



BY H. S. T.—This is a sketch of President Truman drawn by himself when a delegation from the National Cartoonists Society called at the White House. It depicts the President peering from behind a drawing board.

Uranium Dealer Knew Of US Bomb, Committee Hears

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—International Uranium Dealer Boris Pregel knew the atomic bomb was working on an atomic bomb when he sold atomic materials to Russia in 1943, a witness told the house subcommittee today.

Dr. Phillip L. Merritt, now an executive of the atomic energy commission, said Pregel sold 1,000 pounds of uranium compounds to Russia in violation of his contract to give the United States all the uranium ore he could get.

Girl On Trial For Mercy Killing Of Dad

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—A slim girl with shoulder-length blonde hair comes to superior court today to contend that "thou shalt not kill" does not apply to an act of mercy.

Carol Ann Knight, 21, a college senior, claims it was love and affection, not hate and malice, that made her fire a bullet through her dying policeman father's head last September 23. She goes on trial on a second degree murder charge.

Navy Considers Wave To Refloat Big Mo

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The navy said today it was considering starting a giant wave to help wash the stranded battleship Missouri off her mudbank, but the idea might be dangerous.

Read Allen E. Smith, commander of cruisers for the Atlantic fleet, said the navy thought of sending a cruiser racing close to the bogged-down Big Mo at the next attempt to free her, February 2.

Canal Pilot Saves Actress From Injury

Venice, Italy, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—A young Venetian canal pilot saved Hollywood actress Maria Montez from possible serious injury in a boating accident last night.

Miss Montez and Italian Actor Guido Celano were in a motorboat which hit a steel mooring cable in the darkness during the filming of a movie scene.

Portland Trucker Freed In Charge Of Assault On Bridges

Los Angeles, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Verle L. Penney, 41-year-old Portland, Ore., trucker, has been cleared of charges that he assaulted ex-major league pitcher Tommy Bridges in an argument over Penney's estranged wife.

Bridges had charged that Penney struck him with a revolver. Municipal Judge Joseph F. Chambers dismissed the case yesterday in a preliminary hearing.

Radio Highlights

Radio Station KWIN (1400 kc) will broadcast the Oregon State basketball game from Moscow, Idaho, tonight, starting at 7:30.

BOSTON CLUB LOSES PAYROLL TO 2 BANDITS

Arctic Cold Wave Sends Blizzard Over Northwest

New Storm Ends Threat Of Floods; Temperatures Skid

Motorists Stalled In Portland By Snow

By United Press

A severe cold wave in the wake of flash blizzards clamped down again on the Pacific northwest today, ending for the time being the threats of floods and snowdrifts.

The Arctic front sent temperatures skidding from the mid-forties down to the zero mark. The weather forecaster said the new cold snap would probably be as severe as the one that gripped the region last week.

A low of five degrees above zero was forecast for Seattle Tuesday night.

The blizzards and frigid air followed a rain-laden chinook that was rapidly melting a heavy Cascade mountain snowpack. Swollen rivers receded swiftly Tuesday as the extensive storm front moved through British Columbia and Washington and struck northern Oregon.

A steady gale with gusts of 33 miles an hour lashed Bellingham, Wash., where the mercury plunged to six above. Six inches of snow fell last Monday.

The new storm whipped through British Columbia with a staggering punch that further hampered transportation, kept schools closed and disrupted communications.

Burman said he did not know why Groves issued that order. Pregel's Canadian Radium & Uranium corporation in New York was the sole sales agent for the output of vital Canadian uranium mines. These mines were taken over by Canada in January, 1944, and were a main source of supply for our A-bomb project.

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WEATHER	
FORECAST: snow showers and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.	
Highest yesterday	Temp. 48
Lowest this morning	30
To 4:30 a. m. today	Prec. .09

Dr. Durno On Stand In Anti-Trust Suit Of Medical Groups

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The first defense witness in the government's anti-trust suit against the Oregon Physicians Service and several medical societies in the state yesterday testified that for several years there had been growing opposition to commercial medical associations.

The witness, Dr. Edwin R. Durno of Medford, listed three reasons why he refused to "accept

Compromising Seen Before Tax Bill Can Be Law

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Members of congress agreed with President Truman today that the time has come to cut excise taxes.

But there was no such unanimity on Mr. Truman's request for a \$1,000,000,000 boost in corporation taxes, increased estate and gift levies, and closure of so-called "loopholes" in the present tax laws.

General Clamor

In fact, it appeared there will have to be considerable compromising between the White House and congress before a tax bill acceptable to both can become law.

Senate Unanimously Confirms Sherman

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The senate today unanimously confirmed Adm. Forrest P. Sherman as chief of naval operations after a bitter debate over the dismissal of his predecessor, Adm. Louis E. Denfeld.

Confirmation came after Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.), announced that Denfeld is "resigning" from the job he held up to last October. McCarthy explained that the resignation is formally to "clear up" legal doubts that the post is vacant.

Coed Gets Spanking For 'Too Many Fires'

East Lansing, Mich., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Art Miller, Chicago, a Michigan State college senior, said today that he spanked his coed friend because "she kept too many fires burning."

Miller administered the paddling before a large group of students between classes.

"She used to date one guy in the afternoon and another at night," Miller said. "I told her if she ever did that to me, I'd paddle her. She spanked me up, so I just kept my promise."

Driving Knowledge Lack Doesn't Hamper Thief

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—A man held on vagrancy charges will be given a mental examination today because he admitted wanting to steal a car.

Police caught him pushing the car down a street. He explained he wanted to steal it, but couldn't drive.

House Rules Committee Refuses to Clear Controversial FEP Bill By Vote of 5-5

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The house rules committee by a tie vote today refused to clear the controversial FEPC bill for action by the house.

The vote was five-five. Rep. Clarence Brown (R., O.), joined four southern democrats in opposing a motion to send the civil rights measure to the floor. He then moved that the vote be reconsidered.

Issue Kept Alive

This maneuver, Brown told newsmen, keeps the issue alive for consideration at a later date.

Brown said he voted no vote because two republicans were absent from today's rules committee session and he had promised them he would try to delay a decision on the fair employment practices bill until they

Sen. Morse To Be Called As Bridges Character Witness

Defense To Summon Oregon Senator

San Francisco, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The defense today it would call U. S. Sen. Wayne L. Morse, (R., Ore.) to testify as a character witness in behalf of longshore union leader Harry Bridges and two other men accused of perjury and conspiracy.

Attorney James M. MacInnis (finishing up a marathon opening statement that took a day and a half, said Morse, once a waterfront arbitrator, would be one of seven witnesses called to show the "integrity, honesty and truth of character" of the defendants.

Seven More Years Of Power Shortage Seen

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, said today that the Pacific northwest faces seven more years before its power supplies catch up with demand.

"It will be 1957," Raver said, "before we are really out of the woods and able to furnish everybody with the power that they want to do the kind of a development job that ought to be going on in that region."

Light Snow Whitens Floor Of Rogue Valley

A few fluffs of dry snow whitened the floor of the Rogue valley last night, and the weather bureau today predicted continuing snow showers for the next few days. Last night's flurries left a trace of snow on the ground at the airport, with up to half an inch at higher valley elevations.

Freezing temperatures last night, with a low of 30 degrees, brought to an end the relatively warm weather Jackson county has experienced the last few days, and reminded residents that it was a year ago today when the thermometer dropped to 3 above zero, coldest day of 1949.

Bull Montana Dies In Hollywood Hospital

Hollywood, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Old-time Movie Actor Lewis (Bully) Montana, 62, who had been a wrestling referee during recent years, died today at French hospital where he had been under treatment for a heart ailment for several weeks.

Born Lugia Montana in Voghera, Italy, the 200-pound Montana was a wrestler and boxer before entering pictures in 1918. His pictures included "How to Handle Women" and "Good Morning, Judge."

Explosion In Store Hurts Three Persons

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—A one-story frame grocery store and living quarters blew up in southeast Portland today and firemen said at least three persons were seriously injured.

The building was demolished by the blast at 8 a. m.

Firemen identified the injured as Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Mann, proprietors of the store, and another woman believed to be Mrs. Mann's mother.

Deputy Commander In Berlin Stricken

Berlin, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—William T. Babcock, deputy American commander in Berlin for the past four years, died today of a heart attack which his associates said was caused by the strain of the Berlin blockade and the cold war with the Russians.

Babcock, 52, was stricken in his car after leaving a motion picture theater. He died 13 minutes after he was admitted to a hospital.

U. S. authorities said Babcock's body will be flown to Washington for burial in Arlington cemetery, Howard P. Jones of Nyack, N. Y., chief of economics in Berlin, was appointed to replace Babcock temporarily.



'COASTAL FORTIFICATION'—Score of Navy tugs and other vessels heave and haul in vain attempt to free the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri from the mudbank she has been stranded on in Hampton Roads, off Norfolk, Va. The Big Mo will remain a "coastal fortification" until Feb. 2, when the next high tide peak is expected.

Russians Impose New Truck Restrictions

Berlin, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Russian border guards imposed new restrictions on western truck traffic into Berlin today but removed restrictions on trains in a six-day-old on-again-off-again blockade.

Fur-capped Soviet troops made exhaustive inspections of documents, travel permits and identification papers of German truckers attempting to reach Berlin through the superhighway checkpoint at Helmstedt.

Leaders Of Telephone Union Talk Walkout

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Top leaders of the CIO Telephone Workers union met here today to discuss strategy in a threatened strike that would tie up most of the nation's phone service.

All district presidents assembled with Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Communication Workers of America (CIO), which has 100,000 members poised to strike "at any time" and 150,000 others who can strike after February 1 to enforce new contract demands against the Bell Telephone system.

Chinese Reds Cross Indochina Border

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Nationalist reports said today that Chinese Communist troops have crossed the border into Indochina and are cooperating with communist forces there.

These reports, distributed by the nationalist central news agency, and the central Chinese command headquarters, said the joint communist forces are considering armed action against some 30,000 nationalist troops who fled China and took refuge in Indochina.

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Robbery Follows Delivery Of Money By Brink's Truck

Building Believed Familiar To Thugs

Boston, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Two bandits seized a \$1,010 payroll in the ultra-exclusive Union club today 25 minutes after it was delivered by an armored truck of Brink's, Inc., whose offices were held up last week by bandits who escaped with \$1,500,000.

With Boston police still working around the clock to solve last Tuesday night's robbery at Brink's own headquarters, the bandit pair boldly staged the latest stick-up in daylight with in sight of the state house. They overlooked \$90.

Women Held Up

The bandits, one masked with a handkerchief and armed, held up two women employees in an office of the club on the fourth floor of the building on busy Park street.

The bandits vanished so quickly after the robbery that employees said they must have been familiar with the premises.

Meanwhile, Boston police turned over to the FBI for investigation a message received in a plain white envelope in this morning's mail from Buffalo, N. Y., dated January 22. It was written either in red ink or paint on white paper and read: "Have fun, boys. We are the baseball team," apparently referring to the nine-man bandit gang sought in the Brink's holdup.

Detectives discounted a report indicating that the bandits had attempted to flee over the Canadian border by plane.

The operator of a charter air service at Logan airport in East Boston said that three hours after the Brink's robbery he received a telephone call from a woman who wanted to hire a plane to fly four men to Princeton, Me., near the Canadian border. Because of bad weather, the operator told the woman such a flight was impossible that night.

Meier & Frank Ups Ads In Oregonian

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Meier and Frank company department store boosted its advertising in the Portland Oregonian today after having slashed its line to a page a day last January 6.

M. J. Frey, general manager of the Oregonian, had pointed out in a front page statement that withdrawal of advertising from the Oregonian had followed publication, by the Oregonian, of an account of the findings of a national labor relations board examiner holding that Meier and Frank company engaged in unfair labor practices.

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Road Conditions

Motorists were advised today by state police not to travel into the Klamath Falls area where a blizzard is reported. Chains were required early this afternoon on Greensprings and Siskiyou mountain passes. Traffic was moving over Sexton pass on highway 99 north without chains. Police had no reports on the Redwood or Crater Lake highways.