

Ford Offer of 15-Cent Wage Boost Spurred By U. A. W.

Weather
 FORECAST: Partly cloudy this evening. Cloudy Wednesday with early morning fog.
 Temp. Highest yesterday 46. Lowest this morning 27.

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UNION HOLDS OUT FOR 30 PER CENT HOURLY INCREASE

Privacy No Feature of This Bedroom



(Acme Telephoto) Too weary to worry about comforts, the family of Corp. Edward H. Gibson sleep on the floor of Los Angeles, Calif., Union Station as they and thousands of servicemen wait vainly for trains that will carry them home for the Christmas holidays. Many G. I.'s just back from overseas are among those who have waited 24 hours or more.

Thousands of Returning Vets Jam Los Angeles Facilities

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Fourteen thousand more Pacific war veterans, arrive at Los Angeles harbor today to join the 15,000 already "marooned" on board ships because of the transportation jam.

Last night's heavy fog held their men aboard because packed redistribution centers cannot get transportation for the men to separation centers across the country.

23 More Ships Today
 Another 23 ships loaded with servicemen are due today. Military and railroad spokesmen said "there simply isn't enough railroad equipment" to break the jam until after the holidays.

One official of the Los Angeles port of embarkation suggested that the government ban all civilian travel by public carrier until the troop tangle is cleared.

Soldiers on the decks of the ships boomed, hooted and held their noses at the news they could not come ashore.

"We'll land like we did at Manila if they don't let us off," some threatened.

"Come aboard for a jam sandwich luncheon," they yelled to reporters on the dock. "Our beans for breakfast are the best there are."

CHRISTMAS MAIL REACHES PEAK IN MEDFORD OFFICE

Yesterday was probably the peak of the Christmas package mailing for Medford according to Frank DeSouza, postmaster, who stated that while he had not compiled exact figures, the day's business was about normally slackened off somewhat today, he said.

Yesterday 48,000 pieces of mail went through the cancellation machines, the postmaster reported. While a high figure for normal years, this is much under the peak of 110,000 pieces which went through the machines in one 24-hour period when Camp White was at peak operation, DeSouza said.

The postmaster said that the mailing windows would be open Saturday afternoon for the convenience of customers.

LITTLE GLASS EYE DENIES CRUELITIES

Yokohama, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The first war crime trial to be held in Japan proper opened here today, the first defendant, Tatsuji Tsuchiya, former prison camp guard known as "Little Glass Eye," pleaded not guilty to charges that he beat one American prisoner to death and beat and tortured others.

Major Louis Geffen, Atlanta, Ga., head of the prosecution staff, announced that he would ask the death penalty for Tsuchiya and said he will show how "Little Glass Eye" was "fiendish and sadistic" in his treatment of Allied prisoners of war.

Tsuchiya was arraigned in the small, cold Yokohama courtroom early this afternoon and the trial began immediately. He pleaded not guilty to charges that he used ropes, clubs, boards, rubber hose and shoe to beat Allied prisoners at the Mitsuhashi camp.

CRUISER SKIPPER DENIES CHARGES OF INEFFICIENCY

Capt. McVay Tells Court Didn't Believe Zig-Zagging Necessary for Safety

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Capt. Charles B. McVay, III, denied today at his court martial trial that he was guilty of negligence and inefficiency in connection with the sinking of the cruiser Indianapolis.

The cruiser sank with loss of 880 officers and men a few minutes after it was struck by torpedoes fired by a Jap submarine in the Philippines sea last July 30.

McVay told the navy court hearing the charges that he did not believe it was necessary for the cruiser to follow a zig-zag course. He added that he ordered his crew to abandon ship approximately eight to 10 minutes before the cruiser sank.

McVay is charged by the navy with failing to direct the cruiser to follow a zig-zag rather than a straight course. He also is charged with failing to give "timely abandon ship" orders.

"McVay was asked by his defense counsel, Capt. John P. Cady, if he gave any instructions regarding zig-zagging.

"I did not," McVay replied. "Conditions were such that I did not believe zig-zagging was necessary. The visibility was very poor and there was no moon."

JANUARY 10 SET FOR UNO OPENING

London, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The United Nations preparatory commission today formally approved Jan. 10 as the opening date of the first meeting of the UNO assembly.

The date for the inaugural session of the full United Nations organization was approved by the preparatory commission meeting in preliminary session.

The commission was nearing the end of its work preliminary to the full dress meeting of the UNO, in London. Only a few details remained to be disposed of before the commission adjourns.

Pullman Proffer Has Okeh

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—A special federal court today approved the sale of the Pullman Sleeping car service to a group of railroads representing 95 per cent of the nation's railways.

Armed Forces Mess Up Surplus Disposal Is OSP Reply To Wholesale Complaints

By Sandor S. Klein
 United Press Correspondent
 Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Veterans, 3 m a 11 businessmen and other segments of the public are heaving bricks at the government's surplus property disposal program.

They're complaining in by the hundreds to writing they can't lay their hands on any of the stuff that the armed forces don't need any longer. The surplus property administration still has a backlog of unanswered letters from better than 2,000 veterans asking what's the trouble.

Unanimous in Blame
 This correspondent sought to find the answer from officials now or formerly connected with the chief consumer goods disposal agency, the consumer goods division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's office of surplus property.

They are unanimous in blaming the armed forces, particularly the army. They contended the surplus was slow in declaring surplus and that it caused confusion by withdrawing goods after declaring it surplus and providing inadequate, inaccurate data on quantity and type of materials it does release.

Last week the army promised immediate release of \$493,721,370 worth surplus civilian items in-



(Acme Telephoto) Thomas M. McMonigle

PLAN INDICTMENT OF TRUCK DRIVER IN GIRL'S DEATH

Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—District Attorney Steve Wyckoff said today he will ask the Santa Cruz county grand jury tomorrow to indict Thomas H. McMonigle, 35, on a charge of murder in connection with the kidnapping and purported slaying of 15-year-old Thora Chamberlain, San Jose.

Wyckoff at the same time said FBI agents disclosed that McMonigle, in an apparent suicide attempt, had taken an overdose of a sedative while traveling by bus from Reno to San Francisco.

When he arrived in San Francisco, Wyckoff said, McMonigle was removed unconscious from the bus by waiting FBI agents and taken to a hospital for emergency treatment before questioned concerning the Chamberlain case.

Trained From East
 McMonigle had been trained here from Illinois.

The FBI said McMonigle confessed that he kidnapped and shot to death Miss Chamberlain, and threw her body into the Pacific ocean about at Devil's Slide, less than a mile inside the Santa Cruz-San Mateo county line.

Divers were unable to find a body in the turbulent surf. But Wyckoff said he believed he had sufficient evidence to ask for a murder indictment, despite the absence of a corpus delicti.

RICE LOAN APPROVED

Tokyo, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Supreme allied headquarters announced today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur has granted the Japanese government permission to borrow 1,500,000,000 yen for the purchase of rice in December.

AMERICAN LOAN GIVEN APPROVAL IN PEERS HOUSE

Only 98 of 600 Vote on Agreement After 2-Day Debate; 8 Vote Against.

London, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The House of Lords passed the Bretton Woods agreement and the \$4,400,000,000 American loan bill today after a perfunctory challenge to both measures by the conservative opposition.

Only 98 of the 600-oed peers voted on the loan agreement at the close of a two-day debate in which the opposition, led by Lord Beaverbrook, virtually washed his hands of responsibility for the American deal.

The final vote was 90 for the loan and eight against it.

The Bretton Woods agreement was approved unanimously.

Beaverbrook wound up the conservative argument with a cautiously-worded address urging rejection of the loan on the grounds that it was "entirely unnecessary" at this time.

BIG GERMAN BOMB FINALLY DEFUSED

Croydon, Eng., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—"Operation groundhog" was completed today and Herman, the two-ton German bomb which had imperiled South Croydon for nearly five years, at last was a harmless dud.

Shortly before 3 a. m., a tired but grinning bomb disposal crew emerged from a 43-foot hole triumphantly carrying the fuse which might have set off Herman's 3,000 pounds of TNT with disaster to the district.

They had worked 21 straight hours rendering the explosive impotent in a secret "Turkish bath" so that the sensitive fuse pocket could be cut out.

Stalin Returns As Big 3 Work On Bomb Policy

Moscow, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Stalin returned to the Kremlin from a nine-weeks vacation today while the Big Three foreign ministers, working in deep secrecy, tried to thrash out an atomic bomb policy.

The announcement of Stalin's return to work carried prominently in all Moscow newspapers, it appeared to dispose of rumors that he is ill. Stalin went to Sochi, a Black Sea spa, on Oct. 9 for a first vacation since 1941.

Tragedy Takes New Turn



(Acme Telephoto) Horrified and shaken with grief, James J. Carlan, machinist's mate 2/c, who was flown home from Oakland, Calif., to Chelsea, Mass., on high priority rating to aid authorities in search for supposedly kidnapped son, Ronald, 3 months, is questioned by police after the discovery of the child's body beneath a bureau in the family home. Mrs. Rose Carlan, 23 (right), arraigned on charge of "neglect" when she invented story of kidnapping to prevent gossip of "neglect" when she found the child dead in his bed while she attended a party in an apartment above.

Desire To Get Husband Home May Have Prompted Hoax

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Her desire to get her husband out of the navy may have driven Mrs. Rose Carlan to hide her 6-month-old baby alive to hoax which ended with a makeshift infant's body in a discovery crypt, police said today.

The baby's father, MM2/c James J. Carlan who was given emergency leave from his Pacific station to help in the search, was reported recovering after collapsing when he was reunited with his wife yesterday at a Boston psychopathic hospital.

Carlan told police that he had telephoned his wife from his west coast station Nov. 27—the day before the "kidnaping" was reported—to tell her that he was to be shipped to Japan within a few days.

The possibility has not been eliminated, police said, that the infant died accidentally while it

HAW HAW LOSES LAST LIFE HOPE

London, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—William Joyce, "Lord Haw Haw" of the German radio, lost his last chance for life today when the House of Lords dismissed his appeal, and he will be hanged for treason.

A panel of peers chosen to consider Joyce's appeal returned a four to one decision rejecting it. Joyce had sought to prove that he was an American citizen and not subject to British justice.

When the decision was announced in the House of Lords, a man in the public gallery cried, "This man is innocent. I prophesied the death of Hitler and his return." The man, unidentified, was permitted to remain in the gallery until the chairman was called.

Joyce, a sallow, broken man, was not present to hear the decision.

Talent Schools CLOSED BY FLU

Talent, Dec. 18.—Schools here have closed as result of a severe influenza epidemic according to a statement from Roy Parr, principal, this morning.

Classes will resume following the Christmas holidays. School was held yesterday.

The epidemic struck the school during the middle of last week. Parr said that 40 per cent of the students were absent yesterday. Fifty per cent of the high school pupils were out Friday.

All basketball games prior to the first of the year had previously been cancelled.

U. S. Broadcast Gave Japanese Word On Fleet

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—An American broadcast gave Japan information on United States warships in Pearl Harbor, two days before the Dec. 7, 1941, attack, it was disclosed today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo found this out in questioning of Japanese leaders after the surrender of Japan. The report from MacArthur was laid before congress Pearl Harbor investigating committee to supplement earlier testimony regarding Japanese plans for the attack.

The report showed that Japanese naval intelligence had for years been compiling material on the Hawaiian naval base. Information was obtained through newspapers and magazines, radio broadcasts, interviews with passengers and crews of ships that stopped at Honolulu and the consul general at Hawaii.

Santa Claus Will Greet Kiddies At Park On Saturday

Medford kiddies should prepare their Christmas lists this week, for Santa Claus will visit the city Saturday. Under plans arranged by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Santa Claus will be at the park Saturday night and each youngster calling on Santa will receive a gift from him. Complete details of Santa's visit will be announced later.

Plans are also underway to provide telephone connection direct to Santa's house so children can talk to him, as they did last year. The committee states that snow conditions that have troubled them a little, but it is hoped the telephone will be connected by this week-end.

U.A.W. Pickets Bar Office Workers from Flint Plant; Fact-Finding Sub Drawn

By United Press
 The Ford Motor Co. offered a 15-cent an hour wage increase today, and the CIO United Auto Workers promptly rejected the proposal, holding fast to their original demand for a 30 per cent boost.

Meanwhile UAW pickets barred non-striking office workers from a General Motors plant at Flint, Mich.

Richard T. Leonard, UAW director for the Ford division, said the offer, highest made by any auto company so far, was "completely unacceptable."

John S. Bugas, Ford industrial relations director, said the increase would amount to 12.4 per cent. The union seeks a 30 per cent pay hike.

Top G.M. Proposal Ford's offer topped General Motors proposal of a 13 1/2 cent an hour raise—about 10 per cent. But the Ford—about 10 per cent. The union seeks a 30 per cent pay hike.

General Motors continued its campaign to get non-striking office workers through UAW picket lines and back to work. But at Flint about 600 pickets stood fast at the gates of GM's AC sparkplug division. Several hundred office workers made no effort to enter the building. There was no violence, although police patrolled the area.

13,000 In Office
 The company claimed that about 13,000 office workers returned to their jobs in a dozen plants yesterday.

The General Motors strike accounted for more than one-third of the nation's 455,000 strike idle workers.

At Washington, the controversial question of whether a company's profits and prices should be considered in settling union pay demands was taken under advisement by a three-man fact-finding panel for the oil industry.

The issue was raised by the Oil Workers International union (CIO), which insisted that the panel obtain and publish records of company earnings before drafting its recommendations for a settlement. It also demanded that the companies be prohibited from increasing prices to compensate for any wage increases recommended by the panel.

In other labor developments, congressional foes of the administration's fact-finding proposal reportedly were preparing a "standby" substitute designed to be more introductive to labor. It will not be introduced, however, unless action seems certain on the administration bill or something more drastic.

VFW PURCHASES POST QUARTERS

Crater Lake Post No. 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has purchased the building on North Front street near Sixth street formerly occupied by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and will convert it for the use of the post and auxiliary it was announced today by Victor Robb, post commander.

The lower floor of the building will be remodeled and equipped as a locker and club room for the use of all veterans of Jackson county. Robb stated, and proceeds will be used in veteran relief work. The upper floor will be made into meeting rooms for the post and auxiliary and will also be available for the use of other veteran organizations, Robb said.

Six Bodies Found In Bomber Crash

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—A navy PB4 patrol bomber crashed in a field and burned near Haslet, Tex., 15 miles north of here this afternoon. Six bodies have been removed from the wreckage.

No further details were immediately available.

Continued Cold Is Two-Day Prospect

Continued bitter cold for the next two days was prospect today for most of the U. S. with heavy snow anticipated in the Ohio Valley states and north into Illinois and Indiana.

The weatherman predicted slight and short-lived relief for shivering residents in the eastern half of the nation, where temperatures were due to rise slowly to between 10 and 20 degrees today before dropping again in the wake of a second cold wave.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Shinto rites will be held at the funeral of Prince Fumimaro Konoye Friday, it was revealed today. The funeral will be headed by Prince Taishige Shimazu Kawarada. Konoye committed suicide Sunday shortly before he was to have been arrested by American authorities.