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By Arthur Perry

The eclipse of the moon came to pass late yesterday, starting promptly at 4:38 p. m.

Fire chiefs of the state have started issuing their annual Yule warnings against carelessness with fire, resulting in conflagrations in the Christmas tree, and Santa Claus' cotton-breeches and whiskers.

Miss Jacques Colton, a charming member of the younger set is combating a cold. She is on the Honor Roll and in a Christmas play at the Roosevelt school.

Finland (poor Finland), battered from without by Germany and Russia, and from within by her own special brand of Finnish demagogue, so poor she makes a chinch mouse look like a plutocrat, has made her annual war debt payment to America.

EASTERN OREGON EATING (Grant County News) "The table was set at noon with a roasted 12 pound turkey and all the trimmings including accessories, including cakes and pies cut in only four pieces. The table stayed set until 4 p. m.

Irwin, Harris, director athletic news bureau at Oregon State, with patriot zeal defends the honor of their football field, from mud thrown at it herein, on November 23 last, as follows: "Oregon State has had a fine turf football field since the fall of 1937. In fact, it is rated as one of the best turf fields in the Pacific coast conference.

You can imagine how dumb-founded I was to read your suggestion that we put in a turf field. The only explanation I can think of for the Capital Journal's remark that you quoted is that Fred Zimmerman, their sports editor, probably hasn't been to a game in Corvallis since we put in the turf and doesn't know yet we have one.

True, our turf does get torn up when a game is played on it after a week or more of continuous rain, but so does every other turf field in the Pacific northwest. If the teams play most of the afternoon on one part of the field after a heavy rain, naturally that part of the turf will get plowed up a little and I would like to see the turf field that wouldn't. However, our turf is so well and deeply rooted that it quickly comes back even after taking a beating such as it did in our Washington State game this fall."

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15: Ten days to Christmas—and it is the strangest pre-Christmas period we can recall in more ways than one. Take the merchants' problem here in Boston for example—and no doubt the same all over the country. The problem is not to get customers but to get goods. And the customer problem is not so much what one can afford as what one can GET. Not a perfect situation but far better than a certain Christmas some 15 years ago, when the stores were full of nice things and no one—or practically no one—had any money.

Speaking of money it is a subject about which we, technically speaking, know nothing. But that is something—to admit it. So many don't. And of course no banker would (ah there G. T.) for that is presumably his BUSINESS. We talked with one here the other day who pontificated to this effect: "The business future in New England looks dark, but elsewhere and particularly in the far west (that, we suppose means west of Buffalo, N. Y.) looks bright—very bright. This period of brightness promises to continue with only minor set-backs for five or six years, when a period of "major readjustment" may be expected, both east and west, all over the country in fact.

In other words if you have money young man go west and invest it and if you haven't—well go west anyway! But keep a weather eye open in 1950.

Mebbe so, mebbe so. But if Boston has a boom this year and the Pacific Coast a bust, this department will not be surprised. In fact nothing will surprise us as far as business predictions are concerned since the sad days of 1929. We still have on file a prediction by a certain investment banker of that period that the stock-boom then in full stride was only a beginning and while there might be "minor readjustments," U. S. Steel would undoubtedly reach 300 in six months!

So what? Merely this: In the judgment of this column "money," its nature and particularly its future is like Mark Twain's weather—a great deal of talk about it but little done—or known. And in general those who talk the most about it, know the least. (Oh, is that you G.T.—didn't recognize you!)

It is snowing again, coming down in huge, lazy flakes which usually means it won't snow for long. We forgot to state the big-snow-and-blow a week or so back was followed—as so often happens here in New England—by a warm rain which shot the huge snow-drifts into oblivion, as if by magic. Then there was a freeze with skating on the avenue and now more snow.

Well if one longs for a good "Way Down East" winter this is the place to come for it.

We realize we are in a hopeless minority but we don't approve of the citizens of a defeated nation—whoever they may be—being tried by courts and juries consisting entirely of their former enemies. Nor do we believe in writing new laws and then making them apply to violations which occurred before their enactment—generally known as "ex-post-facto."

But there is this to be said for such a procedure from the standpoint of Germany and Japan, the liquidation of the criminal and degenerate elements from the body politic should materially raise the moral standards and general physical tone of the next generation, in both countries. In other words the nations should benefit, however unjust the methods to individuals.

There have been many deaths here resulting from the recent storms—on land almost entirely due to bad hearts—women or men trying to shovel snow, when in no condition to do so, or over exerting themselves in other ways.

At sea it has been different and far more serious with over a dozen ships in distress off the Massachusetts coast as this is being written. The great aid in such disasters now is the helicopter, which in almost any weather can hover over a ship at sea long enough for some sort of hawser transfer.

We haven't the official statistics but many seamen have been lost, many saved, and at least half a dozen small fishing-ships have gone down. Winter is no time to travel by sea.

Dorothy Thompson, in her daily column in the Boston Globe, claims the Poles are treating the defeated Germans just as badly as the Germans treated the defeated Poles. Well Dorothy never pulled her punches verbally, and has made many mistakes in judgment but as far as her factual record goes it is pretty good. So we have an idea she is correct.

But what would one expect? That the Poles would return good for evil? That is the procedure Christ prescribed but can anyone mention a nation that AS A NATION, has followed it? Don't rush now, there may be one but if so we can't recall it. It is an eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth. That isn't Christian but it is universal practice.

Dorothy also calls Secretary Byrnes a liar when he states: "It should be assumed the geographical limits of Germany are those in conformity with provisions of the Berlin declaration, i.e. those of the Aitreich less the territory east of the Oder-Neisse lines."

The territorial limits, says Dorothy, were definitely left open in the Berlin or Potsdam agreement, but Poland, following the Stalin doctrine, grabbed her while the grabbing was good, and presented the USA and the allies with the "accomplished fact."

And again we don't doubt Dorothy is factually correct. But the ugly word is hardly justified. Diplomats don't "lie"—nothing as crude as that—they merely make statements which are not always supported, in a literal sense, by the facts.

One of the venerable bellboys at this hotel—there are few Boston bellboys not eligible to a pension under the Townsend plan—if there WERE a Townsend plan!—knows all the answers. Don't care what the question is he can answer it—to his own satisfaction at least.

So when we remarked—just to make conversation—we thought General Patton would pull out of it and walk again, he came back with the categorical negative that he would NOT!

"No sir," said William, "when a man breaks his neck he is through, no matter how tough he may be as a fighter. There was a contractor out in Dorchester who broke his neck, fell head-first into a septic tank (before it was operating of course) and he lived a long time, but it was a wheel-chair for him, and that will be Patton's fate too, if he lives long enough to get into it!"

Sorry to transmit this discouraging news but as frequently stated in the past we merely record the scroll as it unfolds before us, day by day and hour by hour. That is what Bill SAID. We hope he is wrong and probably by the time this is printed, the record will show he was. But that will make no difference to Bill, he will be pontificating about something else by that time.

—R. W. R.

League on my 21st birthday. And so what? I get hundreds of letters from people stating they want me to continue talking about myself. From one such communication from Flint, Mich., I quote: "Eddie, as for that dame in Detroit who wants you to stop writing about yourself tell her to go to Belle Isle and jump in the lake. Let's hear about your new gray suit. Does it look nifty? Is it gray flannel? Single or double breasted? Did you get a vest with it? Am thinking of getting one like that myself."

Asking Queries from clients: Q. Did Vic McLaglen, the film star, ever fight for the light heavyweight boxing championship? A. Not that I know of. However, Vic did fight as a heavyweight and in 1907 tangled with Jack Johnson in six rounds at Vancouver.

B. C. Q. What in your opinion is the most overworked gag on radio? A. The one about Bing Crosby's horses.

Another Argument "My mother became a grandmother three times in the same day. Can Brooklyn top that? I had twin sons; my sister had one son." So states Mrs. Hubert Mitchell of Detroit. I called this to the attention of a Brooklynite who said, "The lady's mother only became a grandmother twice in the same day. Twins are figured as one blessed event."

I said, "Listen, twins are not born at exactly the same time. When the first twin came Mrs. Mitchell's mama became a grandmother once. When the second twin came she became a grandmother twice. When her other daughter had a son she became a grandmother three times." But the Brooklynite was stubborn about it. He is from Flatbush. You know how those fellows are. Anyway, we have the argument before the decision committee of the Stogie Wagering committee.

Passing By J. Fred Coots. Popular writer of popular songs. The J. in his name stands for Jared I think. His best selling song is "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." Fred goes for Turkish baths and hand-ball to keep in condition. Is a very young looking fellow for his years. He remembers when "Iron Man" McGinnity and "Bad Bill" Dahlen played for the Dodgers. That was about the time the songs "Two Little Girls in Blue" and "Who Threw the Overalls" in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder" were popular.

Horses & Women Baltimore subscriber born under sign of Scorpio confesses "I have been married three times. My first two husbands, both aggressive, wanted to dominate me. I didn't care for that. My third husband is a sweet, gentle, lovable man who lets me run everything including the handling of the family finances. Am very happy now that I am boss of the family." (Note—According to the star gazers it is the Aries (March 21-April 20) and Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) women who have the greatest desire to dominate their husbands. The astrologers say Scorpio females have no use for a man they can dominate. They want a husband who is man enough to do the dominating. Either the star-gazers are wrong about Scorpio women or the writer of the above letter has made a mistake about her birthday.)

Sidelights A Detroitier says he works at a drugstore where the pharmacist receive \$100 a week for a 45-hour week. Very interesting. That is \$25 more than most pharmacists get now. Before the war a lot of them were receiving as low as \$35 a week. . . . A Bostonian urges this department to launch a bitter campaign against "singing commercials" on the radio, which he describes as "a cancer on the brain of music."

Please Note A dance band leader of 15 years experience states his observation reveals that trumpet players are the "No. 1 wolves" with saxophone players a close second. He further says he has noticed drummers and bass players have the highest rate of unhappy love affairs and marriages and are usually paying alimony to someone. Our Mules & Men department is checking these claims.

Congress Opening Set For Jan. 14

Washington, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—The house today approved a resolution setting Jan. 14, 1946, as the opening date of the second session of the 79th congress. The resolution requires senate approval.

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., said that later today or tomorrow he would offer another resolution setting the adjournment date of the first session. House leaders hope it will be tomorrow night.

MARSHALL AND CHIANG MAY MEET IN NANKING Chungking, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and Gen. George C. Marshall, President Truman's special envoy, are expected to meet for the first time at Nanking, China's peacetime capital where Chiang and his wife arrived today, rather than Chungking.

Their meeting had been scheduled for Chungking, but Chinese political quarters disclosed that the generalissimo is preparing to welcome Marshall personally at either Nanking or Chungking.

WESTERN UNION STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 7

Washington, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—The country's Western Union telegraph operators with the exception of those in New York City have been told to be ready to strike Jan. 7 unless their wage demands are met before then.

Approximately 48,000 operators are involved. They are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' union. The New York City operators are not affected because they are members of the CIO.

Throughout the year, 3,500 orchids are in bloom in the Conservatory in San Francisco's Golden Gate park.

KIWANIANS FETE FOOTBALL SQUAD AT NOON LUNCH

Members of the Black Tornado football team were guests of the Medford Kiwanis club for the weekly meeting this noon at the Holland Hotel. The team, southern Oregon and district two champions for the 1945 season, was accompanied by Coaches Ed. Kirtley and Bill Bowerman while Al. Simpson was prevented from attending due to a heavy cold.

Glen Fabrick welcomed the team in the absence of Joe Earley, president. Kiwanis members and Kiwanian Dames will stage a Christmas party Friday night of this week for patients at the county hospital. The party will begin at 7:15 p. m. The visitors will take presents for the patients and will sing carols. Frank Perl will appear in the role of Santa Claus.

At the meeting today the members brought presents which will be distributed to children of the public schools of Medford. At next week's meeting the club will hold a Christmas party for members, with gift exchange.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle 250, calves 35. Active, fully steady. Common light steers \$2.50-\$3.10; heavy \$3.10-\$3.50; load mixed cows and heifers \$15.00; load good beef cows \$13.50; top cut \$11.50; calves and cutters \$8.50-\$9.50; good weaners steady at \$14.00.

Hogs 100. Active, steady, barrows and gilts largely \$15.80; good sows \$14.00; few \$14.50; choice feeder pigs quotable to \$15.50; but light weight not moving.

Sheep 200. Slow, but steady; one lot good choice 93 lbs., early short horns \$10.00; cut \$11.00; but \$15.00; good and common ewes \$10.00-3.00; good ewes \$4.50-5.00.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—(WFA)—Livestock: Hogs: 10,000. Active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts at \$14.85, ceiling; weights under 180 lbs. and over 300 lbs. scarce; sows at \$14.10, ceiling. Cattle: 200. Generally steady. Medium to good steers and heifers absent. Two loads good steers, \$9.00-\$9.50. Late yesterday and today, canners weak to 25 cents lower, mostly \$6.50-7.50. Odd good bulls \$11.50. Cull and medium calves \$10.00-12.00; choice quoted \$15.00.

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Portland Produce

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Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close Dec. 190 180 180 180 May 177 177 177 177 July 175 175 174 174 Sept. 175 175 174 174

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—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.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 19.—(U.P.)—Stocks made an irregular advance today on curtailed volume. Railroads led an early rally that embraced the whole list, but as the session progressed realizing developed in industrial issues and some of the leaders slipped back to moderate sized net losses.

However, a long list held gains running to as much as 3 points in Gimbel. The whole store section was firm because of high level of sales being run up in the Christmas season.

Steels balanced off small gains and losses. Motors held steady to slightly easier on light turn-over. Utilities were better with gains ranging to more than a point in American Water Works. Numerous special shares were strong, notably American News Company which rose 5 points on

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JURY SELECTED FOR SVINTH DAMAGE SUIT

Selection of a jury in the damage suit trial of Billy Skeeter against Fred Svint, for \$5,000 damages, started in circuit court this morning before Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna. The majority of those called first to the jury box were women. The trial is expected to last two days.

The action is based on an accident on the Crater Lake highway last summer in which an auto driven by the plaintiff and a truck driven by an employee of the defendant collided. Both litigants in the suit reside at Prospect.

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