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At Least 245 Persons Hurt In Commuter Train Collision

Philadelphia—UPI—A crowded Reading railroad commuter train rammed the rear of another packed electric local in downtown Philadelphia today, showering huge sparks over the elevated tracks. Hospital reports showed that at least 245 persons were injured. The railroad said an estimated 1,000 commuters were on board the trains. Three young girls were trapped in the wreckage of the six-car local inbound from Chestnut Hill which was struck by the four-car Reading train. The latter had been put into operation during the city's transit strike which has affected approximately one million riders on other forms of transportation. None of the three girls was injured seriously. They were removed from the wreckage and taken to a hospital where they were identified as Arlene Houston, 21, and two sisters, Barbara and Marie Flanagan. The four-car train, a shuttle operating between the Center-City Terminal and suburban Jenkinton during the strike, received little damage. The crash occurred at the height of the morning rush hour. Earl T. Hunter, superintendent of Reading's Philadelphia division, said the preliminary estimate of the number of injured was "close to 245." Many received only slight injuries, received treatment and were released. The damaged sections of both trains stopped on a bridge carrying the tracks of the railroad over Spring st., about five blocks from the Center-City Terminal in downtown Philadelphia.

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ON COMMISSION

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield has named Bert Keith, vice president of the First Federal Saving and Loan association of The Dalles, to a six-year term on the State Racing commission.

HARDWAREMEN MEET

Portland—UPI—The 59th annual convention and industry show of the Pacific Northwest Hardware and Implement Association opened at the Multnomah Hotel here Sunday. It runs through Tuesday.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair and mild through Tuesday. Low tonight 18-23. High Tuesday 47-52. Lowest This Morning 19.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:14 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:11 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 5:52 a.m. New Moon Jan. 25. Venus, above and to the right of Moon, outshines all the stars and every other planet. It is now about 42 million miles from the Earth.

Hatfield Orders State Services Cut As Income Skids

Bill To Abolish Death Penalty, Others Offered

Salem—UPI—Elimination of the death penalty and life sentences without possibility of parole were included in measures given their first reading today in the Senate. A senate joint resolution submitted by Sen. Edward N. Fodeley (D-Eugene) calls for revision of the state constitution to delete any reference to capital punishment. The resolution calls for the plan to be submitted to the voters at the 1964 general election. Must Serve Seven Years. A bill submitted by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Portland) calls for elimination of the possibility of parole for persons sentenced to life imprisonment for first degree murder, and provides no person sentenced to life for second degree murder could be paroled until he has served seven years in prison. Mahoney's measure retains the death penalty in cases where murder is committed by a person in prison under a life sentence, or for those convicted of treason against the state.

IRS Cracks Down On Tax-Deductible Giving of Gifts

Washington—UPI—The tax collector, who took the fun out of expense accounts, wants to take the influence from business gift giving. The International Revenue Service warns businessmen that if they want to give tax-deductible gifts to a customer, a present worth \$25 is the limit. Anything more is not deductible from their income tax.

Truck Bill Posed

He also announced he was proposing new legislation to change truck tax levies. The bill would cut the fees paid by trucks of less than 6,000 pounds by 4 per cent, and raise the fees for trucks over 6,000 pounds by 3 per cent. He said the new tax structures would "remove inequities" in the present law. The new rates were proposed, he said, after review of Illinois Road Test results which indicated large trucks were being charged an excessively high license rate. Although the new proposals generally reflect a 3 per cent hike for trucks over 6,000 pounds, he said in effect it would require medium size trucks to pay a larger share of the tax and give relief to big trucks. Hatfield vetoed a bill two years ago to give tax relief to big trucks, pending results of the road study. He said he had not yet had a chance to discuss the plan with the trucking industry.

Highlights of President Kennedy's Economic Report to Congress appears on page 2A.

House Republican Whip Leslie C. Arends (Ill.) said cuts in federal spending could be made "without damaging national security." Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.) leveled the charge of irresponsibility and said domestic spending should be cut back to the 1962 level. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) hailed Kennedy's program as necessary to continue economic recovery and avoid another recession. Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.) said the tax cut would stimulate purchasing power and thereby employment. The President's tax cutting proposal—as a device for stimulating economic growth—has generated considerable congressional criticism. In his message today, Kennedy appeared to be trying to reassure the skeptical, convert the adamant and whip

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Monthly Payment Of Withholding Taxes Proposed

Source of Cuts Not Determined

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Latest Siege of Freezing Weather Claims 60 Lives

Southland Crops Punished Again

By United Press International Misery and loss mounted today in a relentless winter onslaught which enveloped the midlands in polar cold and swirled road-jamming snows over the eastern Great Lakes. The toll of weather-blamed deaths in the latest siege of icy weather climbed past 60. Lives were claimed wholesale in cold weather fires, on icy highways, and through freezing and exhaustion. Crops Punished. Deep in the southland, the temperature dropped to 22 degrees along the 100-mile long lower Rio Grande valley. Vegetable crops which had suffered severe damage in last week's freeze were punished again, but it appeared the semitropical valley had escaped a killing frost. Also in the south, damage was estimated in the thousands of dollars in the wake of tornadoes which whipped over parts of Georgia, Alabama and Florida Sunday. Several persons were injured but there were no fatalities. Life slowed to a freezing crawl in the Middle West, where low temperatures included 42 below zero at Black River Falls, Wis., and 38 below at International Falls, Minn. An 80-year-old Jan. 21 record fell at Chicago when the mercury reached 15.2 below. The 14 below at Springfield, Ill., and the 8 below at Indianapolis were also records. La Porte, Ind., and Princeton, Mo., both registered 18 below. Snow Belt Clogged. The snow belt from Indiana to New York was clogged again. South Bend, Ind., had eight inches of snow along with 14 below temperatures and rural schools shut down in St. Joseph and La Porte counties. Eastward, blowing and drifting snow forced officials to block 110 miles of the state thruway in western New York Sunday night.

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