

# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

HERE'S bad news for those who like to make the holidays a time for over-indulgence in drinks, food, and sleep-robbed entertainment: Dr. Peter Rozendal, the county public health chief, said today that this is an excellent time to keep in top physical condition because it is mighty important to maintain the highest possible resistance to common colds and their serious partner, influenza.



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### Subsiding

THE cold and flu epidemic, it is pleasing to report, appears to be subsiding here now. There is no statistical measurement of the epidemic, for so many people are accustomed to handling it as a family problem they do not report to physicians. But what evidences are available indicate it is on the decline.

### Rumors

OUR good friend Charley Stanton, writing in the Roseburg News-Review, uses the Klamath dice game story as the foundation for a little editorializing about rumor-spreading. He touches on an angle that has been mentioned here and is worth further discussion—this time from Stanton:

## News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 — For some years it has been the annual custom of this column to weigh its facts-and-truth account at this season, measuring debits and credits. Let us balance the books for 1945:

## Break In Pacific Coast Troop Jam Appears Near

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—A break in the jam which has held nearly 170,000 servicemen in Pacific coast ports over the Christmas holiday appeared near today.

with the air wing equal and separate from army and navy, was exclusively discovered and published (Oct. 8) in this spot from the complete obscurity in which the combined chiefs of staff had buried it since April. A congressional movement was successfully launched to carry forward the program it presented, and finally Mr. Truman advocated the plan to congress. The MacArthur move to abolish shintoinism in Japan was recommended as indispensable to conquest of Japan as early as August 15.

### Youth Draft Act Delayed

THE youth draft act was not defeated as urged in this spot for 15 months, but was delayed, although the war department has not yet come to the point of offering a democratic method of youth training, so vitally needed nor has the forecast of Mr. Ickes' resignation yet come true. The propaganda of the Chinese communists to lure us away from our obligations to our war-rally in Chungking was exposed and defeated for the present at least, and the army cleverly carried forward its program of aid, which the communists desired to break up.

### CIO-New Dealer Chant

THE CIO-New Dealer hue and cry that peace would bring depression and great unemployment was denied and discredited in half a dozen columns since spring—and we have no depression yet. Congress joined this thought against the CIO depressive bills in this inflationary era. Communism was objectively analyzed and defined in three columns in June to disprove the popular fallacy that Russia is a democracy, and proofs of this since then have been accumulating. The column for May 23 was censored out of the papers because it reiterated a previous disclosure, made first February 15, that Stalin had agreed at Yalta to declare war on Japan. But July 4, a few days after a government official and a congressman made similar public assertions, I rewrote the fact again for publication, and it was published that time. Events later proved it true. (No other writer had this original story.)

### Two Mistakes

SKIPPING much more of the same in earlier months of the year, I come back to two mistakes. Incidental to a September column, I reported government employees have 30 days vacation and 30 days sick leave, whereas they have 26 actual work days of vacation and 15 days sick leave, but are allowed 30 days "in meritorious cases" and sick leave is cumulative up to 90 days. I did not bother about correction because the substance of the point was accurately presented, but it is herewith made for the record, if anyone cares.

## Sailor Dies When Auto Overtakes

ELLENSBURG, Dec. 26 (AP)—Donald C. Kornbau, 19, of Los Angeles, a sailor, died at the Ellensburg general hospital yesterday of injuries suffered Christmas Eve when an automobile in which he was a passenger overturned on the Yakima highway 14 miles south of here. The state patrol said Kornbau was thrown out of a vehicle driven by William Ross, 19, of Yakima and was fatally hurt when the car rolled over him. The patrol said Ross was unhurt.

### DEATH SENTENCE

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 24 (Delayed) — Seven-teen persons including some Chetniks were condemned to death today at Ljubljana, on charges of having collaborated with the nazis. Thirteen others, also convicted of treason, received sentences of from eight to 20 years imprisonment. One defendant was freed.

## SIDE GLANCES



"When Pop heard you were coming, he said it was too bad the hotels were all crowded, but you weren't the kind of people who'd stay at a hotel anyway!"

## The World Today

By DeWitt MacKenzie  
AP World Traveler

LONDON, Dec. 26.—This is Britain's annual "Boxing Day." It always follows immediately after Christmas and is a national holiday, on which the household provides gift boxes for postmen, milkmen, errand boys and others who have rendered service during the past year.



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It is a tradition that runs back through many generations and is as much a part of the Yuletide spirit as a wagging tail is of a friendly pup. Actually the gift generally takes the form of money, which is placed in a box carried by the recipient. In the case of postmen and other organized services the money is pooled and then is divided equally among the workers.

Strange Development  
Today for the first time one notes a strange development in connection with this ancient custom. Many postmen decided that they no longer would solicit boxing day gifts, on the ground that it is beneath their dignity. They would accept presents only if they were voluntarily proffered.

Now that's an interesting and significant phenomenon. It is a corollary, as I see it, to the advent of the labor (socialist) government. It's a further sign that the "working class" in England is reaching for a new place in the sun—something one sees in evidence everywhere through changing attitudes toward those for whom service is being rendered. Sometimes this change is marked by increased dignity of bearing, and sometimes by less pleasant characteristics.

## Authority On Card Games Passes Away

EASTHAM, Mass., Dec. 26 (AP)—Robert Frederick Foster, 92, an international authority on card games and author of more than 50 books on the subject, died yesterday at his home here. He edited "Foster Hoyle," a modern version of the card game rule book. He was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. His only survivor is a daughter, Mrs. Walter Hopkinson of Clear Water, Fla.

### Around Oregon

The Heppner Hotel has been sold by Dell M. Ward to a Portland investor who will lease the hotel to Cohot Therkelsen of Portland. . . . The Interstate Theatres, operating in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass, will build a theatre at Central Point. . . . Mrs. Fred Rankin, executive secretary of Jackson county Red Cross since establishment of Camp White, has resigned to join her husband, Col. Fred Rankin, at Fort Sill, Okla. . . . Competition in the postwar world will be the most intense in our history. For nearly every need or use, there will be many materials. This means the buyer will again be king. —John D. Biggers, president, Libbey-Owens-Ford company.

## Floods Feared For Western Part Of State

SALEM, Dec. 26 (AP)—Oregon highways were normal today except at higher elevations, although heavy western Oregon rains gave the state highway commission cause to fear floods. The commission said that at 9 a. m. the rivers had not started rising, but it feared they would start to rise during the day. Rains and higher temperatures cleared the ice from all roads at lower elevations. The daily road report: Government Camp—Snowing, temperature 30. One inch of new snow, 39 inches total snow. Packed snow on road from milepost 53 on Mt. Hood loop to milepost 25 on Wapinitia cutoff.

Clatsop—Snowing hard, 27 degrees. Packed snow east of milepost 57. Total snow at summit 80 inches. New snow three inches. Chains advised. Siskiyou Mountains—Snowing. Klamath Falls—Two inches new snow in city, four inches on Quartz mountain, eight inches at Hayden mountain on Greensprings highway. Snowing on Sun mountain on The Dalles-California highway. Roads in good shape and plowed.

## Christmas Dinner Held At WRA Center

TULELAKE, Dec. 26.—Christmas dinner was served to 400 guests, WRA personnel and their families, in the recreation room at the center here Christmas Day. A number of the project employees were away for the holidays. Children of the Caucasian personnel were treated to a visit from Santa Claus, Tom Dunn Jr., in the recreation room.

## Their Son Burned To Death



Mrs. Harry Bishop weeps beside her husband and their 4-month-old son, Garvin, after their escape from a fire which took the life of their son, Gene, 4, and sent their other son, Wayne, 2 1/2, to the hospital with serious burns. Three other children died in the flames that razed a housing court building near Pinole, Calif. (AP wirephoto).

# President Refuses To Let Wintry Weather Spoil His Christmas Day

## Mother Of Mine

A Christmas-time Reverie

MY mother's home was far beyond the Rockies, beyond the plains and the prairies. At Yuletide, I'm thinking of an old-fashioned, southern, homelike, snugly tucked away in a little green valley on a sunny slope of the Ozark mountains. I'm thinking of an old, and yet cozy, farm house, with tall cedars on one side, a big persimmon tree on the other and a grand old oak in front. In fancy, tonight I'm sitting on that long, wide porch, watching the moonbeams playing hide and seek among the branches of that great oak, listening to the katy-dids in their aged-old argument, "Katy did—Katy didn't!" and absorbing the dreamy notes coming from a thousand throats from the little frogs in the pool in the meadow.

Not many years ago, it was my privilege to go back to the old home. Mother was still there, feeble and old and gray, but still beautiful to me. Her life had been rich in service. She knew the meaning of the homes of her neighbors, mother was there with words of cheer and hands to cool the fevered brow. And when the Grim Reaper came to the little valley and took away the loved ones, mother was there to carry part of the burden and point the way to the Lamb of God, and all the time keeping the home fires burning and tenderly caring for her own.

Yes, mother was still there, but she was wearing the end of her journey. Her face was turned toward the land of the setting sun, but I know that her heart was light with the hope that, beyond the tolling and the striving, lay the plains of peace and light and life eternal. Tonight, she's sleeping the long, last sleep, beside father, grandfather, and her own children, in a little country graveyard, on a knoll covered with fragrant cedars, above the bottomlands and the cotton-fields of the Ozark range; and when my days shall be numbered, I should like nothing better than to be laid away in that same little country graveyard.

Edmund Monroe

## Power Pole Sheared Off

MALIN, Dec. 26 — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, Malin, en route to Merrill on a snow-covered highway, escaped serious injury when their light coupe left the pavement at the Malin city limits and struck a power pole. Mrs. Edwards sustained a cut hand. The pole was sheared off, disrupting electric service here for a short time. Edwards is a potato inspector in this district.

The question before the world now is whether this is peace or an armistice—a temporary lull between wars.

## Telling The Editor

LETTERS printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 26 (AP)—President Truman went merrily about celebrating the Christmas holidays today as his home folk showed every disposition to allow him to do it in his own way.

His round of Yuletide calls spread to Kansas City where friends were invited to drop into his office in the federal building for an exchange of season greetings.

Home Town Citizen  
"He came home to spend the holidays with his family and close friends," Sermon told reporters. "I expect to drop by for a handful of those Christmas dinners. Upon his return to Independence from Grandview, he ate turkey and trimmings with Mrs. Truman, his daughter, Margaret, and Mrs. Truman's family."

To Visit Mother  
He hopes to eat with his mother at Grandview, and his nine-year-old Mrs. Joseph T. Nolan, who lives across the street from him in Independence, before he leaves here for Washington Friday.

His arrival at his Independence home at 5 p. m. (PST) last night was the signal for a hearty "Merry Christmas" from more than 100 townspeople gathered outside the "Little White House."

Coming-Home Record  
The president had told friends that he did not want to miss Christmas with the homefolks and break a coming-home record of 27 years.

He drove about Independence, Kansas City and Grandview over icy pavements. A severe winter storm had made the trees here with ice along the route. His elderly mother greeted the president with a kiss at the doorway of her home. She and her daughter, Miss Mary Jane Truman, were surprised and delighted at his making the drive to Grandview Christmas night, in view of his late arrival.

## Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

## From the Klamath Republican December 28, 1905

John Yaden returned today from Bonanza where he took the suits for the masquerade ball Christmas. He will have the suits available for the ball at Merrill Friday.

## From the Evening Herald December 28, 1935

Ice-slick highways in this vicinity caused scores of accidents, but no serious injuries today.

## Highway Closed

RENO, Nev., Dec. 26 (AP)—The Sierra Nevada's Donner Summit highway was closed to automobiles today because of a heavy snow storm. Trucks and buses were being conveyed by the California highway patrol, while snow plows worked to keep the 7000-foot-high pass open.

## GI Romance Ends Happily

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 (AP)—The "missing" diamond engagement ring today was on the third finger, left hand of the girl it was destined for — and a Chicago GI had a Merry, Merry Christmas.

William Sykucki, stationed at the Frankford arsenal here, had a novel idea last weekend. He was going to "pop the question" by putting the ring in the center of a box of candy. And when his fiancée, Miss Mildred Operman of Philadelphia, opened it — "wham!"

But the salesgirl accidentally dropped the ring while wrapping the candy. It wasn't noticed until the soldier had left the store. Local newspapers and radio stations let the public in on the GI's secret in an effort to locate him. But he didn't find out until his girl opened the box of candy at midnight Christmas Eve.

"Oh Bill," she said seeing the empty ring box, "is this a joke?" Then a phone call to the store: "Did I leave a ring there?" — and the owner's reply: "I've been searching for you for four days."

Into the candy box went the ring. It was wrapped with new cellophane and pink ribbon. Miss Operman opened it—then she said "Yes."

Having had a prolonged taste in wartime of what it would be like to be managed and mismanaged by bureaucrats, Americans are better conditioned than ever to call the bluff that government should be given responsibility for managing everything.

## Radio Programs

Wednesday Eve., December 28	
6:00 p. m. Gabriel	9:00 Glenn Hardy
6:15 p. m. News	9:15 Rex Miller
6:30 p. m. Pres. Roosevelt	9:30 Music Talk
6:45 p. m. Bands	9:45 Sparkles
7:00 Harry Horlick	10:00 News Roundup
7:15 Jack & Marie	10:15 Music Talk
7:30 Lone Ranger	10:30 Sparkles
7:45 Main Line	
8:00 Fash-Up Show	
Thursday, December 27	
6:30 a. m. Wake-up Tunes	10:00 M. al e
6:45 Farm Bulletin	10:15 News
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7:00 Frank Home	10:45 Farm
7:15 Morning Melodys	1:00 Mur
7:30 It's a Holiday	1:15 P
7:45 Best of the West	1:30 P
8:00 Favorites of Yesterdays	1:45 P
8:15 Popular Hits	2:00 P
8:30 News	2:15 P
8:45 Variety	2:30 P
9:00 W. J. Williams	2:45 P
9:15 M. Wake-up Tunes	3:00 P
9:30 Downey	3:15 P
9:45 Variety Re-view	3:30 P
	3:45 P
10:00 Glenn Hardy	
10:15 Western Ballads	
10:30 Popular and Brio	
10:45 John J. Anthony	
11:00 Dick and Jeannie	
11:15 The Concert	
11:30 Concert for A Day	

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