



Study of Alfred L. Cline held in San Francisco on forgery charges while authorities probe the many clues leading them to believe he was instrumental in the deaths of at least seven widows, most of them wealthy. As an attempt is made to identify ashes of woman who died November 19 in Portland, Ore., her cremation ordered by Cline, police in several other cities are investigating mysterious disappearance of women known to be associated with Cline. Photo by Acme-NEA Photographer Harlin Smith, during questioning of the ex-convict by San Francisco district attorney.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Big Three foreign ministers (Byrnes, Bevin and Molotov) met in the splendid Sponderifka palace in Moscow in what the correspondents describe as an "atmosphere of cordiality."

The dispatch adds: "The terse official announcement GIVES NO DETAILS."

(DON'T look for details until the conference ends. If there are NONE THEN, it will be a fairly dependable sign that the meeting was a failure.)

EMIL PACKARD, representing the American news picture pool, was the only U. S. newsman permitted to enter the Sponderifka palace. They don't let him into the conference room, but allowed him to photograph the foreign ministers at a buffet supper after they had finished their talks.

He got a bunch of pictures showing all the big shots with vodka glasses in their hands, but wanted one with no drinking in it. So he asked Byrnes to put down his glass, explaining that "there are some people back home who don't believe in it."

Byrnes laughed and complied. Bevin asked what it was all about, and also laughed. Molotov came over to find out what was cooking, and when told laughed louder than anybody else.

But they all put down their glasses and Packard shot the picture.

ALL this, you must remember, happened in the Old World, where prohibition has never obtained a foothold. The idea that any considerable number of Americans might object to drinking had doubtless never occurred to Molotov, and even to Bevin it could have seemed a trifle odd.

Europe's alcoholic standards are quite unlike ours.

EVEN when that is taken into consideration, however, it isn't altogether a laughing matter. We know in this country that people who object to drinking very often have deep religious convictions.

SINCERE and TOLERANT religion can be of immense assistance in bringing about the kind of world in which the nations can live together in peace.

ATOMIC warfare note: The United States and Canada are beginning to work out plans for the defense of North America against attack from Asia or Europe across the NORTH POLAR region.

The first step is to be an exploring expedition which will cover 3100 miles of territory hitherto considered an impenetrable barrier against attack. It is NOW one of the potential approaches to some of our most vital cities.

NO time is to be wasted. The exploring expedition is expected to get under way by mid-February.

PRINCE KONOYE, of the inner circle of Jap aristocracy, commits suicide. It is to be assumed that he ended his life rather than FACE TRIAL as a suspected war criminal.

That has a bearing on the responsibility of HIROHITO in helping to bring on the Pacific war. (Konoye and other Japs have disclosed that Hirohito attended key meetings at which the choice between peace and war was determined. That (Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

# 6 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

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# 11 OIL PLANTS RELEASED

## Canada and U. S. Work On Defense

### Joint Plans To Guard Against Arctic Atom Attack

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Diplomatic Reporter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Mindful of atomic age possibilities, the United States and Canada are beginning to work out joint plans to defend North America against any attack from Asia or Europe across the arctic polar regions.

Disclosing this today, allied diplomatic officials said one of the first specific steps taken by this country was the assignment of six observers to accompany a Canadian army-airforce expedition on an 81-day Arctic exploration.

Assigned the task of gathering military and scientific information, this expedition has been designated officially "exercise muskox" by the Canadian government. It will cover 3100 miles through territory which heretofore has been considered an impenetrable barrier against attack.

Potential Approach Now, diplomats say, the wasteland area is regarded as one of the potential approaches to some of America's most vital cities.

In two segments, the expedition is scheduled to start from Churchill, Manitoba, in mid-February, and from Edmonton, Alberta, in early May.

In addition to sending observers, the United States has given the Canadian government assurance of full cooperation in developing and carrying out the expedition.

## Patton Said Gaining Fast

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 17 (AP)—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., sat up in his hospital bed today for the first time since his accident eight days ago and army authorities said he was "getting well like a house cat."

The U. S. 15th army commander, who had said "this is a hell of a way to die" after an automobile crash rendered him almost totally paralyzed, was throwing off the paralysis suffered by injury to his spinal cord with speed reminiscent of his wartime advances.

One army official said Patton's recovery was "amazing" and "only old Blood and Guts could come out of it the way he did."

Army specialists removed a traction apparatus which has realigned the shattered vertebrae in Patton's neck and body down to the middle of his chest. He now is able to read and eat sitting up and for the first time could look directly at Mrs. Patton, who spent the entire day with him.

Among the messages of encouragement pouring into the hospital was one from Winston Churchill which said: "I sincerely hope that you are making a good recovery. Your accident has caused pain to your British friends and comrades who have admired your brilliant service in the common cause."

The agreement was accepted by the union in acceptance of full settlement of all past wage demands and provides the company may establish a 40-hour week at any time. By mutual agreement it was provided the union will take no action against employees who crossed the union's picket line recently to operate the plant. The pact also affects McMurray and Martin and George Lewis, sub-contractors.

Attending the Medford conference from here were William F. Wedel and Hugh Haddock, K. A. Gordon, president of the district council of the AFL, and A. A. Lausmann, general manager of the firm, announced the agreement.

Weather (December 17) Max. (Dec. 16) 32 Min. 28. Precipitation last 24 hours. Trace Stream water to date 4.77. Normal 3.67 Last year 3.66. Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Tuesday shooting hours—Klamath-Tulelake Open 7:10 a. m. Close 4:27 p. m.

## Redhead Believed To Be Bigamist



Arrested on vagrancy charge, Antoinette Zessastraska, 20, is spurned in Kansas City, Mo., jail by William "Lucky" Mace, 32, who identified her as his wife, although she denied his claim. Three marriage licenses have been found in the home of the attractive redhead.

Motorists found driving hazardous over the weekend and at least one serious accident was attributed to ice-covered pavement.

Julie Anderson, 9-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Anderson, Ogden street, was thrown under the car operated by her mother when the machine failed to make a stop at Ogden and S. 6th this morning and was struck by Luther J. B.etts, Goldendale, Wash., motorist who was driving east on S. 6th.

State police investigated and said that the little girl was rushed to Klamath Valley hospital by a passing truck driver before the ambulance arrived on the scene. Emergency treatment was given Julie who suffered head injuries. Her brother, Billy, 2, was also in the car.

Beetts was exonerated by state police. Father of the child is a big game hunter affiliated with William E. Anderson. He is now in Bakersfield on business.

Officers said multiple accidents came to their attention over the weekend but none was serious.

Four inches of new snow fell Sunday on Sun mountain, The Dalles-California highway, bringing the depth there to 75 inches. State highway employees said all available snow equipment and crews were on the job clearing the road beds. It was icy on Sun mountain and sanding operations were under way this afternoon. Packed snow was reported on Sand Creek as well as other sections of the highway north.

Chains Used Klamath motorists pulled chains out from the backs of their cars and put them on rear tires as a heavy coat of snow fell at 6 o'clock Saturday night. Driving was precarious and a number of homeward bound cars were stalled.

Monday morning's minimum was 26. At the Marine Barracks more snow was added to the already heavy fall of Saturday and Monday morning's report was "foggy and raw," according to Col. Charles Brooks, commanding officer at the post. The road was sanded to the barracks and the incline was a passable. Col. Brooks said an effort was being made to make winter sports available to the men at the post and work was under way to perfect an ice skating rink.

Buses On Schedule Greyhound reported ice-glazed roads between Klamath Falls and Redding but buses were going through on schedule. Holiday traffic has not yet placed a heavy strain on traffic and buses are able to handle all passengers with ease.

Winter weather went hand in hand with colds and 22 per cent of Klamath's students were absent from classes Monday morning. The following schools reported: Conger, 41 absent; Fairview, 57; Fremont, 31; Junior high, 32; Mills, 125; Pelican, 44; Riverside, 43; Roosevelt, 95; KUHS, 192. Absent from classes were Betty French of Joseph Conger; Eva Adams of Mills; Mae Wells, Riverside; Hazel Lear, Roosevelt; Margaret Ireland, KUHS.

## Reefer Cars Due Here Wednesday

A shortage of refrigerator cars which was seriously cutting down Klamath basin potato shipments, showed signs today of abating, as the Southern Pacific reported that an increased number of cars is expected Wednesday.

Storm conditions in the east may slow down the movement somewhat, it was pointed out, but more cars are definitely on the way, according to SP officials.

## Control To Be Returned To Sinclair

### Navy Seizure Ordered By Truman When CIO Struck

By The Associated Press

The navy prepared to relinquish control tonight of 11 Sinclair Oil company plants seized last October 5 with 42 other refineries and oil properties struck by the CIO Oil Workers' week.

President H. F. Sinclair of the company announced last night the dispute had been settled. The 5400 Sinclair employees will receive an 18 per cent pay raise for a basic 40-hour week. The new contract will contain clauses barring strikes and lockouts.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a government fact-finding committee was scheduled to take up the oil industry's wage dispute today. The oil workers' demand for a 30 per cent wage increase resulted in a strike and President Truman's orders to the navy to seize the 53 oil properties when the country's petroleum supply was threatened. Altogether, 15 of the plants thus far have been ordered returned to private control.

Another government fact-finding committee was scheduled this week to look into the CIO United Automobile Workers dispute with the General Motors corporation, which has idled 213,000 GM employees, more than half the 400,000 idle in labor troubles across the nation.

The UAW-GM controversy over picketing practices flared at Flint, Mich., when a squad of 30 police officers, in flying wedge formation, broke through a picket line at the corporation's AC spark plug division plant today. Some 150 office workers, a group of 700 directed to report for work, passed into the plant within an hour after police led the way. The pickets sent out a call for "reserves" and scheduled a city-wide strike strategy meeting. Office workers in GM plants in other Michigan cities entered without incident.

Investigation He said a full investigation of the accident was underway.

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Redfearn notified all physicians in Cheraw and then called ambulances from towns in the vicinity. Twenty-three ambulances eventually reached the scene.

Rescuers formed a human chain and lifted the dead and injured, some with critical hurts, up the 12-foot embankment along the tracks. Passing motorists were halted and asked to play their headlights on the wreckage.

It was in the light of these headlights and emergency flares that the rescuers treated the injured and searched through the snarled coaches.

Servicemen among the injured were taken to the nearby Laurenburg-Maxton army air field in North Carolina. Other injured were taken to hospitals in various towns in the area, where Red Cross representatives were sent to aid in caring for the hospitalized cases.

## Truman Drafts Merger Message

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—President Truman has virtually completed the draft of a lengthy message on the proposed unification of the army and the navy for submission to congress, probably on Wednesday.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the message, which runs from 5000 to 6000 words, will be sent to Capitol Hill during the week, most likely on Wednesday.

Ross would not discuss the president's position on the unification proposal at his news conference. He simply told reporters that the message was virtually completed.

## Auto-Camp Owner Tackles Three Husky Stick-Up Men

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 17 (AP)—An auto-camp owner who ignored a bogus threat of a concealed gun and tackled three husky Los Angeles men single handed was credited today with capture of the men held in jail here.

# Death Toll Drops; 60 In Hospital

KOLLOCK, S. C., Dec. 17 (AP)—The death toll in the wreck of two of the Seaboard Air Line's luxury trains packed with many holiday travelers and homeward bound soldiers was revised downward today.

The division headquarters of the railroad at Norfolk, Va., said a re-check disclosed that only six persons lost their lives when the Florida-bound "Silver Meteor," streaking through morning mists, ploughed into the northbound "Sun Queen" near here early Sunday.

Previously, the SAL had reported seven killed, but a duplication was discovered in the names of a serviceman. One soldier and two navy men were killed, the railroad said, but authorities are withholding their names pending notification of kin.

More than 60 persons were hospitalized at a half dozen towns. Many of them were released later, however. Scores of others received first aid treatment. The trains were loaded to capacity and carried about 400 passengers each.

The wreck occurred as the Sun Queen was pulling into a siding. All the cars had not cleared the main track as the Silver Meteor sped out of the frigid darkness, slicing the northbound train in two.

The dining car and four coaches of the Sun Queen were scrambled, as were the locomotive, one coach and four sleepers of the Florida-bound train.

The dead were: W. W. Shoemaker of Raleigh, N. C., engineer on the Silver Meteor. James Ferrell of Richmond, Va., porter on the Sun Queen. Perry Clayton Reese, Alexandria, Va.

Frank G. Turner, discharged army staff sergeant, Gibsonia, Pa., route 1, (Wife, Mrs. Florence W. Turner, Gibsonia). Two servicemen whose names were withheld by military authorities pending notification of the next of kin.

General Manager J. C. Wroton said that Shoemaker "apparently lost his life because he failed to see that the northbound train was not clear of the main tracks."

He said a full investigation of the accident was underway. Ald was sent to the scene by Coroner L. R. Redfearn of nearby Cheraw, who was attracted by flames as he drove an empty ambulance past the site soon after the wreck occurred at 3:45 a. m. (EST).

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## Arson Eyed In Vanport Fires

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—Two Vanport City fires with damage from one expected to total as high as \$100,000, were studied for evidences of arson, the sheriff's office reported today.

Shopping Center No. 1, a frame one and two-story building in the wartime housing development, was heavily damaged from a blaze brought under control early this morning. Another fire caused slight damage in East Vanport grade school.

In the shopping center, a drug store, a confectionery and a clothing store were nearly destroyed. Heavy damage was caused to a beauty parlor and barber shop and lesser damage to a grocery and a cafe.

Sheriff's deputies said the school fire appeared to have been set. It caused only \$150 damage. Cause of the shopping center fire has not been determined, but investigators reported it was believed to have started in a pile of orange crates outside the building.

## Arriving In United States

By Associated Press J. W. George, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Logan due in San Francisco December 16. Virgil D. Kimes, T/4, Klamath Falls, arrived on Logan due in San Francisco December 16. Corwin F. Galbreath, T/5, Klamath Falls, arrived on Queen Mary due in New York December 14. James W. Overturf, T/4, Klamath Falls, arrived on J. W. McAndrew due in New York December 14. Albert E. Glyn, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on J. W. McAndrew due in New York December 14. Andrew C. Debel, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Queen Mary due in New York December 14. Bob Burke, EM 3/c, Seabees, Klamath Falls, arrived on carrier Fanshaw Bay in San Pedro, Calif., December 17.