

# CO HURT IN TUBE TRAIN CRASH

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THERE are two straws in the world peace (or maybe war) news today—one hopeful, the other on the pessimistic side.

THE hopeful straw floats in the China winds, where General Chou En-lai, head of the communist delegation to the Chinese "all-party political consultative council" that is trying to get together to talk peace in China, tells reporters:  
"A halt to civil warfare is China's first need; peaceful national reconstruction is her second."

He adds:  
"In a word, THERE IS civil war. We will DEMAND cessation of hostilities. This is in conformity with the desires of the Chinese people."

THAT sounds almost too good to be true. So keep your fingers crossed. We're learning by experience that when one side in any of these international dickers makes a concession it DEMANDS A PRICE.

It isn't yet apparent what Chou En-lai's price may be. But at least ANY reasonable talk of peace tinkles pleasantly in the ear these days.

WE Western Americans are especially interested in peace in China, which COULD be standing at the door of a long period of great development that could result in immense trade with the United States.

Don't forget that the original impulse for the settlement of the Pacific Coast came from belief in the possibilities of vast and profitable trade with the ORIENT. Because the Orient has remained undeveloped, this dream of the Western pioneers has not yet come true.

It CAN come true if the Chinese quit fighting among themselves and get down to work.

BECAUSE OF THE NAME, we are instinctively suspicious of the Chinese communists. We shall be wise if we keep an open mind. These Chinese reds seem to be a peculiar breed. They MIGHT turn out to be all right.

For the present, let's give them the benefit of the doubt.

THE not-so-hopeful news comes from Iran, whose premier (Abraham Hakimi) tells the Iranian parliament today that he has "decided to take strong measures against the INSURGENT group which has seized Azerbaijan province."

Hakimi:  
"All true Iranians wish to maintain the integrity and greatness of their native land, and oppose the acts and treacherous propaganda carried out by a band of adventurers."

THE trouble is that these "adventurers" in Azerbaijan appear to be backed by Russia, who seems intent upon building up around herself a ring of friendly governments—even if (as in Azerbaijan) she has to foment revolts against adjacent governments (such as Iran) in order to accomplish her purpose.

That smacks of the ancient principle of the "cordon sanitaire" and the "buffer state"—which, history tells us plainly, NEVER YET has brought peace.

CHARLES LINDBERGH, in his first public address since 1941, says in Washington last night (at an anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers' first flight):  
"Man's science has brought me to a choice of whether I will live in an organized world or in constant insecurity. Aircraft and the atom bomb have made it no longer a question of whether or not we should have world organization but of WHAT FORM it should take."

He adds:  
"I have advocated tonight a world organization backed by military power. . . . But I must confess to you that I am FEARFUL of the use of power. I plead for strong (international) military forces only because I believe the ALTERNATIVE is worse."

THE alternative suggested but not named by Lindbergh is OVERNIGHT conquest of the world by some ambitious Hitler who will use the atom bomb to accomplish his purpose.

It is an alternative that can't be wholly laughed off.

Reefer Cars Due This Afternoon  
The first refrigerator cars, routed from eastern points to the Klamath basin to relieve a serious shortage in potato shipping facilities, were expected to arrive this afternoon, Southern Pacific officials reported.

While the number of reefers will not be known until their arrival, it will be definitely more than has been routed through the basin in past months and is expected to increase very soon.

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## MCVAY TELLS OWN STORY

### Stalin Back In Moscow After Rest

Foreign Ministers Of Big Three Tackle Hard Problems

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (AP)—Generalissimo Stalin, rested by a long vacation, was back at his desk today as the foreign ministers of Soviet Russia, Great Britain and the United States prepared for their third formal session on world problems with a feeling of reserved optimism.

Stalin returned from his 68-day holiday yesterday, just four days before his 66th birthday, and plunged immediately into his duties as president of the council of people's commissars.

His long absence from the Kremlin had given rise to rumors abroad that he was ill, but these reports had been denied both by Soviet officials and by U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, who visited him at his Black sea retreat near Sochi.

Good Health  
Harriman reported on his return that he had found Stalin in excellent health and enjoying his holiday.

Similar assurances as to the generalissimo's health were given only two days ago to U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin by high Soviet officials.

Stalin's return was announced by a brief statement published in all Moscow newspapers, saying:  
"Yesterday, December 17, the president of the council of people's commissars, USSR, Comrade Stalin, returned from his vacation to Moscow and entered upon the fulfillment of his duties."

The announcement came as the "big three" foreign ministers, meeting here since Sunday, finished their preliminary talks and prepared to get down to discussion of some of the basic issues of world peace and prosperity which were believed to be on their agenda.

End Of China Strife Sought  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (AP)—The head of the Chinese communist peace delegation declared today that a halt to civil warfare was China's first need, and peaceful national reconstruction was her second.

For that reason, Gen. Chou En-lai told newsmen, he would seek a cessation of hostilities before the all-party political consultative council convenes its peace session. Date for the session has not been set.

Falling that, Chou said, he would insist that this be the first item on the council's agenda. He said the communists had their own plans for stopping civil strife but declined to disclose them.

He also announced that the communists would demand an open general election for the national assembly, which he said was selected before the war with Japan and no longer was representative.

80 Indonesian Rebels Die In Hand-To-Hand Fighting  
BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 18 (AP)—At least 80 Indonesians were killed yesterday in bitter hand-to-hand fighting at Buitenzorg with a British Indian column which suffered 32 casualties, the newspaper of the 23rd Indian division reported today.

Three Indians were killed, a British officer and 28 Indians were wounded when the column encountered a road block 30 miles south of Batavia, the newspaper "Fighting Cock" said. The Indonesians were estimated to total 300.

### Death For His Pet Dog



F. G. Bauer, 78-year-old semi-invalid, signs a death warrant for his pet dog, Buster, after a Los Angeles municipal judge promised suspension of Bauer's jail term if the dog were destroyed.

Bauer drew a 90-day sentence for harboring a vicious animal after witnesses told of being bitten by Buster. Bauer fainted as officers went out to shoot the dog. (AP wirephoto).

### 'Death March' Prejudice Causes U. S. Colonel To Withdraw From Tribunal

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 18 (AP)—A member of the U. S. military commission set up to try small Japanese war criminal suspects withdrew today after the defense argued his ordeal in the Bataan death march might have left him prejudiced.

Col. John H. Ball of Williams town, Pa., who survived that march of honor, stepped down in the interests of fair play shortly before the opening of first trial of a Japanese in his homeland on war crimes charges.

The dubious distinction of being the first defendant was given Tatsuo Tsuchiya or "Little Glass Eye," who pleaded innocent.

The prosecution announced it would seek the death penalty for the former prison guard charged with "brutally and atrociously" beating to death PFC Robert Gordon Teas with knotted ropes.

Tsuchiya is the first of some 400 Japanese underlings who will be brought to trial for war crimes.

Tsuchiya stood blinking before the tribunal of be-ribboned colonels in a small chamber of the courthouse. After he pleaded innocent, the prosecution said it would prove that Tsuchiya—a guard at the Mitsubishi prison camp—participated in the brutal murder of Teas and was guilty of other war crimes.

Maj. Louis Geffen, the prosecutor, said "Little Glass Eye" took an "inhuman delight in the atrocities."

The defense argued against Ball's participation in the trial shortly before Tsuchiya's arraignment. Ball said, however, that nothing that had happened to him as a prisoner would affect his judgment unless it were connected directly with his personal experiences.

The colonel said he lost 90 pounds during his imprisonment.

Dismissal Of Woolley Sought  
SALEM, Dec. 18 (AP)—Dismissal of M. D. Woolley, superintendent of the State Training School at Woodburn, was demanded today by 38 women who presented a petition to the state board of control.

The women members of the First Christian church here, asked the board to dismiss Woolley because of the policy of whipping boys at the institution.

### Cruiser Was Not Ordered To Zigzag

Navy Captain Asserts Visibility Made It Unnecessary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Capt. Charles B. McVay, third, testified at his court-martial today that he did not order the Indianapolis to maintain a zigzag course the night the heavy cruiser was lost because he considered visibility conditions made it unnecessary.

Captain McVay is being tried on charges of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of the warship lost July 30 while en route from Guam to Leyte. The navy has attributed the ship's loss to an enemy submarine.

The accused officer took the stand today at his own request. He said visibility was poor that night and there was no moon, hence he did not order the zigzag course maintained.

Dramatically recounting the story of his actions in the 15 minutes which elapsed between the explosions and the ship's sinking, Capt. McVay said he was asleep in his emergency cabin when the explosions occurred. He had retired, he said, about 11 p. m.

His first impression when awakened was that the ship had been struck by a suicide plane. Then, he said, he realized they were out of the area where a suicide attack might occur, and he realized it must have been mines or torpedoes.

Distress Message  
He went out on deck, he said, and was informed that all communications were out, that the damage control officer had gone below to determine the situation, and that efforts to signal the engine room to stop engines had been fruitless.

He sent word immediately to the radio shack to get out a distress message.

He said he was unable to see anything from the bridge to indicate the extent of damage, but the ship then was maintaining a fairly even keel.

The damage control officer reported shortly thereafter that his examination indicated the ship was badly damaged and asked the captain if he wanted to order the ship abandoned.

McVay said he replied, "no," that he thought the damage could be controlled and ordered the officer to go below again and check.

### Man Identifies Cline Picture

MACON, Ga., Dec. 18 (AP)—Solicitor General Charles Garret said today that a mortuary employee had identified a picture of Alfred Leonard Cline of San Francisco, as the man who made arrangements for the cremation of the body of Mrs. Alma Willa Carter.

Signatures of an F. A. Klein and of Mrs. Carter were found yesterday by detectives on a Macon hotel register of February 17, 1944. The signatures will be compared with handwriting specimens of Alfred Leonard Cline and with Mrs. Alice W. Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter was reported by St. Petersburg, Fla., police to have left that city with Cline on February 14, 1944. They said Mrs. Carpenter told friends Cline had proposed marriage.

Shopping Marks Shattered Here  
Pre-war year shopping records were shattered in Klamath Falls Saturday and Monday as merchants reported the biggest days in the history of Main street business. One of the large chain stores said Saturday was the biggest day in business volume since the store opened here, and another advised \$4000 over any pre-war holiday shopping Saturday.

Although stocks were dwindling and wanted merchandise was pinched, Christmas gifts were still available. Week days were proving better than Saturdays as shoppers apparently attempted to avoid the crowds.

### Hello There, Santa Claus!



Wide-eyed Norma Jean Jones is a bit flustered by Santa Claus who picked her up as she was shopping in Wards toyland today. Norma Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Jones, 136 Michigan, and was just one of hundreds of children who told their wants to Santa as he lent a sympathetic ear to Christmas morning demands.

### Klamath Kids Given Right To Sled On 3 City Streets

The right to use three city streets for uninterrupted sledding was given to local children this morning, as a special committee appointed by the city council ruled that Worden street, Portland from Pacific Terrace to the railroad tracks, and 2nd from Grant to California were to be used as coasting spots.

The committee, which included the city council, the city judge, the chief of police, the city attorney and the recreation director, said the areas will be protected by traffic signs to warn motorists, and that traffic supervisors will be on hand to enforce safety precautions for both sledders and motorists.

No Parking  
Residents of the three areas are requested not to park their cars on the streets in order to give the kids a chance for smooth sledding.

Designation of the streets as official coasting areas came as the result of requests on the part of many parents that protected areas be set up for the children.

Motorists are requested to watch for the signs, and to follow directions of the traffic supervisors.

E. E. Hambrick, city recreation director, pointed out that sledding in any other areas outside of the official spots is hazardous both to children and automobile drivers, and urged that only the official areas be used.

KF Stores Free Of Shoplifters  
One factor of the usual Christmas shopping rush is missing this year, according to Police Chief Orville Hamilton, and that is shoplifting. Not a single case has been reported this season.

Hamilton said there were two possible explanations—either the local merchants are so busy they haven't noticed anything missing, or the sticky-fingered clientele of former years has enough money this season to acquire their Christmas presents in the conventional manner.

Klamath Falls merchants never have been plagued with organized rings of shoplifters as many cities have, Hamilton said, with most of the local pilfering done by kids from 10-cent store counters.

### Union Rejects Ford Offer Of 15-Cent Wage Increase

By The Associated Press  
The Ford Motor company today offered the CIO United Auto Workers a salary increase of 12 1/2 per cent or 15 cents an hour and the union rejected it.

The company had proposed the increase without requesting a boost in the ceiling prices of automobiles but Richard T. Leonard, Ford director for the UAW-CIO, described it as "completely unacceptable to the union."

The company combined its offer with a "company security" demand involving fines up to \$5000 for "illegitimate strikes."

The offer, the company said, would become effective when production reaches 80,000 units a month and would represent an expense to the company of \$33,000,000 and "a gamble."

### Motorman Loses Life In Tiny Cab

Subway Smashes Into Center Span Of Lift Bridge

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 18 (AP)—Eugene Dubois, public relations executive of the Pennsylvania railroad, of which the H. & M. is an affiliate, said the 7-car train apparently passed stop signals and the "smash board," which gives extra warning that the span is closed to train traffic. Dubois set the time of the accident at 8:37 p. m., adding that the signals were in proper working order at the time.

Police Chief Philip Siebold of Newark said the left section of the bridge was four feet short of closing, after being raised for passage of a ship, when the head car of the train jumped into the opening. The first car buckled in the middle and the second car partially telescoped it.

Motorman Dies  
The motorman, Michael J. Mullin, 36, of New York, was crushed in his tiny motorman's cab, Dubois said.

Detective Lieutenant Arthur Ford of the Harrison police said an autopsy would be performed today on Mullin's body to determine whether the motorman died before the accident occurred.

If the tube train had arrived at the bridge a few minutes earlier, Ford said, it would have plunged through the open span and carried its 1000 passengers into the icy river.

Emergency crews and rescue workers struggled for more than three hours cutting away twisted steel with acetylene torches before finally freeing two men and a woman trapped in the lead car. They were identified as Robert Kelly, 43, conductor, of New York; Chester Middleton, conductor, and Alice Morowirth, of Newark, whose condition is critical.

### Winter Grips Entire Nation

Old Man Winter sat tight today and kept the mercury way below freezing and holiday shoppers shivered in a noon-hour 20 degrees above zero. Minimum this morning was 18.

It looked like a white Christmas for Klamath Falls with little relief in sight here or throughout the nation from the existing cold spell which has held a wide portion of the country in a bitter grip for several days.

Residents of the Klamath basin were fortunate, in comparison to other sections of the country. Folks with relatives in Buffalo, N. Y., learned that that city experienced blizzard conditions and even the schools were closed.

Coldest Reading  
As winter tightened its clutch on Oregon today, the weather bureau reported a low of 17 degrees below zero at the Baker airport. This was the coldest reading officially recorded in the state. The highway commission thermometer, however, recorded 24 below at Meacham, and it was 4 degrees above at Lakeview. Portland's mercury sank to 28 and other minimum temperatures were Bend, 23; Burns, 8; Eugene, 33; Medford, 22; Pendleton, 6; Roseburg, 38, and Salem, 23.

The Dalles-California highway has been plowed and sanded and is in good winter condition but chains are advised. Fog was reported at Odell lake and a total snow depth of 74 inches, Medford reported roads in that area.

Arriving In United States  
By Associated Press  
Ralph D. Shoulters, T/4, Klamath Falls arrived on Bernard Carter due in Boston December 18.

John M. Emmons, S/Sgt., Klamath Falls, arrived on Fitzhugh Lee due in New York December 15.

Cristian P. Ellingson, T/4, McCulloch, arrived on Kila Agoner due in Los Angeles December 13.

Arthur J. Huntington, 1st/Lt., Mount Shasta, arrived on Payne Wingate due in New York December 16.

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

Franklin R. Hall, T/5, Bly, arrived on James J. Hill due in New York December 12.

WEATHER  
December 18, 1944  
Max. (Dec. 17)...32 Min....18  
Precipitation last 24 hrs...Trace  
School year to date.....4.77  
Normal...3.73 Last year...3.66  
Forecast: Cloudy Wednesday,  
Wednesday Shooting Hours:  
Klamath-Tulelake—Open 7:15  
a. m. Close 4:27 p. m.