

GUESTS PERISH IN HOTEL BLAZE

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WEATHER NEWS

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 Max. (Dec. 13) 25 Min. 9
 Precipitation last 24 hours 4.50
 Stream year to date 3.49
 Normal 3.49 Low water 3.68
 Forecast: Clear and continued cold.
 Saturday Shooting Hours: Klamath-Tulelake—Open 7:17 a. m. Close 4:28 p. m.

Icy Ruins Searched For Bodies

By JOSEPH STOCKER

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 14 (AP)—Fire swiftly destroyed the ancient Glenwood hotel early today and authorities, starting a search in the now icy ruins, estimated from three to 12 or more guests may have perished.

Seven persons were injured. Nearly 125 guests fled into near zero weather of this western Colorado resort town of 3000 population.

Fire Chief Joe Blanco said only three persons were unaccounted for, while Police Chief Charles Wells declared a dozen may be missing, among them some transients. Wells estimated the loss at between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Cold, an all-night snow and wind handicapped volunteer firemen. The fire, which started at 12:10 a. m. (MST), in the basement of the adjoining Bullock's department store, quickly devoured the 59-year-old three-story brick structure. The fire chief said its cause remained undetermined. Besides the hotel and store, the Western Union office and the South Canon Coal Mine company's office in the same building were destroyed.

Injured
 The known injured: Mrs. Henry Hart, about 50, a cafe dishwasher who jumped from the third floor and landed on the skylight of a barber shop.

Her two sons, Robert, 12, whose leg was broken and head injured in a three-story jump, and Calvin, 14, who was not seriously hurt.

Mrs. Dorothy Rovado, about 25, back injured jumping into a fireman's tarpaulin.

Her husband, Louis, slight back injury.

Lawrence Rovado, brother of Louis, foot injury.

Frank Palister, 45, who, blinded by smoke, fell down a stairway and suffered arm and foot injuries.

The wet clothes of Frank Brown froze to him and he was taken to a hospital for thawing out.

A guest in the three-story brick structure, built in 1888, complained about midnight that he smelled smoke.

McCarthy said he searched the building and finally looked over a transom into the department store and saw a fire. Almost immediately, he said, the hotel was an inferno and guests on the upper floors were trapped.

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 14 (AP)—Col. R. Glen Spurling, chief specialist attending Gen. George S. Patton Jr., said today the American commander was "out of danger of death, but there was a possibility that he never would be able to command his troops again."

He described Patton's condition as a touch and go affair. He said the general might recover fully from the broken neck he received in an automobile crash last Sunday, but again that he might be partly paralyzed for life.

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Big Electrical Strike Looms

Pearl Inquiry Legal Board To Withdraw

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Pearl Harbor investigation hit two big snags today which threatened its future.

First the entire legal staff of the joint senate-house probe committee asked to withdraw from the case.

Then the committee's chairman, Senator Barkley (D-Ky.), said he was thinking of resigning his post in the inquiry.

Both cited the widening scope of the investigation and the prospects of a prolonged sitting as a factor.

This pair of completely unexpected developments posed the question of how the investigation would continue. It has been planned to conclude it by January 3, but William D. Mitchell, chief counsel of the committee, said there were at least 60 more witnesses. Months would be required to examine them, he estimated.

Republican members of the committee sat in silence as their democratic colleagues discussed the problem without reaching any immediate solution.

The legal staff offered to help any new counsel the committee might secure, but Mitchell said that he and his aides could not remain longer than the early part of January.

Barkley called the staff's request to withdraw a "tragic" development and said he had "no idea" who might be willing to take over its work.

In discussing the possibility that he, too, might withdraw from the investigation by resigning as chairman, Barkley informed his colleagues that he expected to reach a final decision in the next few days. Before making it, he said, he would weigh his "relative obligations" to the committee and to the senate where he is majority leader.

No Chance
 When the committee recessed at noon, Barkley told reporters he thought there was "no chance" that Mitchell and his staff would reconsider their action. He added that he would have no further statement about his own plans for several days.

He let those rest with his statement to the committee: "If right hand man to defendant Ernst Kaltenbrunner in the secret police giving the estimate 'Approximately 4,000,000 Jews had been killed in the various extermination camps while an additional 2,000,000 met death in other ways, the major part of which were shot by operational squads of security police during the campaign against Russia.'" Hoettl said in his affidavit.

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Trials Are SUCH A Bore, Vot?



Hermann Goering's day-long posturing in the Nuernberg courtroom makes rick-crik for news-camera. Above, the No. 1 Nazi is snapped in a pose of amused boredom as he hears charges which will probably mean his death as a war criminal.

Germans Ruthlessly Killed 6 Million Jews During War

By DANIEL DE LUCE
 NUERNBERG, Dec. 14 (AP)—Six million European Jews were ruthlessly slaughtered in the Nazi campaign of extermination, said German secret police estimates placed today before the international military tribunal trying 21 of Hitler's top leaders on war crimes charges.

American prosecutors filed an affidavit by Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl, right hand man to defendant Ernst Kaltenbrunner in the secret police giving the estimate "Approximately 4,000,000 Jews had been killed in the various extermination camps while an additional 2,000,000 met death in other ways, the major part of which were shot by operational squads of security police during the campaign against Russia."

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Reefer Cars Ordered West

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Eastern railroads have been ordered by the interstate commerce commission to deliver 1225 empty refrigerator cars daily to Chicago and St. Louis for use throughout the west to relieve the serious shortage, Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) was advised yesterday.

He said Klamath Falls, Ore., which has reported a shortage of 40 to 50 cars daily, should benefit greatly. Stockman had sought more cars to move the Oregon seed potato crop.

Southern Pacific company officials received word today that the above-mentioned development would mean about 1000 refrigerator cars daily for S. P. lines, but the effect here probably not felt until the middle of next week. They said the situation should materially improve as soon as sufficient time has elapsed to get the reefers out west.

ODT has issued a permit authorizing acceptance of citrus fruits and vegetables from points in California and Arizona in box cars instead of refrigerators, where this can be done. This action was also aimed at relieving the reefer shortage in this area.

Senate Says No To Pay Increase

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The vote was 45 to 23.

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It would have raised the \$10,000 salary of members of the senate and house to the rate of \$13,300 and the \$15,000 pay of the vice president and speaker to the rate of \$19,950, for the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1946.

\$20,000 Heaved Out Of Window

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 14 (AP)—Edward B. Hillis, who literally tossed \$20,000 out the window, was anxiously looking for it today.

Hillis reported that the cold cash was in his coat, which he heaved through a window of his burning home Wednesday when fire swept the house and adjacent salvage yard at an estimated loss of \$200,000.

House Adopts Modified Form Of Jobs Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The house today formally approved a bill setting forth a government policy of maintaining "a high level of employment, production and purchasing power."

Passage came after the members defeated a motion to send the legislation back to the expenditures committee.

Earlier the administration's so-called "full employment" measure had been rejected by a 188 to 95 teler vote when it was offered as a substitute for the finally-approved version.

The completed bill now will be sent to a senate-house conference committee, for ironing out of differences with the modified "full employment" bill passed in October by the senate.

Earlier, the house rejected by a voice vote a plan for a far-reaching inventory of the nation's assets and liabilities.

The proposal had been offered by Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) as a substitute for a bill defining federal policy for maintaining employment.

Opponents of the Dirksen amendment acknowledged it had a "worthy aim," but declared it "would be unworkable and result in a cost of billions of dollars."

44 Autos In Road Mishap

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—Temperatures dipped well below freezing in southern California's citrus belt again today, but the biggest loss wasn't to fruit. It was attributed instead to a by-product of orchard tending—a traffic accident on a smoke-shrouded highway involving 44 cars and trucks.

Trouble started when a truck struck a taxi, then slewed crosswise of U. S. 99, busy transcontinental artery. Within minutes, vehicle after vehicle piled up behind them.

"Almost every second there would be a screech of brakes, a crash, and we'd mark down another accident," State Highway Patrolman Dale Pence reported. Nine persons were injured, none dangerously.

A warning flare ignited spilled gasoline, and fire destroyed one car, damaged two others. Milling cattle, released when a truck's sides collapsed, added to the confusion. More than an hour was required to unsmar the jam.

Furnaces Work Overtime As Mercury Drops Lower

For the first time this winter a below-zero temperature was recorded in the Klamath basin last night, when the mercury at the WRA center in Tulelake dropped to a minus one degree.

Klamath Falls had its coldest day since January 6, 1944, when a 4 above zero mark was reported on that date. Thursday night's official figure was 7 above. This is according to CAA figures.

As furnaces worked overtime, the prospect for tonight and Saturday was continued clear and cold.

The rest of the state shivered along with the Klamath basin, and Portlanders were worried

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Man Sticks Up Bank With 5 Red Christmas Candles

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Police were searching today for a master of bluff who robbed a First National bank branch of \$12,000 or \$13,000 with five red Christmas candles disguised as dynamite.

C. H. Johns, manager of the branch on Portland's East Side, said a thin-faced man of possibly 45 walked to his desk yesterday afternoon and threatened to blow up the bank if he were not given \$20,000.

"Don't get panicky," the bandit said. He opened a briefcase

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 VIOLENT objections to the proposed settlement of British-American war finances are beginning to be voiced in this country. The general tenor of them is that Uncle Sam is playing the role of UNCLE SAP again, and is being taken for another ride.

(Paul Mallon, whose interesting column is a daily feature of this newspaper, presented this viewpoint cynically, sarcastically and effectively a few days ago. It was so well done, from his standpoint, that you must have been considerably impressed by it.)

IF you are interested in the REALITIES of this tremendously significant situation, you must understand that in BRITAIN this settlement is being OPPOSED as strenuously as in America. In Britain, as here, it is the conservatives of the ultra type that are leading the opposition.

In their campaign, they are coupling the Bretton Woods (international money stabilization) agreement with the lend-lease-loan settlement.

LORD BEAVERBROOK (Britain's big chain newspaper publisher, who is also a Conservative member of parliament) says today:

"These two measures (Bretton Woods and lend-lease-loan settlement) involve return to the international gold standard, abolition of the sterling area and destruction of imperial preference in trade."

(Hence, he argues, they should be REJECTED because they are opposed to what he regards as Britain's best interests.)

Robert Boothby, a big British manufacturer and also a Conservative member of parliament, said in debate the other day:

"This loan agreement will be harmful to Britain in that it will restore an international gold standard, abolish the sterling area and cause a return to the principle of non-discrimination in trade. . . . Acceptance of the loan will deprive this country (Britain) of effective control over its own national economy."

PERHAPS we should explain here this term "sterling area." It is that part of the world (chiefly the British empire and its closely-related trade areas) that does business in POUNDS instead of DOLLARS. Because it pays its bills in pounds instead of dollars, it can be PRESURED into doing business with BRITAIN EXCLUSIVELY.

Although it might prefer to deal with us.

"Empire preference," which is a sort of British empire preferential tariff arrangement, can be and often is used to apply the same rate of pressure.

Britain's Conservative party supports the pressure system of

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Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
 Edward W. Staley, T/3, Dunsuir, arrived on Chanute Victory due in New York December 11.

Lloyd A. Hard, S/Sgt., Klamath Falls, arrived on USS Crockett, due in Seattle December 9.

Edward J. Church Jr., T/5, McCloud, arrived on Kingston Victory due in Boston December 13.

Leo J. Brennan, T/5, Klamath Falls, arrived on Samuel Ash, due in New York December 13.

Andrew C. Debel, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Queen Mary, due in New York December 14.

Corwin F. Galbreath, T/5, Klamath Falls, arrived on Queen Mary, due in New York December 14.

William H. Simmons, PFC, Gilchrist, arrived on Woodbridge, due at Newport News on December 10.

Jesse V. Speer, T/3, Yreka, arrived on Woodbridge, due at Newport News on December 10.

Marvin E. Selby, PFC, Dunsuir, arrived on Langfit, due at San Francisco on December 10.

Wilson J. McDonald, Sgt., Klamath Falls, arrived on Langfit, due at San Francisco on December 10.

William D. Trafont, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on Langfit, due at San Francisco on December 10.

Ralph L. McCord, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on Langfit, due at San Francisco on December 10.

Earl R. Rambo, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Zebulon Pike, due at Boston on December 10.

Men Trapped Aboard Lost U. S. Cruiser

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—A navy court martial was told today that between 250 and 330 men were trapped aboard the cruiser Indianapolis in quarters which were damaged so badly the crew members were unable to make their escape.

Capt. Charles B. McVay, 3rd, commanding officer of the Indianapolis, is charged with negligence and inefficiency in connection with its loss.

Ensign John Woolston, Seattle, damage control officer, on watch aboard the ship when she was sunk last July 30 with a loss of 880 lives, said he estimated 250 to 300 men were sleeping in quarters in the area where the explosions occurred.

In addition, he said, there were approximately 30 men on watch duty in the forward section, which was damaged by the blast.

His testimony closely corroborated other evidence that more than 800 of the ship's company got off the ship and into the waters before the ship sank, about 15 minutes after it was shaken by explosion.

He said he based his estimates on his inspection of the compartments during his damage control patrols of the ship immediately prior to the attack.

Many men owed their lives, he indicated, to the fact that because of the extreme heat they had chosen to sleep that night on open decks rather than in the close quarters below.

Byrnes Lands At Moscow Airport

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (AP)—Lost in a blizzard over the Moscow area for an hour, Secretary of State Byrnes landed in an American transport plane at the central airdrome at 4:12 p. m. today, just a few minutes before darkness closed in. He came here for the foreign ministers' conference.

At the airport to greet him was Deputy Foreign Commissar V. G. Dekanazov. Another deputy commissar, Andrei J. Vishinsky, was waiting at another airport.

"I am sorry I have made my friend Vishinsky wait," said Byrnes, "but I am glad to be here. We had some trouble finding Moscow, but we are not the only ones who had trouble getting here."

The statement was not lost on Dekanazov and other Russians who knew at first hand the trouble the Germans had.

Marshall Will Leave For China

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—General of the Army George C. Marshall will leave by plane at 6 a. m. (PST) tomorrow, weather permitting, for his special diplomatic assignment in China.

The new ambassador to Chungking called at the White House today, and Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said he spent 15 minutes with President Truman in a farewell consultation.

Ross said Marshall will take with him a directive outlining American policy toward China and that President Truman will issue a public statement on which the directive is based.

This statement, Ross said, will involve from 1000 to 1500 words and will be released for publication on Sunday.

No Inductions Over Holidays

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—No selective service registrants will be inducted into the armed forces or called for pre-induction examination during the holiday season.

Selective service today notified local draft boards that the ban will be in effect from December 20 through January 2.