

MARSHALL MEDIATOR IN CHINA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is a faintly hopeful slant in the world news today.

The Chinese communists accept General Marshall as a mediator, and promise to "discuss favorably every suggestion" for ending the civil war that prevails in northern China.

Chungking and communist delegates meet in Chungking to see if they can find common ground for agreeing to a truce.

(THE dispatches make it reasonably clear that in northern China armed forces of both sides are still maneuvering for position and that there is considerable fighting.)

WE Americans are interested in peace in Europe chiefly because we are fed up with war. We are interested in peace in Asia both because we are fed up with war and because we are certain we can DO BUSINESS with the countries across the Pacific if they quit fighting and get to work developing themselves and raising their standards of living.

Europe in general sells what we have for sale and buys what we want to buy. The Asiatic countries bordering the Pacific have for sale what we want to buy and are heavy buyers of what we have for sale.

ON the home front, citrus prices go back under OPA control after a short and somewhat disturbing experience on a free market.

When the controls were removed, prices ZOOMED.

DONT jump to the wrong conclusion that the economic law of supply and demand is out-of-date and therefore due for the scrap heap.

The law of supply and demand can function efficiently only in NORMAL times.

The lesson of the citrus incident is that times are not yet normal.

ANOTHER question looms on the horizon: How long will present war-borne prices for farm products continue?

The bureau of agricultural economics of the department of agriculture essays an answer today. It looks into the crystal ball and says that "farm prices—now at the highest point in 25 years—will show little change in the NEXT FEW MONTHS."

That is obviously indefinite, and in an effort to be more specific the bureau adds that "markets for food and farm products will continue near boom-like levels at least until 1946 crops become AVAILABLE in Europe and Asia."

THE bureau's prognosticators recognize that this is still pretty vague, so they explain: "Markets for food and farm products will depend considerably on EXPORTS. Exports—which during the war have been about three times the 1935-1936 level—are likely to be maintained at or near the wartime volume during the 'next few months' PROVIDED means for FINANCING them are made available."

THAT raises this further question: "What will be the means for financing continuing exports of U. S. food and farm products?"

U. S. loans to provide foreign countries with the money with which to buy our food and farm products are APT to be the answer.

IT is probably a waste of time to add, in this period of more or less cockeyed political thinking, that loaning people the money with which to go on buying what you have to sell AT HIGH PRICES amounts merely to PUTTING OFF TROUBLE.

Boy Accidentally Slays Mother

MANVILLE, N. J., Jan. 3 (AP)—A five-year-old boy "playing soldier" with his father's hunting rifle accidentally shot his mother to death at the supper table last night, Police Chief John J. Jasinski said today.

Walkout In Electrical Firm Starts

Employees Of Western Electric Demand Wage Boost

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—A walkout by employees at the Kearny, N. J., and some New York City plants of Western Electric company, which union officials said would involve 17,400 workers, began today at 11 a. m. (EST) over a wage dispute that may act as a springboard for a nation-wide Telephone Workers' strike.

Frank J. Hammel, labor relations manager of Western Electric's Kearny Works, which consists of 21 plants in New York City and northern New Jersey, said the company had agreed in effect to a union request that the wage dispute be turned over to a federal fact-finding board.

The union made its proposal last night at an unsuccessful conference to settle a 30 per cent wage increase demand.

Thousands Quit
Henry Mayer, counsel for the Independent Western Electric Employees association, the striking union, said he had received word at 11:15 a. m. that "workers are pouring out by the thousands" from the Kearny plant.

Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said 48 member unions, representing employees in operating companies of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, had been asked to authorize a national sympathy strike.

The Western Electric Employees association is one of six Western Electric independent unions affiliated with the Telephone Workers' federation.

Mayer said he would leave New York by plane today to consult with other Western Electric unions in San Francisco, Hawthorne, Ill., Baltimore and Haverhill, Mass. "In order to get their support."

"It will not be today, but in a matter of days we expect sympathy strikes in other Western Electric plants," Mayer said.

Mystery Veils Woman's Hurts

TULELAKE—Mrs. Ruby Bessonette, about 40, was found at her home on North Modoc street last night in a serious condition, victim of an unexplained attack.

Chief of Police Frank Rhodes, called at 1 a. m. to the family residence, this afternoon advanced a theory of robbery.

Mrs. Bessonette was moved at 3 a. m. to Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls, suffering from compound fracture of the right arm and multiple lacerations.

The woman's husband, Earl Bessonette, independent drapery operator, told Chief Rhodes he returned home about midnight and found his wife on her bed clad only in a red blouse. Her fur coat, soaked with water and the lining covered with blood, was found on the living room floor.

The woman's slacks were torn at the knees and Chief Rhodes said they appeared as if Mrs. Bessonette had been dragged a considerable distance.

Mystery surrounded the cause of the woman's injuries and Chief Rhodes said that he would not advance any information.

The chief said today that Mrs. Bessonette was thought to have had around \$300 in a billfold when she was seen at the Duchess lounge earlier. The billfold has not been located, Chief Rhodes said, leading to his theory of possible robbery.

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And the USO here turned out full force to provide entertainment and refreshments to some 100 service men and women, stranded here this morning while two southbound Southern Pacific trains were held up by slides near Dunsuir. Betty Webber of the USO staff is handing out hot gingerbread to left to right, Ethel Kessler, Bay City, Mich.; Betty Gieswhite, Meadville, Pa.; Jean Harper, Oil City, Pa.; Theresa Sitterman, Palsades, N. J., all of the WAC; Marlin R. Ream Jr., Big Fork, Mont., sailor, and George Korpondinos, North Dakota paratrooper.

Sandal Found Near Nude, Headless, Handless Body

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jan. 3 (AP)—Discovery of a woman's sandal about a mile from where the decapitated, handless, nude body of a woman was found in a mountain canyon yesterday, spurred officers today in their search for clues leading to her identity.

They planned to determine whether the sandal fits the foot of the woman, who apparently had been thrown from an automobile at the first turnout on the highway leading from San Bernardino to fashionable Lake Arrowhead.

Sheriff E. L. Shay expressed the belief that the slayer, alarmed by the possibility of a mishap in a thick fog which blanketed the road yesterday, may have veiled himself of his first opportunity to rid himself of his gruesome companion.

Whether the woman was slain in the rugged San Bernardino mountains or in this city, Coroner R. E. Williams said the body was found soon after the killing, since it had not yet become rigid.

The sheriff was deluged today with scores of reports of missing women, many of which were discarded because of discrepancies in descriptions as compared to the slayed victim's body.

It had been mutilated and stripped, Williams reported, in what was undoubtedly an attempt to prevent identification. Death, he added, was caused by gunshot wounds, one in the left breast, the other beneath the left arm, inflicted at close range by a .38 caliber pistol.

An examination disclosed, the coroner said, that the woman was about 30, probably brunette, with well cared-for smooth skin. He estimated that she had been dead only about eight hours when found, and suggested that from the nature of the decapitation it may have been done by someone with surgical knowledge.

Lord Haw Haw Dies By Rope

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP)—William Joyce, notorious "Lord Haw Haw" of the German air waves, died a traitor's death this morning on the gallows of Wandsworth prison.

The 40-year-old American-born Joyce, who sold his voice to Adolf Hitler as a radio propagandist at the outset of the war, was executed shortly after 9 a. m. (4 a. m., EST) on high treason charges of which he was convicted by a British court last Sept. 19.

He died on the same scaffold where John Amery, 33-year-old son of a former British cabinet member, was hanged on Dec. 19 on treason charges growing out of similar radio activities.

Only a small group of prison officials saw Joyce plunge through the trap. Under English law no spectators may witness an execution.

Execution of the death sentence was announced in two typewritten sheets which were posted outside the prison gates shortly after the hanging.

Prison officials said Joyce walked to the gallows from his death cell, his arms pinioned behind him with the broad black strap used in countless executions. The trap was sprung by I. Pierpoint, nephew of Albert Pierpoint, famed hangman who executed Amery.

Joyce's death under leaden skies in the stone-walled prison courtyard ended a fantastic career which led him from fascist street fights in England to an infamous place as Hitler's number one English language broadcaster.

USO Assists Service Folk

Nearly 100 servicemen and women faced the plight of spending several hours in a strange town this morning when southbound trains were detained in Klamath Falls because of slides near Dunsuir.

In only a matter of moments the stranded service people were playing ping pong, listening to records, dancing, playing the piano and generally making themselves at home in the USO clubroom.

When Betty Webber of the USO staff got word that the trains were here, she started a taxi service to and from the Southern Pacific depot bringing the arrivals to the club.

Despite the fact that the snack bar was somewhat depleted due to the holiday rush on food, the volunteer cooking staff turned out gingerbread and whipped cream, sandwiches, milk and coffee for their guests.

At 1 p. m. today the service men and women were still in Klamath Falls with no idea when they would be able to go on their way, but they were making the most of the hospitality offered by the USO. One of the group of Wacs remarked that she had never had so friendly a welcome in any USO club, even in large cities.

Nylon Rush Stills Phones

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Telephone service in the nation's capital was disrupted for nearly an hour last night by a buyers' rush for nylons.

A radio station announcer said that a chain of shoe stores had 1,000 pairs of nylon stockings and that the first 1,000 persons who called the store's number could get them. He added that they could not be bought otherwise than by an immediate telephone reservation.

So many calls were made that mechanical equipment in most of the residential area telephone exchanges became overloaded and it was impossible to get a dial tone.

The radio station subsequently made repeated appeals to its listeners to stop calling the number, explaining that telephone service had been disrupted and that all the nylons had been sold anyway.

It was Washington's second disruption of telephone service in three weeks. The first was caused by a rush of government workers to make Christmas vacation train reservations.

Man Hit By Car; Refuses Help

A 79-year-old man who gave his name as James O'Neil was hit and knocked down early last night on Main by a car driven by John D. Allen, laundry worker living on route 3.

Allen reported to police the old man was hit as he was crossing Main near the Payne street intersection, and that he stopped and wanted to take him to a doctor but O'Neil refused to go. He left the scene.

WEATHER (January 3)
Max. (Jan. 2) Min. 29.
Precipitation last 24 hours . . . 0.
Stream year to date 7.37.
Normal . . . 4.73 Last year . . . 4.20.
Forecast: Clearing tonight, showers Friday afternoon.

Reds Agree With Plan Of Chiang

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (AP)—Chinese communists accepted today Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's offer to call in Gen. George C. Marshall as a mediator in China's civil strife.

Communist authorities here announced that they agreed in general with Chiang's plan to halt hostilities, but they were laying down specific conditions.

The formal communist reply from Yenan, the party's north China headquarters, was handed to government delegates at a formal peace meeting.

(Yenan dispatches a few hours earlier said the communists had replied formally to the government's New Year peace plan, welcoming Gen. George C. Marshall as mediator and promising to "discuss favorably every suggestion".)

The meeting was the third formal session between the two delegations since December 27. Gen. Chou En-lai, leader of the communist delegation, attended after conferring a half-hour with General Marshall. He also had conferred with the U. S. envoy on New Year's Day, shortly after the national government's counter proposal for a truce had been announced.

Reports of fighting meanwhile thickened. A Chinese national government dispatch countered Chinese communist reports of virtually unopposed Kuomintang troop movements in northern China with the assertion that communist forces were advancing at several points.

The national statement said the communists were within five miles of Tangshan, coal mining center on the Peiping-Mukden railroad 60 miles northeast of Tientsin and were repulsed in an attempt to seize the Tangshan airfield.

Another government dispatch said Chiang Kai-shek's troops are moving toward Changwu in the Manchurian province of Liaoning, 60 miles northwest of Mukden, and are making arrangements to take over garrison duties there from the Russians.

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Telegraph Strike May Be Stopped

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—J. R. Mandelbaum, U. S. conciliation commissioner, said today he had been informed by William Allen, president of the Commercial Telegraphers union (AFL) that there was "a very good chance" the proposed strike of 50,000 Western Union telegraph operators outside New York City, scheduled for next Monday, would be called off.

Mandelbaum said any non-strike decision by the AFL would not affect the status of 7000 members of the CIO American Communications association, also employed by Western Union in New York City, who have scheduled a strike for Tuesday.

The commissioner said he was informed of the possibility of a settlement during a telephone conversation with Allen, now in Washington.

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Reds To Resist
It added that General Tu Li-ming, commander of national forces in Manchuria, intended to inspect his troops, positions in the province of Jehol where the communists were avowedly ready to resist any advance on the capital city of Chengteh.

Stark Says Jap Attack Not 'Invited'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Adm. Harold R. Stark said today that so far as he knew, there was no advance information in Washington that the Japanese would attack Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

The 1941 chief of naval operations made the statement in concurring with an assertion by Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) at a joint congressional hearing that reports of such advance knowledge were "utterly without foundation in fact."

Stark testified before the senate-house committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster that:

1. He knew of no one in any official position who knew in advance the precise hour or place of attack.

2. He knew of no man or group of men who maneuvered the 1941 Japanese situation to invite attack. "On the contrary we were trying to maintain peace," he said.

3. He knew of no one who, as Lucas put it, "trapped or lied" the Japanese into attack "so as to make it easier for congress to give a declaration of war."

"Then," said Lucas after emphasizing Stark's close connections with President Roosevelt and cabinet members, "all rumors and speculation and newspaper articles about men high in the government knew the precise time and place of attack are utterly without foundation in fact?"

"That is my opinion," said the white-haired admiral.

Stark also said it never occurred to him to telephone Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander, about fresh information indicating that war was imminent before the Japanese attacked Dec. 7, 1941. (See also page 11).

25 Dead After Political Riot

LEON, Mex., Jan. 3 (AP)—The Red Cross reported today that it had recovered 25 bodies and had administered treatment to more than 300 persons involved in last night's political clash.

The Red Cross made this statement as federal troops guarded the city and as officials began tabulating the total number of casualties.

Business and industrial establishments in the city of 75,000 were closed in protest against the occurrences.

The clashes occurred when troops sought to disperse a crowd demonstrating against installation of the PRM candidate as mayor.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
William H. Christy, 1st Lt., Klamath Agency, arrived on Norway Victory due in Newport News December 29.

Russell M. Gealey, Cpl., Dunsuir, arrived on USS General Mann due in Tacoma December 27.

Frank E. Niles, S/Sgt., 1841 Esplanade, Klamath Falls, arrived on USS General Mann due in Tacoma December 27.

K. Cook, PFC, 625 K street, Lakeview, arrived on USS General Mann due in Tacoma December 27.

William C. Sexton, PFC, Klamath Falls, arriving on Queen Mary due in New York January 3.

Lawrence H. Sandford, 2nd Lt., Mt. Shasta, arrived on John Harvard due in Newport News December 28.

One Of The Lucky Ones



After having a long desolate wait in line before the tax office window in the courthouse this morning, Shirley Carnes, 2450 White, finally managed to get her 1946 temporary auto stickers. With the time when police will get the go-ahead signal to start making arrests on delinquent motorists drawing near, the line forms early. The office is now doing a booming business, putting out about 450 licenses a day.

82nd Airborne Division Arrives On British Liner

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—The British liner Queen Mary, bearing 8800 veterans of the renowned 82nd airborne division, arrived today at the head of a spectacular parade of troopships bringing home the greatest number of servicemen of any day since V-J Day.

The Queen Mary was the flagship of 11 transports, carrying a total of 30,837 troops, scheduled to dock here during the day. The number of servicemen was exceeded only once for World War II—on July 20 when 31,455 set foot on their native soil again.

Today's arrivals would have set a new record had the carrier Wasp, with 5630 army officers and men, been able to arrive on schedule. The Wasp was held up by Atlantic storms and will not reach port until Saturday or Sunday, navy officials said.

The Queen Mary, met by New York's new mayor, William O. Dwyer, and Maj. Gen.

Myrna Loy Weds Former Producer

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 3 (AP)—Smiling radiantly before the altar of a tiny naval chapel, Myrna Loy today became the bride of Commodore Gene Markey, former film producer, with Admiral William F. Halsey as best man.

A navy chaplain, Capt. Morris M. Leonard, read the brief Presbyterian marriage rites, which were witnessed by about 30 of the couple's film and navy friends.

Before the war the chapel, now a non-denominational church at Roosevelt navy base, was a kindergarten for children of Japanese-American fishermen.

It was the third marriage for both the slender, honey-haired star and the greying, slightly balding Markey. The bridegroom was an intelligence officer with Halsey when the latter commanded the third fleet.

Man, 4 Children Shot To Death

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3 (AP)—A man about 50 years old and four children were found shot to death today in their second-floor apartment.

Police Lt. James Kelly said the man was tentatively identified as Emil Schuetz and said it is believed he formerly lived somewhere in New England.

All five had been shot in the head or upper part of the body, Kelly said. Unopened mail delivered New Year's eve indicated the five died sometime Tuesday, Kelly said.

The lieutenant said Schuetz' body was found in an arm chair near a Christmas tree with a gunshot wound of the head. A rifle lay nearby.

James M. Gavin, commander of the 82nd, docked 30 minutes late because of strong tides and a brisk wind which pushed the huge vessel half a mile past its Hudson river pier.

With the aid of seven tugs she turned slowly and eased her way into her berth with shouting, waving servicemen crowding the rails despite the stinging cold winds of a gray winter day.

Despite the size of the 82nd contingent, which will carry through a battlefield "dream" by parading up Fifth avenue on January 12, only about 700 to 800 were members of the original unit, the remainder being replacements, an officer said.

He said the famous division, an "all-American" outfit made up of men from all parts of the United States and which saw action in Sicily, Italy, France and The Netherlands, suffered 13,000 casualties, 3000 of whom were killed.