

EX-PRISONERS PIN CRUELTY CHARGES ON GLASS EYE JAP

Yokohama, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Affidavits from eight American soldiers formerly held in the Mitsuhashi prisoner of war camp were introduced today in the war crimes trial of Tatsu Tsuchiya, camp guard, known as "Little Glass Eye."

They told how "Little Glass Eye" and other camp guards beat and tortured American Pfc. Robert Gordon Teas, of Streeter, Ill., until Teas died. Teas was a prisoner in the camp.

The affidavits, introduced on the second day of the first war crimes trial to be held in Japan proper, said Teas, whom the Japanese guard accused of stealing Red Cross food supplies, was beaten with knotted ropes and boards while he stood in the snow with no clothes on in sub-freezing temperature.

They told how "Little Glass Eye" and other guards known as "Mushmouth," "Rivet Tooth," "Punk," and "Speedo" threw cold water on Teas to revive him for further beatings.

GEN. PATTON CONTINUES GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT

Frankfurt, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton has maintained the small degree of improvement noted in his condition yesterday and was in excellent condition after a very good night, an army bulletin reported today.

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King Dances With Butler's Wife in Servants' Soiree

London, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—King George VI waltzed with his butler's wife last night, and Queen Elizabeth did a turn with her footman.

Princess Elizabeth, in a long white evening gown with spangled skirt, danced with a chef from the palace kitchen.

It was the annual "below stairs" Christmas party at Buckingham Palace. The royal family spent an hour with the household staff doing gay dances. The king, in dinner jacket, requested a Scottish eightsome reel played by two khaki-clad pipers of the Scots Guards.

Hattie McDaniel Says Mate Lazy

Hollywood, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Actress Hattie McDaniel, Negro academy award winner for her character roles, won a divorce today after testifying her husband, James L. Crawford, wouldn't work but he "ate good meals."

The character actress said Crawford, self-styled real estate operator, thought that being married to her meant he didn't have to work.

Father Induction Ordered Halted

Washington, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The induction of fathers was ordered discontinued today by national selective service headquarters. Fathers with fewer than three children will be permitted to volunteer, however.

MacARTHUR REITERATES OCCUPATION PURPOSES

Tokyo, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today issued a re-statement of the basic purposes of the allied occupation of Japan to his commanders and pointed out that the form the Japanese government will take is not fixed or immutable.

The statement said that "to impose upon Japan any government that is not supported by the freely-expressed will of the people would be contrary to the terms of the Potsdam declaration."

FACT FINDERS EYE GENERAL MOTORS C. I. O. SQUABBLE

By United Press
President Truman's fact-finding board opened an investigation of the CIO United Auto Workers strike against General Motors today, as three other unions warned of impending walkouts to enforce demands for a 30 per cent wage boost.

UAW President Walter Reuther said the union considers the president's panel "a fact-finding, not a mediation board." He said the UAW would make every effort to give the board all the facts.

The Western Electric Employees association said 16,700 workers would strike 21 Western Electric plants in northern New Jersey and New York Jan. 3 to back up wage demands.

The strategy committee of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO) met in Chicago to map plans for nationwide walkout in the meat packing industry.

ECLIPSE VEILED BY CLOUD DRIFT

Due to low, drifting clouds and fog valley people were prevented from full observance of the eclipse of the moon last night. The lunar eclipse, preliminary phases of which began at 3:38 p. m. in this area, was total at about 6:39 according to observers on the staff of the local weather bureau. However, drifting clouds obscured the sight at about the same period, it was reported.

Valley residents noted the moon's dark shade of red which is peculiar to the total eclipse and which, coupled with the drifting dark clouds, made the sight quite spectacular.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT SCHOOL TONIGHT

Medford residents were reminded today that the annual all-school program of Christmas music will be presented this evening at the senior high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Miss Mabel Nansen, school music supervisor, stated this noon that while many pupils were absent from school because of illness, the program would be presented as scheduled.

The general public is invited to attend.

NAVY DENTAL CORPS

Washington, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The House today passed and sent to the White House legislation to create a separate dental corps in the navy.

Fire, Ice Make Spectre of Building



Firemen examine the ice-sheathed buildings of a business block at Akron, Ohio, following a spectacular fire which destroyed block, causing damages estimated at \$500,000.

RELIEF PROMISED IN RETURNEE JAM

San Francisco, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—More than 80,000 Pacific veterans, stranded in West Coast ports by the "desperate jam" of railroad equipment, had renewed hope today of getting home for Christmas in view of the army and navy announcement that enough rolling stock to move 25,000 men daily would begin to arrive tomorrow.

The equipment, requisitioned from eastern railroads, was expected to consist of 1,000 coaches. Forty per cent of the cars were being sent to San Francisco, 25 per cent to Los Angeles and 35 per cent to the Pacific northwest.

Arrival of the promised equipment was delayed because of severe weather east of the Rocky Mountains, the army and navy said.

Army officials said it was hoped that the east-bound departures would relieve congestion, which is expected to grow worse in the next four days when another 23,000 men are scheduled to arrive in San Francisco and 19 transports are due at Los Angeles.

The city of Alameda, in Alameda county, was incorporated April 19, 1854.

G. I. BILL CHANGE READY FOR INKING

Washington, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The house and senate today completed congressional action on legislation designed to improve the No. 1 veterans law of this war—the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Both approved a measure, agreed upon by house-senate conferees, designed to facilitate loans to veterans and otherwise improve administration of the G. I. bill.

The bill approved by both houses would:

1. Raise the maximum farm or home loan that could be guaranteed by the government under the G. I. bill from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The present limit on business loan guarantees remains the same—\$2,000.
2. Eliminate a requirement that the veterans administration must approve G. I. loans before they can be guaranteed. In farm and home loans, however, the bill provides that a government appraiser must assure the veterans administration that the price is being charged a fair price.
3. Raise the subsistence allowance of veterans going to school under the G. I. educational provisions from \$50 to \$65 a month for single men and from \$75 to \$90 a month for ex-servicemen with dependents.
4. Remove the 25-year age limit on veterans who may go to school under the G. I. bill.
5. Repeal a provision which would compel the government to deduct benefits paid out under the G. I. bill from any general bonus that may be voted to veterans in the future.

DAIRY MAN INJURED IN FALL OFF LADDER

Alfred L. Bailey, 122 East 13th street, received broken ribs today when he fell from a ladder while repairing a fan at Campbell's Dairy, where he is employed. According to Bailey's statement, he had placed a small ladder atop some barrels to reach the fan and fell on the barrels when the ladder slipped.

He was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance.

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOLS CLOSED BY INFLUENZA

Jacksonville, Dec. 19—Jacksonville schools were closed today because of the current influenza epidemic and will reopen Jan. 2, according to G. B. Goddard, school principal.

Approximately 110 or 40 per cent of the 280 students of both grade and high schools were absent from classes yesterday, Mr. Goddard said.

"Jenny Lind" was the name of a placer mining town in Calaveras county in 1849.

DEFICIENCY BILL GIVEN APPROVAL BY LOWER HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—The house today approved a \$2,500,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill agreed upon by house and senate conferees.

The bill as originally passed by the house called for \$1,900,000,000 additional for this fiscal year. The senate added another \$1,000,000,000.

The conferees agreed to the senate figures on two major items — \$750,000,000 for UNRRA and \$191,900,000 for veterans housing. The house-approved bill included only \$400,000,000 for UNRRA and \$24,300,000 for veterans housing.

The conferees agreed on \$10,275,000 for the Columbia basin project in Washington. The house wanted \$10,050,000; the senate, \$10,500,000.

MANSFELDT CASE NEAR JURY HANDS

San Francisco, Dec. 19—(U.P.)—Prosecutor Norman Elkington today concluded his rebuttal argument in the trial of Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt for the jealousy shooting of Mrs. Vada Martin with the assertion that "No reduction of the defense from murder to manslaughter is possible."

Superior Judge Edward P. Murphy announced he would begin his instructions to the six-man, six-woman jury which will decide the fate of the red-haired, 46-year-old socialite at the beginning of the afternoon session. He estimated that the case would be in the jury's hands by 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Mansfeldt's pride "condemned Mrs. Martin to death", Elkington said, because she testified she already had forgiven

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