

Weather
 FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain to night and showers Friday. Snow in mountains. Little change in temperature.
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St. Nick on Hand to Welcome Boys



Santa Claus, who knows no transportation tie-ups with Donner and Blitzen, is on hand at piers to present newly returned Pacific vets presents from citizens and merchants of San Francisco, Calif., where thousands of service men must spend the holidays for lack of transportation home. San Franciscans are making a concerted effort to entertain as many of the Franciscans as possible in private homes and organizations throughout the city.

Travel Jam Eases But Thousands Will Not Get Home For Christmas

The nation's greatest transportation jam eased considerably today but thousands of returning servicemen were doomed to spend their first back-home Christmas at debarkation points or on shipboard.

Rail, bus and airline officials agreed that the pre-holiday travel peak had passed. But they predicted gloomily that another trip would come late Tuesday and Wednesday as holiday crowds return to their jobs.

In many areas, the home-for-Christmas pressure slackened off when would-be travelers, discouraged by Saturday's all-time record crowds, cancelled reserved space at the last moment.

Army and navy authorities, however, predicted that some 130,000 Pacific veterans still would be stranded without transportation tomorrow, and

SERVICEMEN OF COUNTY RECEIVE RELEASE PAPERS

Among those recently discharged from the armed forces are Norman Wyatt, 549 North Main street; S. Sgt. Walter Flackus, 672 B street; Harold Mattoon, Y 1 c, 107 Fourth street; S. Sgt. Harry Heltz, box 224; T. Sgt. Vernon Hopkins, route 1, box 440; T. Gifford Lee, route 1, box 240; S. Sgt. David Barker, 108 North Pioneer street; Charles, CSK, T. 5 Carl Fenige, 375 B street; and Pvt. LeRoy McNeil, route 2, box 31, all of Ashland; Harold Arnold, box 1, box 66; T. 5 Ray Moxady, box 638, and Sgt. Robert Remington, route 1, all of Central Point; S. Sgt. Richard O'Conner, box 144, Talent; Richard McLaren, aviation chief ordnance man, Rogue River; Cpl. George Davis, Gold Hill; Sgt. Harold Clarke, box 770; and S. Sgt. Henry Hoebner, route 3, box 617, both of Eagle Point; S. Sgt. Ervin Lewis, T. 5 Elton Gaine, and Cpl. Charles Young, all of Jacksonville.

T. 5 Dale Atkins, route 1, box 167; T. 5 Marcella Morton, route 2, box 308; Lloyd Kinsey, torpedoman 2 c, route 3, box 126; Thomas Shepard, AM 2 c, 34 Quince street; Paul Turner, SK 2 c, 331 Austin street; Harry Frey, MoMM 3 c, Arlee Lee, MoMM 3 c, 621 11th street; Robert Lindsay, PHM 3 c, route 4, box 172; James Stelle, SC 3 c, 345 North Bartlett street; Clifford Parker, BM 2 c, route 1, box 486; Frank Brown, BM 1 c, 565 Beatty street; T. 5 Lyle McKinney, T. 5 Palm street; S. Sgt. Joe Welsh, gen. del.; Pfc. Glen Watson, 718 1/2 West Main street; Pfc. Eldon Toile, route 1, box 119; Cpl. Orval Thomas; Pvt. Bert Gemahlich; T. 4 Emory Parrish, box 166; S. Sgt. Donald House, route 4, box 217; T. 4 Charles Johnson, 121 Crater Lake avenue; Bill Hagen, AETM 2 c, 51 North Peach street; and George Ray, AMM 2 c, box 387, all of Medford.

60 Per Cent of ATC Out by January 1st

Washington, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—The War department said today that more than 60 per cent of the army air transport command's strength in Europe and the Pacific will have been demobilized by Jan. 1.

ATC's Pacific division, which had a peak strength of 41,180, was down to 26,350 on Dec. 1 and will total only 17,135 by the first of the year.

SIDE GLANCES
 By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Louise Basford having fun dressing dolls for Christmas, her handiwork including smart doll hats with rosebuds on them.

Paul Hersey, Norman Spencer, Dale Stephenson and other Jay-Cees breathing a sigh of relief when Santa Claus left for the north and glad that Christmas comes but once a year.

A certain columnist furtively pinching parcels placed under the Tribune Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas!

PATTON BURIED AMONG SOLDIERS OF THIRD ARMY

Raw Wind Swirls Across Cemetery as Leader Joins 7,933 Soldier Dead.

Hamm, Luxemburg, Dec. 24 (U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton was buried on a bluff beneath wind-swept pines today, surrounded by white crosses above the graves of soldiers who fell along his Third Army's victory road.

Paris, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Mrs. George S. Patton passed through Paris today on her way home by plane after attending the funeral of her husband.

She arrived at Orly field aboard a special plane, and left for Washington at 3:50 p. m. Army officers at the field said she asked that no pictures be taken of her.

Raw blasts of wind swirled across the U. S. military cemetery and snapped the khaki canopy while the burial service was read before the open grave.

Wife At Grave
 Three rounds of salutes from a 12-man firing squad rattled against the lead spire, then a lone bugler, his back to the wind, sounded taps.

The general's wife Beatrice stood quietly through the committal service but almost broke down when Patton's negro orderly, Sgt. William G. Meeks, Junction City, Kans., handed her the American flag that had covered the casket.

There were tears in Meeks' eyes and his face was stained as he bowed slowly and handed her the folded flag. He handed her a gloved hand and peered directly into her eyes, exchanging a final message of condolence.

No Rank in Death
 Like the 7,933 crosses around it, Patton's simple white marker held only his name and metal serial number tag, just "George S. Patton, Jr." The American army knows no rank in death.

The burial ceremony, attended by military dignitaries of 11 nations, was brief. It was executed as the "spit and polish" general would have wanted, in perfect discipline. Mrs. Patton in black beaver coat, black hat and black galoshes stood to the left of Lt. Geoffrey Keyes, commander of the U. S. Seventh army.

WILLIAM G. HOWES SOLDIER EX-CONS GAIN FULL PARDON

Washington, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—President Truman today returned to full citizenship several thousand ex-convicts who served honorably in the armed forces for more than one year. By proclamation, he granted them full pardons.

The White House said that "somewhat more than 2,000" prisoners had been paroled from federal penal institutions for induction into the army. Several thousand more completed their sentences before becoming soldiers or members of the other branches of the service.

Men whose civil rights were restored to them were those who joined the armed services on or after July 29, 1941, and who have served in active status for at least one year before being honorably discharged or separated from the armed forces.

Cab Calloway In Ballroom Brawl

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Cab Calloway, negro band leader, was scheduled to appear in municipal court today to answer charges of drunkenness and disturbing the peace after an altercation with a special officer at a Kansas city ballroom.

Calloway told police he and Felix Payne, Sr., son of a Kansas City negro politician, had gone to the ballroom to hear the music of Lionel Hampton, another negro musician.

The scuffle developed at the entrance to the ballroom when Bill Todd, special officer employed by the dance hall, denied Calloway and Payne entrance.

AUTO INDUSTRY HAS MOST IDLE ON STRIKE LIST

Federal Labor Officials Predict Post-Holiday Developments May Break Jam.

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 24—(U.P.) Army air force officials today began investigation of the crash of a C-47 transport plane which piled up in a field 12 miles west of here last night after flying approximately 1,000 miles without a crew.

The plane was abandoned by its six-man crew near Dwight, Neb., at 5:30 p. m. (CST) while it was making a routine training flight from Denver, Colo., to Lincoln, Neb., army air field.

8 HURT IN CRASH ON HIGHWAY NORTH DURING HEAVY FOG

Eight persons were injured today when two cars collided about a half mile north of the Big Y Market during a heavy fog, according to state police and Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris, who were called to the scene.

Suffering from numerous cuts and bruises and taken to the Community hospital in the Corcoran-Morris ambulance were Harry Gill and his sister, Bernice Gill, and Ann Gridley, all of 122 Cottage street, and Dwight Justice, route 2, box 428, driver of the 1937 Pontiac sedan, and his brother, Edmond Davis, owner of the car.

Major Injured
 Owner and driver of the other car, a Chrysler coach, was Major Robert Beckwith, 7536 SE 27th street, Portland, who was on terminal leave and en route home to spend Christmas.

ONE KILLED WHEN AUTO HITS TRAIN

Salem, Ore., Dec. 24—(U.P.)—One person was killed and two hospitalized as the result of an automobile-freight train collision at West Stayton last night.

James Helms, 19-year-old Jefferson resident died en route to a Salem hospital after an automobile he was driving crashed against the side of a speeding locomotive at a railroad crossing.

Two companions—Mary Louis Snoddy, 16, and Edwin Ball, 18, both of Turner—were hospitalized here. The girl's condition was reported as critical. Ball suffered an arm fracture.

12 Soldiers Die In Shikoku Fire

Sixth Army Headquarters, Kyoto, Japan, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Twelve American soldiers were burned to death and 22 others injured when a flash fire swept a two-story, frame barracks on Shikoku early Sunday, headquarters early today.

Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of their next of kin.

KAY KYSER EXPECTING LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Band leader Kay Kyser expects to become a father next May. He announced the impending arrival at a Christmas party for his band last night. Kay said he didn't care whether it's a boy or girl. He and Mrs. Kyser, the former Georgia Carroll, were married last June.

Glass Eye's Fate Known Wednesday

Yokohama, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Tatsuo (Little Glass Eye) Tsuchiya, Japanese prison camp guard whose trial on charges of brutally beating American prisoners was adjourned today because of an "incompetent" interpreter, is expected to learn his fate Wednesday.

Truman Calls World To Follow Christian Teaching As Solution For All ills

Washington, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—President Truman, leading the nation's first peacetime Christmas observance in four years, called on all the world today to follow the Christian teaching of brotherly love if it would "find a solution for all its ills."

Mr. Truman voiced his plea in a Christmas Eve address from the snow-covered south lawn of the White House. He spoke after lighting the national Christmas tree in the first Yuletide observance since Dec. 24, 1941, when the nation was only beginning to rally for World War II from the Pearl Harbor disaster of 17 days before.

War Gloom Fades
 "This is the Christmas that a war-weary world has prayed for through long and awful years," Mr. Truman said in a nationally broadcast message. "With peace come joy and gladness. The gloom of the war years fades as once more we light the national community Christmas tree."

It is fitting, the President said, that we remember that peace and love and charity are the spirit of Christmas. And we must never forget, he said, the appeal that sprang from the manger at Bethlehem—"a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

"In love, which is of the very essence of the message of the prince of peace, the world would find a solution for all its ills," the President said.

CHILDREN GREET SANTA CLAUS ON DEPOT ARRIVAL

"Santa Claus 'came to town' Saturday night and was practically overwhelmed by several hundred valley folk who met him at the train and accompanied the jolly old man to the high school auditorium.

Knowing what an important passenger he had, the engineer heralded the arrival of the train with a series of ear-splitting toots as it drew into the station.

After a wild welcome, Santa was loaded into a traffic motorcycle side-car and taken to the high school auditorium. He was accompanied by the Boy Scout drum and bugle corps and the Eve Prentice Accordion Troop, who had played at the station, and at the auditorium music by the combined junior and senior high school bands greeted his arrival.

After music and community singing Santa, with the aid of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, distributed more than 1,000 gifts and the program closed with "Silent Night."

Plans Changed
 Since rain fell Saturday afternoon, the young men arranging for Santa's visit decided to hold the program indoors and arrangements were hurriedly made for the auditorium. Watchers were posted at the park to inform people of the change and it is hoped that no one failed to find Santa Claus because of the change.

After the program Santa hurried off to the North Pole, declaring that since he had answered more than a thousand telephone calls Friday and Saturday, he was a little behind schedule with his gift work. The telephone calls were also arranged by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and members reported the kiddies kept three telephone lines busy most of Friday and Saturday.

Truman Veto May Bring Showdown

Washington, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—President Truman appeared headed for a showdown fight with congress today by his veto of a bill to return U. S. employment service offices to state control.

Mr. Truman said in a statement last night that the transfer would "disrupt" employment at a time when efficient operation was most urgently needed. He therefore vetoed an administration-backed bill rescinding \$51,800,000,000 in war appropriations, to which the employment service provision had been attached as a rider.

NAZI CRIMINAL BETTER NUERNBERG

Nuernberg, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Ernest Kaltenbrunner, one of the 20 defendants in the war crimes trial, who suffered a recurrence of his cerebral hemorrhage Monday, was much improved today.

OPTIMISM TINGES CLOSING HOURS OF MINISTERS' MEET

Byrnes and Bevin Given Great Ovation In Appearance at Moscow's Theater

London, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—The Big Three foreign ministers have agreed upon a compromise procedure for drafting peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland and will resume work on the documents immediately, radio Moscow reported tonight.

The announcement was contained in an interview communique of the Big Three meeting.

The compromise ends the deadlock on the treaties which has existed since the breakup of the London foreign ministers conference and fixes a deadline of May 1 by which the treaties are to be completed.

Moscow, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—The Big Three conference of foreign ministers was pervaded in its closing hours today by an air of optimism prompting American observers to forthright, unqualified predictions of "good results."

The last business session of the conference was scheduled for 4 p. m. today. Thereafter the social program was expected to take up the time of the visitors until their departure.

Some Problems Left
 (A CBS broadcast said "it looks now as though the conference might succeed in settling some problems, while many others remain to be solved," the broadcaster said. New problems keep cropping up.")

The conference of James F. Byrnes and Bevin and V. M. Molotov swung toward its conclusion yesterday evening when Byrnes talked for two hours with Premier Stalin and other developments augured well for the Anglo-Soviet-American meeting.

Byrnes and Bevin later went to the Bolshoi theater, where they received an unprecedented ovation. Anglo-American quarters were inclined to attach more than formal, symbolic significance to the fact that Molotov raised the arms of Bevin and Byrnes, precipitating the rare demonstration.

Byrnes Has Chill
 Later in the evening, Byrnes went home to nurse a slight chill. Bevin made merry at a midnight party in the French embassy. Gathering a small group of ambassadors and ministers in the corner of the ballroom, Bevin led the old in a lusty rendition of the English drinking song, "The More We Are Together, the Merrier We Will Be."

There wasn't a hint of any sort of topics discussed by Stalin and Byrnes, but it is known that control of the atomic bomb has been a dominant topic of the ministers' talks during the past 48 hours. U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman accompanied Byrnes to see Stalin. Charles Bohlen of the state department was the interpreter.

MRS. SULA A. DOUGLAS SUCCUMBS AGED 79

Mrs. Sula A. Douglas, 79, passed away at the home of her son, Joe Douglas, 227 S. Holly, early Saturday. She was born in Illinois Jan. 1, 1866 and had made her home in this community for the past three years. Surviving are three children, Joe and Ross Douglas, Medford, and Mrs. Olive Newby, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Services will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel at 3 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. Louis C. Kirby officiating. Interment will be in IOOF cemetery.

TONY MARTIN OUT HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood, Dec. 24—(U.P.)—Sgt. Tony Martin, former screen and radio singer, today was discharged from the army after four years of service, and planned to resume his career as an entertainer. He got his discharge papers at Fort MacArthur.

NO PAPER TUESDAY

In accordance with long-established custom and in order to permit employees to enjoy the day at home, The Mail Tribune will not publish Christmas day.