

SIX PLANE LOSS IN NORTH CHINA OFFICIALLY TOLD

Peiping, Dec. 14—(UP)—The loss of six Helldiver planes carrying 12 marine fliers on a training flight over North China was confirmed officially today but a top American spokesman denied the airmen had been shot out on a "show of force" over communist territory.

Maj. Gen. Keller B. Rokey, commander of the U. S. marine mission in North China, said aerial search squadrons had located the wreckage of five planes in an isolated section 80 miles northwest of Tsingtao and that the search was continuing for

the sixth plane. All telegraphic and telephonic communications with the area were cut, allegedly by Chinese communists, but Rokey said fragmentary reports indicated seven of the fliers were dead and two injured, leaving three still unaccounted for.

The six Helldivers vanished during a snowstorm last Thursday, Dec. 8, after making what was described as a routine training flight over the Tientsin area.

The U. S. marines' own communications lines from Tsingtao were among those cut, leaving the Shantung coast port practically isolated except by radio.

Reliable Grocery Bought by Kansan

Sale of the Reliable Grocery, 117 North Central avenue, to Ernest F. Allen, of Ashland, was made public yesterday. The sale, by Phil Whitlock and C. C. Leonard, former owners who took over the store approximately one and one-half years ago, was effective December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, with their son and daughter, moved to the valley in August from Liberal, Kan., where he had spent a number of years in the grocery business. The family is residing at 6 Granite street in Ashland until a home can be found in Medford.

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Influenza Vaccine Claimed Effective

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 14—(UP)—The University of Michigan announced today that an effective vaccine against influenza has been produced by its school of public health.

Previously proper care of the patient was the only method of combating the disease.

BUTTER SURPLUS RELEASE HALTED

Washington, Dec. 14—(UP)—The government has halted the release of surplus butter stocks, a move that is expected to intensify the nationwide butter shortage and accompanying black markets, it was learned today.

In ending butter rationing last month, officials reported the supply would not meet the full unrationed demand. However they explained that 100,000,000 pounds of government butter was being released to civilians and should help tide the nation over the winter's low production season.

The army this week asked the Agriculture department to halt the sales. It is expected that the military may recall about 25,000,000 pounds scheduled to augment civilian stocks. This amounts to nearly a week's supply for the nation.

Livestock
Portland, Ore., Dec. 14—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle 25, calves 10. Very little available; nominally steady; week's market unevenly steady to 25c higher. Medium-good steers 14.50-17.25; top 18.50; canner-cutter cows 6.00-8.00; good beef cows up to 13.00; few to 12.50; good-choice vealers salable around 14.00.

Hogs 23. Steady. Few 188 lb. weaners 15.00; good sows 14.00-13.00; feeder pigs 12.50.

Sheep 23. Nominal. Good-choice wooled lambs salable around 14.00; few fed lambs this week 14.25; Monday's top 14.50; good ewes salable 4.50-5.00; common down to 2.00.

Chicago, Dec. 14—(UP)—(WFA)—Livestock: Cattle 25. Active, fully steady; virtually all barrows and gilts at 14.85; selling, weights under 100 lbs. very scarce; sows 14.10; calves 10.00; choice steers 14.50-17.25; top 18.50; canner-cutter cows 6.00-8.00; good beef cows up to 13.00; few to 12.50; choice vealers to 14.00; canners and cutters dull at 7.25 to 8.50.

Sheep 23. Steady, sales and bids 14.75 to 14.00 on good and choice natives and fed wooled western lambs, well-finished kind mainly 14.50 and 1.00; fat native bucks discounted 1.00.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 14—(UP)—Wholesale market prices:
Cabbage—Oregon No. 1, \$2.50-3.00; red \$1.75 crate.
Cauliflower—No. 1, \$1.75 crate.
Potatoes—Local Burbanks, \$2.00-3.00 central.
Peppers—California 25-30c lb.
Tomatoes—Hothouse, 33-35c.
Turnips—No. 1 90c doz. bunches.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 14—(UP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
Dec. 1.80 1.80 1.80 1.80 1/2
May 1.77 1.77 1.77 1.77 1/2
Sept. 1.73 1.73 1.73 1.73 1/2

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 14—(UP)—Stocks rallied today with railroads featuring the major groups on gains running to 3 points in Norfolk & Western.

Industrials, slow to join the upturn, finally got into action and most of the leaders had small gains. Utilities gained.

Preliminary closing Dow

Notice to Creditors

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.
In the Matter of the Estate of FREDERICK WILLIAM GRAY, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon in and for Jackson County as the Administratrix of the estate of the said Frederick William Gray (sometimes known as Frederick W. Gray), Deceased, and has duly qualified as such.
All persons having any claim against the estate of the said decedent are hereby directed to present same, duly verified as by law required, to F. J. Newman, attorney for said estate, at his office, in the Craterian Building, in Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.
Dated and first published this 7th day of December, A.D. 1945.
PEARL N. GRAY, Administratrix of the Estate of Frederick William Gray, Deceased.

Notice

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County in the Matter of the Estate of Calvin P. Thomason, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed December 22nd 1945, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., in the County Court Room, in the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement thereof.
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Today's closing prices on selected stocks:
Am. Tel. & Tel. XD 101 1/4
Anaconda 44 1/2
Chrysler 13 3/4
Curtiss Wright 8 1/2
General Electric 47 3/4
General Motors 74 1/4
Montgomery Ward 73 3/4
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Texas Gulf Sulphur 50
Transamerica 22 1/4
United Aircrafts 36 1/4
U. S. Rubber 69
U. S. Steel 81 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 14—(UP)—Dairy market:
Butter: 93 score 48 1/2, 92 score 48, 90 score 47 1/4.
Cheese: Loafs 28.2, triplets 27.2.
Eggs: Large grade A 57 1/2, medium grade A 52 1/2, small grade A 44 1/2, large grade B 50 1/2.

Three More Japs To Be Executed

Kwajalein, Dec. 14—(UP)—Three Japanese officers convicted of murdering three American flyers were sentenced to hang today by a U. S. military commission.

A fourth officer, Ens. Tadashi Tasaka, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

The three Japanese admitted shooting and stabbing the American airmen, captured after their plane was shot down off Jauluit.

SMITH POMERANIAN IS BEST IN TACOMA SHOW

"Flip," Pomeranian male of the "Money box token" strain owned by Mrs. John E. Smith, Jacksonville highway, was winner in the Tacoma Dog Fanciers' club show held at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 1 and 2. Mrs. Smith reports that Flip won a blue ribbon and also a trophy as best American bred male in the show.

AUSTRALIANS SENTENCE FIVE JAPS TO DEATH

Morotai, Netherlands Indies, Dec. 14—(UP)—An Australian military court today sentenced five Japanese officers to death and six enlisted men to 10 year prison terms for executing one American and three Australian fliers on Talaud island in March, 1945.

Maj. Tamura, Talaud battalion commander who faces trial on the same charge, asked that he be allowed to take the punishment for the five officers.

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MILD FLU CUTS ATTENDANCE IN CITY'S SCHOOLS

Medford, along with other communities of Oregon and the nation, is experiencing a mild epidemic of flu, with attendance in grade schools suffering considerably. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, stated this morning that so far the disease is in a mild form and the number of cases only slightly higher than normal for this season of the year.

Absences at Roosevelt school yesterday numbered slightly more than 10 per cent of the enrollment, the principal reported, and at Jackson school the principal said absences ran about eight per cent, with the primary grades having about one-fourth of the pupils absent. However, it was pointed out that these absences are not all due to influenza alone, since respiratory diseases, chickenpox and other childhood diseases are also reported.

The high school and other grade schools reported absences slightly above normal. Principals commented on the fact that the pupils are absent but two or three days, indicating the mildness of the attacks.

Last issue of the Oregon Health bulletin reported figures showed influenza to be on the increase, with cases numbering more than last year for the same period, and a United Press dispatch this morning reported a nationwide epidemic. Both reports stressed the mildness of the cases and that no deaths had resulted.

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morrow morning, weather permitting, in a C-54 transport plane which he hopes will have him in Chungking by next Thursday, Chungking time.

Marshall received his final policy directive from the president. The White House will release for publication in Sunday

morning papers a statement of United States policy toward China.

POETESS GETS RIDE

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14—(UP)—Poetess Tonya Jones, who attempted unsuccessfully five times to sail her small boat

"Audaacious" from Hawaii to San Francisco, was due to arrive here today aboard a navy ship. Inclement weather forced the gallant marines to accept a "ride" from the navy when tropical winds blew her off course.

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