, Wash., but refused to give the name of the pilot.

MONTY WOOLLEY ILL

Hollywood, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Actor Monty Woolley may undergo an operation in a New York hospital if an examination shows it necessary, the William Morris Agency said today. The star's condition was not considered serious, a spokesman said.

Final Jap Messages Indicating War Were in War Department Hands Four Hours Before Pearl Harbor Warned

Washington, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—Final Japanese messages indicating the immediate imminence of war with Japan were in War Department hands here four hours before warnings were sent to Pearl Harbor, it was disclosed today.

The congressional Pearl Harbor investigation also brought out:

1. A hitherto undisclosed message in which President Roosevelt on Nov. 26, 1941, warned his representative in the Philippines that "this next Japanese aggression might cause an outbreak of hostilities between the U. S. and Japan." The President listed points in the far east—but not Pearl Harbor—as possible targets of Japanese attack.

2. The U. S. in January, 1941, provided the British with the key to the Japanese code. Britain as well as the U. S. then could decode secret Japanese messages.

Final Word Dec. 7

The final Japanese messages were instructions from Tokyo to emissaries here to break off at

1 p. m. Dec. 7 diplomatic negotiations then going on.

Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, former head of military intelligence, testified that they were intercepted and were the basis of a warning sent from the War Department high command to Philippines, Hawaii, West coast and Panama Canal commanders.

He first saw the intercepts and their ominous contents between 7 and 8 a. m. Dec. 7, Miles said. The high command's warning messages, however, were not filed until 11:50 a. m., he testified. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor at 1:25 p. m. (7:55 a. m. Honolulu time). The warning was not delivered in Hawaii until after the attack.

Miles said the hours between the time he first saw the Japanese intercepts and the sending of the warning were consumed in assembling the high command and deciding what warning should be sent. He said it took about two hours to find Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, who was horseback riding that morning.

Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., brought out reports indicating that Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines had means of decoding secret Japanese messages while Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short in Hawaii did not. Miles said he knew nothing of that.

Miles said that although the Dec. 7 intercepts indicated strongly that war was likely, he thought Japan might strike first at Thailand rather than Hawaii or elsewhere.

Mr. Roosevelt's Nov. 26 message to the Philippines also said a Japanese advance against Thailand seemed "the most probable." It also mentioned the Burma road, Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines as possible targets.

The Indianapolis sank in the Philippines sea July 30, after it had delivered atomic bomb materials to Guam. All 1196 personnel aboard were casualties. An eight-man court is trying McVay on charges that he was "negligent" in performing his duties as skipper of the 16,000-ton cruiser.

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These figures include enlisted personnel of 500,000 for the navy and 100,000 for the marine corps. The navy would have 58,000 officers and the marine corps 8,000.

Rep. Ed V. Izard, D., Calif., sponsor of the measure, said the force would be adequate to man a navy of the size approved by the house last October—1082 major combat ships and 6,084 auxiliaries.

The state division of highways today announced that state sign route 32 from Chico to Lake Almanor is closed by snow for the winter. The division advised chains on Highway 99 at Mt. Shasta.

Nation's Healthiest Teen-Agers Selected at National 4-H Show

Chicago, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The 4-H club today picked four rosy-cheeked farm kids, who eat their cereal every morning and get eight to 11 hours sleep each night, as the nation's healthiest teen-agers.

They are John H. Savoy, 17, Cameron, La.; Harris Reinbolt, 16, Marshall, Minn.; Eleanor E. Chapman, 17, Centerburg, O.; and Louise Hale, 17, Randlett, Okla.

The four were chosen from among 24 state health champions after being examined by Chicago physicians.

Savoy, who is five feet one inch tall, helps out on his father's 165-acre farm and goes in for football and boxing in his spare time.

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UNIONISTS COOL TOWARD TRUMAN PEACE PROPOSAL

UAW Officials Make Little Effort to Veil Disapproval—Cudahy Workers Strike

By United Press
Congress moved swiftly to draft legal machinery for handling labor disputes today, as union leaders gave cool response to President Truman's back-to-work appeal in the crippling General Motors strike.

United Automobile Workers (CIO) officials, making little effort to veil their disapproval, called a conference of 200 delegates to act on the president's proposal for ending the two-week General Motors shutdown. There were persistent indications that the White House plan would be rejected.

Cudahy Men Strike

Meanwhile, CIO employees in Cudahy and Co. packinghouses across the country began a 24-hour strike, boosting the nation's strike total to 662,000 workers. CIO seamen and longshoremen were returning to their jobs on schedule after a similar "demonstration" walkout.

Almost simultaneously with a presidential request for legislation to halt labor strife, G. M. Vice-President Harry W. Anderson arrived in Washington for talks with Edgar L. Warren, head of the labor department's conciliation service.

Warren hoped to restore negotiations between UAW and company representatives on the controversial union demand for a 30 per cent wage increase—basis of the strike which has idled 225,000 G.M. workers.

Views Conflict
Union and shipping spokesmen took opposite views of the success of a nationwide walkout of CIO seamen and longshoremen in a campaign to speed up the return of overseas veterans.

Union officials said the walkout, lasting for 24 hours from 8 a. m. (all time zones) yesterday involved 80,000 to 90,000 workers altogether and tied up 125 vessels in New York alone. The War Shipping Administration placed the figure at 50,000 and said only 39 ships were tied up along the entire Atlantic seaboard.

W.S.A. officials vehemently have denied charges that commercial shipping has delayed the return of troops from overseas.

Prospects for settling a long-standing work stoppage at the Borg-Warner gear plants in Muncie, Ind., brightened today when UAW President Thomas promised to intervene. The strike, tying up output of gears for Studebaker and Ford cars, contributed largely to the layoff of 40,000 Ford workers last week.

CITY FIRE LADS IN BUSY EVENING

City fire fighting apparatus answered four calls in a little over three hours last night in one of their busiest evenings in some time. High winds kept firemen "on their toes" all night.

Fire flues at the homes of H. J. Knoll, 116 1/2 Chestnut street, and R. J. Renaburg, 136 Vancouver street, caused no damage, firemen reported. A short in wiring at the home of D. B. Reinhart, 293 Elm street, also did no damage. Firemen also answered a false alarm at 104 Spring street.

Rescue Ships Near Disabled Troopship

New York, Dec. 4—(U.P.)—The coast guard said today rescue ships were nearing the American troopship Henry Ward Beecher, which lost its propeller 250 miles north of Bermuda with 541 American troops aboard.

The Beecher, en route from the European theater, radioed last night that she had lost her propeller. The coast guard said her position was five degrees north of Bermuda.

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