

Cold Wave Dips South To Florida; N. Y. Records 18

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The first cold wave of the season gripped the nation's East as far south as Florida today with winter still officially two weeks away.
A biting Arctic air pushed the temperature down to 18 degrees at New York City, where 1331 tenants complained to their landlords about lack of heat.
Drifts Pile Deep
Accompanying snow piled up drifts as deep as four feet on Cape Cod. Old timers said the snow was the "worst in the history of man for this time of year."
It was below freezing as far south as Northern Florida, Southern Alabama and Mississippi. The 32 degrees at Jacksonville, Fla., was 40 degrees colder than yesterday, while a teeth-rattling 11 below zero was reported at Pellston, Mich.
Storm Rages
A storm raged in the Gulf of Mexico south of Florida and the tug Bertha R., with 11 men aboard was "presumed" sunk.
In chilly Superior, Wis., a mother left her four children alone in their farm house while she sought help to thaw out her frozen water pipes. The house caught fire and two of the children burned to death.
In the East the cold wave was expected to last at least another 24 hours. New England snow made matters worse and seven deaths blamed on overexertion caused by snow were reported in the Boston area alone.

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GOP Chairman Claims Democrats Planning To Undercut President

Washington—(U.P.)—Political debate centered today on a charge that Democratic party leaders "are determined to undercut President Eisenhower in every possible way."
The charge was made by Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall as he answered criticisms of the President by Paul Butler, newly elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Butler had said that Mr. Eisenhower lacks the capacity to lead and unite either the American people or his own party.
Cooperation Seen Out
Hall said last night that Butler's statement is an indication that the Democrats have "thrown in the ashen" pledges of cooperating with the President.
"There can be no misunderstanding of the fact that Demo-

cratic leaders, now that the 1954 election is over, are determined to undercut President Eisenhower in every possible way," Hall said.
At New Orleans, meanwhile, Adlai Stevenson, the man Mr. Eisenhower defeated for the presidency in 1952, was quoted by Democratic sources as believing the Democrats can win in 1956 even if Mr. Eisenhower runs again.
The sources said Stevenson thinks the Democrats will win because of the "growing unpopularity of the Republican party." They said Stevenson concedes the President still is a popular figure but that the Republican party will lower his popularity as time goes on.
'Good Job' Credited
Butler's statement about Mr. Eisenhower also was criticized

Railroad Conductors Seek Pay Increase In Labor Dispute

Chicago—(U.P.)—The railroad industry, in a period of comparative labor peace, was involved today in two disputes concerning the pay of about 22,000 conductors.
Settlement of a third dispute, involving 825,000 "non-operating" employees, was announced in Washington late Monday.
In that dispute, involving 15 unions, 13 cents an hour in past cost-of-living pay raises was frozen into the basic pay rates of the non-operating employees.
Earl Leighty, chairman of the negotiating committee for the 15 unions, said the settlement averted a one-cent an hour pay drop due Jan. 1 because of recent declines in the cost of living index.

Negotiations resumed on the "locomotive weight" issue this fall. On Oct. 30 the union rejected an offer by the National Mediation Board to arbitrate the dispute, and on Nov. 12 announced that its members had authorized a strike.
But President Eisenhower invoked the 60-day no-strike provision of the Railway Act and appointed a fact-finding board, which began hearings here Monday.

Four More Bodies Checked for Signs of Deadly Poison
Anniston, Ala.—(U.P.)—The disinterred bodies of four more of Mrs. Nannie Doss' relatives were checked today for possible signs of arsenic that she confessed she used to kill four of her five husbands.
The bodies of Frank Harrelson, the giggling grandmother's second husband; Mrs. Dovie Weaver, her sister; and Robert Lee Wiggins, her step-grandson who died when only two months old, were checked for the deadly poison.
At Lexington, N. C., investigators checked for poison in the disinterred remains of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Lanning, one of Mrs. Doss' five mothers-in-law.
Arsenic Poisoning Found
In the North Carolina phase of the investigation, arsenic was found in the bodies of her mother, Mrs. Louise Hazel, and her third husband, Frank Lanning. Mrs. Doss, who is being held in jail at Tulsa, Okla., was charged with the murder of Mrs. Hazel yesterday while an order was being obtained to exhume the body of Lanning's mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Lanning.
Warrants charging Mrs. Doss with murder in the deaths of her mother and third husband already had been issued by authorities in North Carolina.
The only other murder charge against Mrs. Doss was for the death of husband No. 4, Richard L. Morton, at Emporia, Kan.

Construction Takes Usual Seasonal Dip
Washington—(U.P.)—Construction took its usual seasonal dip in November but the total as a new record for the month, the Commerce and Labor departments reported today.
More than one-third of the month's total of \$3,390,000,000 was for private housing, a field in which activity is booming at an unprecedented rate for this time of year.
Construction of office buildings and churches also set a November record, and private industrial building is picking up.
The 11-month total, January through November, was \$34,100,000,000 for all construction. This was five per cent more than in the same 11 months of 1953.

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Washington—(U.P.)—Drive safely today, tomorrow, every day, and especially on Wednesday, Dec. 15.
The nation's communities are aiming at a day completely free of traffic accidents for the 24-hour period on Dec. 15.
S-D Day, or Safe Driving Day, is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety.
On the comparable Wednesday in 1953, which was Dec. 16, there were 4727 traffic accidents in the United States. They cost the lives of 60 persons. Some 1807 persons were injured.
Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

'Limitless' Range Seen for Airplanes

Detroit—(U.P.)—Frank Pace Jr., former secretary of the Army, said yesterday that within a decade the world may see atomic airplanes with "limitless range and an inexhaustible fuel supply."
Pace, now executive vice president of General Dynamics Corp. of New York, told the Detroit Economic club he was "quite optimistic" about the prospect of atomic flight.
"I think we can get something in the air in less than 10 years if we are so minded," he said.

Attorney's Plea Gets Man Back Into Jail

Boston, Mass.—(U.P.)—Thanks to the impassioned plea of his attorney, Edward I. McGonagle, a parole violator will spend the next six months in the Middlesex House of Correction.
McGonagle's attorney pleaded that his client be sent to the Middlesex jail "because the men know him and love his cooking."
"Well, it's the Christmas season," Judge Eugene A. Hudson said. "He can go back."

Defense Officials Test Communications

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Civil defense officials in Oregon and seven other Western states tested communication systems today in "operation second phase."
The civil defense exercise was a continuation of "operation alert," a national drill held last June 14. In the June drill, it was assumed that Seattle and Portland, in the Northwest region, were hit by atomic bombs. Today's exercise assumed it was the 24-hour period after attack.
Telephone and radio networks were emphasized in today's drill,

which was designed to test recovery ability following an attack, and to show the extent to which operational readiness had improved since the June exercise.

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