

General Motors Seeks Court Ban on "Illegal" Picketing

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday.
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Highest Yesterday ———— 42
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Figure in 'Bluebeard' Mystery



Adding further complications to the "Bluebeard" story of Alfred Leonard Cline and his part in the disappearance of at least seven elderly women is Mrs. Marie Williams (left) who identified Cline as the man who left San Francisco, Calif., with widow Mrs. Isabel Van Natta (right), who claimed they would be married. Authorities suspect Mrs. Van Natta may be the "wife" who died Nov. 29 and was cremated in Portland, Ore., at first believed to be Mrs. Debra Krebs Cline, wealthy widow whom he married in Chicago, a year ago.

Bluebeard Suspect's Trail Eyed by 'Law' of Two Cities

San Francisco, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—San Francisco and Portland, Ore., authorities conferred today on the strange circumstances surrounding the disappearance of two elderly widows associated with Alfred L. Cline.

One of the women — police aren't sure which — died and was cremated last month in Portland.

An investigation of the ashes supported police contentions that the dead woman was Mrs. Isabelle Van Natta, 73, of San Francisco, although Cline steadfastly has maintained from his

prison cell that she was his wife, Mrs. Debra Krebs Cline, widow of a wealthy Chicago manufacturer.

Cline, silvery-haired ex-convict, is under investigation in half a dozen cities across the nation in connection with the deaths and disappearance of eight different persons, six of them widows with sizeable incomes.

Cline technically is held on a suspicion of forgery charge in connection with the manipulation of the fortune of the former Mrs. Krebs, whose husband left her an estate totaling upwards of \$250,000, but authorities said new charges probably would be filed in Portland, where the woman's death occurred.

"It's time to take the gloves off this fellow and call him what he is," District Attorney Edmund Brown declared.

Brown termed Cline a "leopard" operator, who fell one name behind in giving identities to women he disposed of.

Mrs. Krebs-Cline, authorities believe, actually died in Dallas, Tex., in October, 1944, and was cremated under the name of Mrs. Alice W. Carpenter. What happened to Mrs. Carpenter, if Brown's theory holds, has not been discovered.

"Snafu" Confined To Special Cage In County Bastile

"Snafu," the cursing parrot Attorney Hugh Collins brought back from Biak island in the south Pacific, is still in the county jail, but in his own special cage. At large in the bastile, he became too much of a nuisance. The parrot does not like the confinement change and expresses his displeasure with hair-raising screeches and some full-fledged profanity.

Dr. A. E. Merkel, county physician, called at the jail recently to minister to an inmate and on the way out stopped and gently ruffled Snafu's feathers. He was greeted with a volley of Australian and American cursing which reddened the faces of both the physician and Jailer Tony Sorg.

Collins, a former army lieutenant, still receives offers by mail from many sections to buy the parrot or provide it a home. He refuses to part with his companion of many days in the South Pacific.

YANKEE CRUISER AN EASY TARGET SAYS JAPANESE

Comdr. Hashimoto Witness Against Capt. McVay — Hits Scored with 3 "Fish"

Washington, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Comdr. Iko Hashimoto told a navy court today that his Japanese submarine scored at least three direct torpedo hits on the cruiser Indianapolis last July 30. Hashimoto told the court-martial trial of Capt. Charles McVay III, skipper of the Indianapolis, that he first sighted the cruiser 10,000 meters away an hour before she finally sank shortly after midnight.

Hashimoto testified that a bright moon was shining and that he could see the cruiser plainly. The navy has blamed McVay for not pursuing a zig-zag course to make the ship a more difficult target. Previous testimony, however, has been conflicting as to visibility at the time of attack.

Through navy interpreters, Hashimoto recounted how his submarine, the I-58 surfaced directly ahead of the Indianapolis. He said he had no advance knowledge of the ship's course.

Hashimoto said that after he saw "a dark object" on the horizon, he ordered the submarine to crash-dive immediately. He then headed for the cruiser at a speed of 3 knots. The torpedoes were fired, he said, when the target was only 1500 meters away.

Object To Jap Counsel for McVay objected to allowing Hashimoto to testify. He said it was a "grotesque proceeding."

After he had ordered the torpedoes fired, Hashimoto said, he put up the submarine's periscope and observed three torpedo hits on the cruiser's bow. Immediately following the three hits, he said he heard at least 10 additional explosions.

The court, before which McVay stands accused of inefficiency and negligence in connection with the sinking, had overruled objections to Hashimoto and had accepted him as a witness after an examination to determine his credibility.

TWO DIE IN FALL OF TRAINING PLANE

The Dalles, Ore., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Army aviators from Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash., were here today to supervise removal of the bodies of two airman killed in the crash of their twin-engine training plane.

The plane was found late yesterday by Merle Smith, an eastern Oregon rancher, 60 miles southeast of here. He found the two fliers apparently killed by the impact. The plane was demolished by fire.

Smith said he heard the plane crash his ranch late Tuesday. He said he later heard it crash and explode but was unable to find the wreckage until late Wednesday due to a heavy fog and three inches of snow on the ground.

The craft took off from Klamath Falls at 3:27 Tuesday and was due in Pasco, Wash., two hours later.

First Lt. Chester W. Clafflin, 23, of Worcester, Mass., was pilot of the plane. His crewman was Sgt. Ralph E. Balsler, 25, of Chicago.

POPE TO BROADCAST

Vatican City, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII will broadcast a Christmas Eve message to the world at 11 a. m. (6 a. m. EST) Dec. 24 on the occasion of his reception of the Sacred College of Cardinals, it was announced today.

The nazi offer was made by Adolf Eichmann, gestapo officer sent to Hungary as head of a special "team" charged with deporting all Jews in Hungary to Germany.

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FREAK ACCIDENT STYMIES ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE BOMB

Croydon, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—A freak accident today interrupted the defusing of a monstrous 4,000-pound live bomb buried in the center of a crowded Croydon residential district, and wardens cleared the streets in fear of a possible explosion.

A crew of Royal Engineers hurriedly dragged two young bomb experts out of the bomb crater late this afternoon when it was discovered that the bomb fuse had broken and wedged itself down into a 3,000-pound mass of crystallized TNT.

Authorities sounded an immediate warning that the TNT—now in its most volatile state—might explode at any instant and level a wide area.

Police cars equipped with loud speakers drove through the streets warning residents:

"You must leave this neighborhood. This area must be cleared immediately. There is grave danger if you remain in your homes."

Newspapermen and Royal Engineers clustered around the 40-foot bomb crater were ordered back to safety and emergency squads descended into the pit to begin the hazardous job of cutting the bomb and removing its deadly contents.

MARSHALL PUTS PART OF BLAME ON SUBORDINATE

Washington, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Gen. George C. Marshall concluded his testimony before the Pearl Harbor Investigating committee today with the declaration that the Hawaiian army command should have been ready for the Japanese onslaught.

Referring to a war warning sent out over his signature on Nov. 27, 1941, the former chief of staff said bluntly:

"I am still in the position of thinking that when you give a command to a high officer you expect it to be executed."

History and the investigating committee's records show that the Hawaiian command, headed by Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, was not properly alerted when the Japanese struck on Dec. 7, 1941.

In nearly seven days of testimony, during which he was questioned in rapid-fire manner by nearly every member of the 10-man committee, Marshall said that:

As chief of staff he carried overall responsibility for the high command's failure to realize that Short's reply to the Nov. 27 warning left an inference that his command was not completely alerted against possible attack.

MANILA BAD AS CHICAGO IN LOOTING, ROBBERIES

San Francisco, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Armed bands, looting and robberies have made Manila the Chicago of the east, a radio correspondent said today.

Robert Stewart, Mutual Broadcasting company correspondent, said that both American soldiers and Filipinos were implicated in thefts of government and private property. Hijacking gangs pry goods from trucks and resell the cargo at fantastic prices to black market operators, Stewart said.

Gestapo Offered to 'Sell' Million Jews For \$2 Each

Nuernberg, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—The nazi gestapo in 1944 offered to "sell" 1,000,000 Hungarian Jews for \$2 each and said the alternative was their extermination in concentration camps, the war crimes tribunal was told today.

Dachau, Germany, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Thirty-six officials and guards of the Dachau concentration camp today were sentenced to death by hanging. A United States military court announced the sentences a day after returning convictions against 40 persons.

Dr. Klaus Schilling, charged with killing hundreds of inmates in malaria experiments, was among those sentenced to be hanged.

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ENGINEER TROOPS ARRIVE AT CAMP; MORE SCHEDULED

Men From Camp Polk, La., Camp Campbell, Ky., and Camp Bowie, Texas

Camp White—The re-occupation of Camp White was underway in earnest as elements of the 658th Engineers' Topographical battalion, 833rd engineers' light equipment company and the 1029th engineers' treadway bridge company arrived here by troop train last night.

Headquarters and headquarters company of the 1154th engineers' combat group were due to arrive some time today from Camp Polk, La. A small advance detachment of the 1154th has been stationed here since Monday.

More Saturday Due to arrive Saturday from Camp Campbell, Ky., are elements of the 539th pontoon bridge company. The 1259th engineers' combat group and 1413th engineers' maintenance company, coming from Camp Bowie, Tex., are also scheduled to detain here Saturday.

Enlisted men and officers of the 526th engineers' panel bridge company, now en route from Shelby, Miss., are expected to pull into Camp White some time next week. It is understood that the units are arriving here at partial strength and will add necessary replacement after they are established at Camp White.

The personnel is made up of seasoned troops with two or three years of service, many of them veterans of overseas combat.

COMMONS OKEHS U.S. LOAN AFTER HEATED DEBATE

London, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—The house of commons ratified by a vote of 345 to 98 tonight, with the conservatives abstaining, the terms of the \$4,400,000,000 loan from the United States.

The ratification of the loan terms came after hours of heated debate, in which Winston Churchill castigated the labor government as bungling the negotiations and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin laid back with a charge that the conservatives could have done no better.

After Churchill had denounced labor methods in dealing with the United States, Bevin came back with an angry demand:

"Is it the conservatives' claim that they would have got better terms?"

Churchill replied above the uproar in the house:

"I certainly am of the opinion we could have got better terms." "That is a libel on the administration of the United States," Bevin shouted. "We have not been dealing with New York bankers. We have been dealing with the elected representatives of America."

Almost incoherent with rage, Bevin muttered:

"The egoism of it . . . The actual boastfulness of my right honorable friend (Churchill). The horrible assumption that the American government would go on its knees to him because there was a labor government in being."

PATTON MAKING GOOD RECOVERY

Heidelberg, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton had a comfortable day today, and his condition was reported officially to be "progressing satisfactorily," indicating new gains in his battle against a broken neck and partial paralysis.

A bulletin from the military hospital in Heidelberg as of 4 p. m. said:

"General Patton had a comfortable day, condition progressing satisfactorily."

Honored by Zonta



Miss Vera Humphrey, chairman of the Junior Red Cross for Jackson county, was recently presented the first annual award of Medford Zonta club for outstanding volunteer service to the community. Miss Humphrey has served as Junior Red Cross chairman since 1940.

BRITISHER MAKES SARCASTIC APPEAL FOR UNO CENTER

London, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—British Delegate Philip Noel-Baker topped off the debate on choice of a permanent United Nations headquarters today with a sarcastic appeal to build the new league "in the inevitable center of the world"—Europe.

Noel-Baker spoke for almost an hour at a meeting of the UNO preparatory commission's site committee. He reviewed much of the sordid as well as favorable history of Europe's past and urged the delegates not to locate the organization in the United States.

More Invitations Earlier, the commission secretary announced it had received 32 more invitations and suggestions for the UNO headquarters site, including one that it be located on a ship "anywhere on the high seas."

The site committee meets a half hour early this afternoon for the last day of general debate. It will devote tomorrow to arguments on how to vote.

Optimists were hopeful of a first ballot Saturday but others, doubtful that voting procedure could be agreed on by them, did not expect balloting until early next week.

TICE ACQUITTED IN 19 MINUTES

After deliberating 19 minutes, a jury of 12 men yesterday afternoon returned a verdict not guilty in the case of Ralph William Tice, Chilochino Indian, tried here in Federal court for the slaying of William McCum, another Indian. Tice, 34 years old, had testified that he shot McCum in self-defense. Judge James Alger Fee heard the case.

This morning Judge Fee was on the bench briefly, signing papers for Medford attorneys in connection with a number of civil suits, and then adjourned court until April 23, 1945.

A few of the court officials have already returned to Portland while others are remaining in Medford to complete routine business.

Mercury At 19, Lowest of Year

Last night's minimum temperature of 19 and one-half degrees was the season's lowest, according to the weather bureau officials. However, their thermometers at ground level in different sections of the valley probably registered even lower than that, it was said. Lowest temperature recorded last year was 21 degrees on January 19.

Last night's low doesn't begin to compare with the all-time minimum temperature registered in the valley in Dec. 13 of that year. The thermometer fell to 10 degrees below zero.

RIGHT TO ENTER STRUCK PLANTS COMPANY'S AIM

Move Is First Court Manuever Against Strikers Who Bar 50,000 Workers

Detroit, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—General Motors corporation went into court today in an attempt to prevent "illegal picketing" of its plants by striking members of the CIO United Automobile Workers union.

The giant corporation, which has been strikebound for 23 days, started the legal proceedings in common pleas court at Cleveland. Counsel for GM appeared before Judge Frank Daly to file a petition to enjoin local 45 of the UAW against interfering with the right of anyone to enter the plant through the use of force or violence.

Local 45 represents workers at the Fisher body plant No. 1 at Cleveland.

50,000 Barred The move was the first court maneuver against the strikers whose picket lines have kept nearly 50,000 non-striking job workers away from their jobs. A GM spokesman said similar petitions might be filed against the strikers at other plants in the coast-to-coast system of auto factories.

The petition was filed as the corporation's officers prepared to meet again this afternoon with UAW officials to discuss the GM charge that the picketing at many plants was illegal because of the interference with persons not on strike.

Meanwhile, new pressure against price ceilings on 1946 cars was applied by the auto industry which faces the UAW's general demand for a 30 per cent wage boost.

Ford Agrees The Ford Motor Co., most independent of the big auto manufacturers sided with the rest of the industry yesterday when it rejected a United Automobile Workers (CIO) demand for a 30 per cent pay increase.

Ford spokesmen told the union that even without an increase in prices, the company stood to lose \$35,000,000 next year.

In congress yesterday, the house passed and sent to the senate a bill which would make labor union subject to federal "anti-racketeering" laws. This was the first restrictive labor legislation since the Smith-Conally labor disputes act.

The measure, as passed by the house, would forbid anyone, including labor organizers, from interfering with interstate commerce by "robbery or extortion."

THREE BOYS HELD IN BURGLARIES

Three juvenile boys of Medford were jailed yesterday by the sheriff under \$500 bail each, following their arrest by city police on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling.

The youths, police said, admitted taking part in recent burglaries of the Southwest Oregon Dairy Cooperative, Rogue Animal Hospital and the Elks club, Western Auto store and a cafe in Ashland, and the Phoenix Mercantile company of Phoenix.

They waived preliminary hearing and are being held for yesterday in justice court yesterday.

Sailor Walks Off Train in Tunnel

Washington, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Robert Lee Gray, 25-year-old discharged sailor, accidentally walked off the last car of a moving train today as it pulled through a tunnel.

Gray, who said the car became filled with smoke, had been walking through coaches looking for a seat. He was not injured.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS Marjorie Hopkins maintaining that any one with a three-initial name must be important.

Barbara Bouck and George Maddox dutifully applauding the musical efforts of their respective spouses at a banquet.

Frank Farrell cheerfully paying his Holland hotel "tip bill" in full at the written suggestion of Rawles Moore.

CIO LUMBERMEN GET 2 1-2 CENT WAGE INCREASE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13—(U.P.)—A 2½ cent an hour wage increase was granted International Woodworkers of America, CIO, lumbermen today at the conclusion of a two-day conference with lumber operators.

The settlement for the 2½ cents an hour raise will be effective as of Nov. 1 when an earlier 12½ cent raise was won by the IWA. The boost puts the CIO on a parity with the AFL.

IWA workers will receive also a five-day week with certain exceptions, two weeks vacation with pay and voluntary check-off of dues and assessments.

Closes 1944 Case

James E. Fadling, president of the IWA, said the settlement closes the 1944 case, which the workers presented to the national labor board.

Meanwhile a Washington state supreme court decision upholding AFL picketing of CIO mills was being hailed by AFL lumber strike leaders as a victory against "illegal abridgment of the right of free speech."

In a five to three decision, the court ruled that AFL lumber workers had a legal right to picket CIO-manned timber operations and remanded CIO-obtained injunctions in Grays Harbor and Pierce counties which had halted the picketing.

RAILROADS SAY UNIONS BLOCKING NEGOTIATIONS

Chicago, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Railroad representatives announced today that they would seek government mediation in negotiation of wage demands which they claimed were stalled by two of the 20 unions involved.

The unions have asked for increases ranging up to 30 per cent.

Spokesmen for the railroads said the demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for "a half-hundred rule changes" blocked the negotiations which have been in progress for three weeks.

Corn Loan Rates Boosted 3 Cents

Washington, Dec. 13—(U.P.)—Government loan rates for the 1945 corn crop will average \$1.01 a bushel — three cents over last year's average of 98 cents a bushel.

The agriculture department said the rates will range by counties from 90 cents to \$1.13. They are based on 90 per cent of the parity price of corn.

Corn must grade number three or better except for moisture content or number four on test weight only to be eligible for loans.

Victory Loan Drive	
"E" Quota	\$525,000
"E" Sales to Date	\$442,626
Remainder to sell	\$82,374