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In The Day's News

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THIS is Junior.
We hope you'll like him. But we can't be any too sure that you will. He's awfully skinny. When you try to pick him up, it's like plucking at a feather on the rug. There doesn't seem to be anything much to get hold of. But, anyway, he's the best we can do for a couple of weeks.

THE reason we can't do any better is that there isn't paper enough. We of the Herald and News now understand the plight of the Israelites during their Egyptian bondage. They couldn't make enough bricks because there wasn't enough straw—and in those days it took straw to make the Egyptian mud stick together so as to make a durable brick.

In these days, it takes paper to make a NEWSpaper, and there just isn't paper enough to go around.

IT isn't that paper production (in North America) has fallen off. We're making more paper than ever before. People just WANT more paper.

More books are being printed. More magazines are being printed. More copies of newspapers are being printed. We're using paper for towels and for napkins and for handkerchiefs. Demand has outrun available supply.

We can't make paper with our bare hands. Complicated machinery is needed. It takes three or four years to get a new paper mill into production from scratch. Before we can get all the paper we want, production will have to catch up.

THE paper shortage is world-wide.

Paper is a TOOL of enlightenment. There are worried complaints that the spread of democracy will be hampered if we can't somehow get paper enough to bring the message of democracy to all the peoples of the world.

That may be a menace. But this writer, who has his cynical moments, is aware that paper is also the TOOL OF PROPAGANDA. Falsities, as well as truth, are committed to paper. So the fact that because of paper shortages less bunk can be peddled may offset the fact that less truth can be spread.

As to that, we can only hope. But hope is always better than despair.

ANYWAY we of the Herald and News haven't enough paper to print the kind of newspaper we'd like to be printing. We've already borrowed, for use in 1946, from our allotment of paper for 1947. The debt has to be repaid.

So we'll have to put up with Junior for a couple of weeks. Then, for another month or so, we'll have to put up with papers a lot smaller than we'd like to print. It will be close to the first of March before we get back to something like normal.

We hope you'll put up with us and take our word that we're doing the best we can with what we have to work with. We know now that bricks can't be made without straw.

Civil War Vet Gets Wishes

SANDPOINT, Idaho, Dec. 23 (AP)—Last spring Israel A. Broadsword, Idaho's only living Civil War veteran, told newspapermen he wanted three things—to live to be 100, to vote in the 1946 elections and to own a Civil War uniform again. Today he had achieved all three.

Broadsword, who says he voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, was at the polls here last month.

And on his 100th birthday today he learned he is to receive a Union army uniform as a birthday gift from the Bonner county American Red Cross chapter, which obtained it from an eastern military goods manufacturer.

Gunshot Fatal To Indian

Wilfred Barkley, 23-year-old Klamath Indian, died from a gunshot wound, which officers said was apparently self-inflicted, at his house in Sprague River early Sunday morning, and his white wife, Edna, 33, is held in the county jail for introducing intoxicating liquor on the reservation.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low, who with other officers, investigated the shooting, said that Barkley was believed to have sat on the side of his bed, put the muzzle of a 30-30 carbine under his chin and pressed the trigger.

The shooting occurred about 4:30 a. m., after a drinking party at Barkley's house. His wife, Edna, was in the bed at the time and an Indian youth, Janstow Jackson, 18, was asleep on a day-enport in the next room.

The bullet tore off the upper left side of the Indian's head, and passed through the ceiling and roof.

Barkley's wife ran to a neighbor's house and the Sprague River constable was called. Indian Officer Willis Pankey arrived a few minutes later, and put in a call to Deputy Coroner Marvin Albee, who went to Sprague River with Sheriff Low and Deputy Marion Barnes.

The sheriff said that Barkley's body was sprawled on the bed, and that the rifle was several feet away, on a trunk, the used cartridge ejected and the hammer back. The cartridge was on the floor. He said that apparently someone had pumped the rifle and ejected the shell before officers arrived. Jackson, who was in the next room, said that he

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YULE FESTIVITIES SLATED FOR TONIGHT

Holiday festivities will center tonight, Monday, at 7:30 o'clock on the courthouse lawn where the community Christmas tree will be lighted and the awards in the outdoor illumination contest will be presented.

The recently organized community chorus will appear for the first time and this group will sing several carols. Tom O'Dwyer will be master of ceremonies, there will be a Santa Claus, group singing, and finally the distribution of treats to the children by members of the Junior chamber of commerce.

PANDORA BOX MURDERER GETS LIFE SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—A first degree murder conviction with a recommendation for life imprisonment was returned by a circuit jury here yesterday in the trial of James Wesley Bowden, 49, for the "pandora box" death of his wife.

Judge Walter L. Tooze said he would pronounce sentence Friday morning. The verdict binds the court to giving the former Aleutian war-worker a life prison term.

The jury reached the verdict in less than five hours' deliberation, taking the case late Saturday evening and retiring to bed a few hours later to resume consideration yesterday morning.

Bowden's 47-year-old wife was blown to bits in the basement of their home July 27 when she opened a trunk the defendant admitted contained a box he had rigged with dynamite to "eliminate" a rival for Mrs. Bowden's affections. The prosecution accused Bowden of deliberately arousing the woman's curiosity to open the box.

Bowden's two daughters testified in his defense Saturday and told the jury they believed their father really loved their mother. Bowden contended he had put the lethal box in the basement for safe keeping after deciding not to use it on his rival. He said he was trying to find a way to dismantle it.

"Biggest Turkey" Proves Too Big

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Keyes Carson, of Cuero, Tex., promised "the biggest turkey in the country" to anyone who recovered the guns and other articles stolen from his car here recently.

Yesterday, he paid off, with a 46-pound bird for Detectives James Derrig and Anthony Thurston, who had arrested the burglars and recovered the loot. Derrig and Thurston looked at the bird and looked at each other.

"Will it go in your oven?" asked Derrig. "No," said Thurston. "will it go in yours?"

They took the turkey to the St. Vincent's orphanage, where the children decided it was about the right size for their oven.



The cartoon above illustrates the situation in which the Herald and News finds itself here at the far end of the year—and the reason for this diminutive edition which we have dubbed as Junior. Because of the near-exhaustion of our paper quota, we have been forced to resort to Junior—a tabloid edition without advertising—from now until January 6, when the paper will return to its full size and regular format.

During Junior's brief life we hope to make him do the job as adequately as his size will permit, and to make him sparkle with color and a few innovations.

Russians Order US Ship Out Of Free City Port

DAIREN, Manchuria, Dec. 20 (Delayed) (P)—A United States navy ship pulled out of the port of Dairen this afternoon after receiving a verbal ultimatum from Russian military officials to the effect that "unless you leave within 20 minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences."

The Russian military commander in charge of the city refused to permit an American businessman with full clearance from U. S. authorities to debark. Also denied permission to land were two American newspapermen, representing the combined world press.

(Russian troops have occupied Dairen since the Japanese surrender. Although the Chinese-Russian treaty of 1945 called for its designation as a free port under Chinese administration, Soviet forces still are in control of the city.)

(In Washington, the state department said it had received no report of the "verbal ultimatum" and would have no immediate comment.)

Second Trip
The vessel, LC-3 1090, was on a second routine courier mission to Dairen carrying diplomatic mail and supplies to the U. S. consulate there.

In view of the fact that the details of the first trip had been revealed to the press, two correspondents were permitted to take passage on this trip by Admiral Charles M. Cooke Jr., commander of the seventh fleet, in order to be present in event their going ashore would meet with the approval of local authorities. Admiral Cooke had ruled that no photographs could be made without the consent of the local officials.

The ship arrived at Dairen December 18, and requested permission to remain in port for 48 hours. This was accepted without comment by the Soviet authorities who met the ship at anchorage.

The ship remained in the harbor two additional hours while U. S. Consul General H. Merrill Benninghoff attempted a last minute appeal to the Soviet military authorities to permit an American businessman, Jess L. Poole, Atlanta, Ga., representing the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., to go ashore. It was at this point that the Soviet ultimatum was delivered.

The Soviets ordered the ship to leave despite the fact that neither the diplomatic courier nor the commanding officer of the ship were aboard. They were at the American consulate awaiting results of Consul General Benninghoff's final appeal to the Soviet commander. They arrived on board only at the very moment of the ship's departure.

Woman Stabs Man To Death
PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—A 22-year-old woman, who detectives said was angered because her boy friend went for a walk with another woman during a party, stabbed him fatally in front of a half-dozen guests at a Christmas party yesterday.

The witnesses said the young woman sobbed "I stabbed him, oh, Lord, don't let him die," as 25-year-old Isaac Gray collapsed in a housing project living room. He was dead upon arrival at a hospital.

Detectives J. C. Quinn and B. P. Hutchins said the young woman told them she had meant only to "frighten him," and that the attack came as the climax of many quarrels.

The woman was held for the district attorney. Both she and Gray are negro.

JAP SKIPPER TELLS OF QUAKE AT SEA
TOKYO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The skipper of a Japanese-manned LST (landing ship, tank) which was 12 miles off Shingo at the time of Saturday's earthquake reported today the feeling was "as if the hull had hit a mine—a tremendous shock." The vessel was not damaged.

This was the first report from a ship at sea during the quake.

TAFT TO ASK CHAIR
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio said today he will ask the chairmanship of the senate committee when republican senators meet December 30 to organize for their new majority role.

WEATHER
Max. (Dec. 22) 55 Min. 25
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 3.48
Last year 5.28 Normal 4.07
Forecast: Partly cloudy, little change in temperature.

He Got The Farm; Now Needs Wife

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (P) Get ready, you girls in Tulelake, John P. O'Sullivan is coming courting.

One of four San Francisco winners in the Tulelake, Calif., homestead drawing, the 41-year-old bachelor is looking for a wife to go with his newly acquired farm.

"I'll have to marry right away, of course," he beamed. He said he had worked in the Tule region as a farmhand for 15 years, after coming over from Ireland in 1926, and knows several Tulelake girls who would make fine wives, but "no one in particular."

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