

61 INJURED WHEN TRAINS COLLIDE

In The Day's News

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THIS is the Christmas season in a cockeyed world. The world is cockeyed because in spite of modern progress too many people can't have the THINGS they want and need.

NOTE the word "things." MONEY is plentiful, everywhere in the world—even in the countries where starvation stalks the streets and the highways and the byways. (We must remember that throughout much of the world stark hunger prevails. America is a fortunate island where people at least have plenty to EAT.)

WISE people learn from their mistakes and their misfortunes. Maybe we will be wise enough to learn for the future the important lesson that money is merely the oil that makes the wheels of productive industry turn without creaking. IN ITSELF it is nothing. It is THINGS that count. Things are produced by labor applied to raw materials. That can't be done with mirrors.

HERE is a pre-Christmas incident in the news:

In Pittsburg, a streetcar motorman left his car for a moment at a stop. A quick-thinking bogus motorman took over. For six miles, he collected the fares—and POCKETED them. To each departing passenger he gave a handful of transfers and a "Merry Christmas."

At the end of the six miles, he skipped, with his pockets heavy with nickels and probably congratulating himself on having pulled off a smart trick.

THIS writer has a notion that last night he was the victim of a racket.

About 9 p. m. the doorbell rang. An agreeable, well-dressed, (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

One Injured In Algoma Crash

One man suffered a severe cut on the chin but his brother was uninjured when their north-bound car slid off the slick pavement just north of the Algoma view point at 7:40 p. m. Monday and plunged 25 feet down a steep embankment.

Thomas Edward O'Mara of Los Angeles and his brother, Albert, en route north to St. Paul, Ore., were passengers in the car. O'Mara said he threw on his brakes when the car started to slide on the hill and the machine went over the bank on the left hand side of the highway. Both (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Roosevelt Mum On Statue Question

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Elliott Roosevelt declined today to enter the controversy over whether the London statue of his late father should be a standing or a seated figure.

"It is a great honor to have any statue at all, and any manner in which they feel it is best to depict him would be perfectly fine," he told an interviewer.

Roosevelt and his wife arrived last night from Berlin on their way home from Moscow. They are expected to leave for New York late today by American overseas airlines.

20 Die In Argentine Crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Rio de Janeiro fire department announced today that 20 persons were killed and one injured when an air transport of the Argentine Fama Line, en route from London to Buenos Aires, crashed yesterday near this city.

The sole survivor was identified as Claudio Mendonca Rios, 27, a technician of the Peruvian air force. A doctor said Rios' general condition was good.

Unusual clinging mists were blamed for the crash of the plane against the Pico do Papagaio (Parrot's Peak) about 30 miles

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Stukel Fall Kills Youth

Yule Spirit Rules Tonight

The world was in a festive mood today as it faced the gaiety of Christmas eve.

Children in this country were bright eyed over the forthcoming visit of Santa Claus—the fat, jovial, white-whiskered, mythical gentleman who deposits gifts under their Christmas trees while they sleep. It is symbolic of the gifts presented by the Three Wise Men to the infant Christ at his Bethlehem birthplace 1946 years ago.

Last minute shoppers thronged the streets of Klamath Falls today and stocks were well depleted by late afternoon.

Churches and Sunday schools have had their traditional pageants of the Nativity depicting the age-old story of the birth of the Saviour. Tonight midnight mass will be celebrated by two churches in the city, Sacred Heart and St. Paul's. For the first time, the mass will be broadcast from Sacred Heart Catholic church from 11:45 p. m. to 1 a. m. The hour of worship at St. Paul's is 10 p. m. instead of the usual hour of 11 o'clock.

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, will be a holiday throughout the nation. The weatherman brought one disappointment, promising little in the way of a white Christmas. Locally, the forecast was for cloudy weather and little change in temperature.

There was a large crowd on the courthouse lawn last night to enjoy the community Christmas tree and to hear the carols as sung by the community chorus, hear Santa Claus' timeless message to the throng of children, and listen to their squeals of de-

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Merrill Killed On Stuke

Dwight Tolliver, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tolliver of the hill road near Merrill, suffered fatal injuries Tuesday afternoon when he struck his head on jagged rocks while hiking with a group of friends on Stuke! mountain.

The child, one of three children in the Tolliver family, apparently fell backwards from a large rock and struck the back and left side of his head with such force that he lacerated his brain. He was unconscious when found by his playmates who missed him for five minutes as they were half way up the side of the mountain.

Word was sent to Merrill and (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Fast Freight Plows Into Passenger

WAUBAY, S. D., Dec. 24 (AP)—A fast freight overshot a siding and rammed into the Milwaukee Railroad's Olympian last night, injuring 61 of its 450 Christmas holiday travelers. Eleven were hospitalized.

The head-on collision occurred a mile east of Waubay, where the passenger train, eastbound for Chicago from Tacoma, Wash., had come to a virtual stop while waiting for a clear track. The freight was scheduled to enter a siding at that point but failed and rumbled on down the main line.

Derailed
Both locomotives were derailed. A baggage car and four freight cars were overturned. The baggage car was crumpled and Dr. Faris Pfister, of Webster, S. D., said the fact that it absorbed most of the shock probably averted more serious casualties among the Olympian's passengers.

Dr. Pfister, with two other physicians who answered calls for doctors and ambulances, treated 50 passengers at the scene. Many were soldiers en route home on Christmas furlough from army posts in Washington. Injuries consisted of sprains, cuts and bruises.

Nine of the 26 requiring hospital treatment were members of the dining car crew. Some (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Death Takes Dorris Pioneer

Mary Elizabeth Thomas, 78, for 39 years a resident of Dorris, Calif., but for the past two years living with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Murphy of Merrill, died at 3:45 p. m. Tuesday at Klamath Valley hospital. Mrs. Thomas had had surgery several days before but failed to recover.

She was a native of Tazewell county, Virginia, and is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Pearl A. Carsley of Malin, Mrs. Murphy of Merrill, Mrs. Dema Dillon of Pullman, Wash., Mrs. Gracie L. Mitchell of Springfield, Ore., and Mrs. Cecile M. Ross of Quincy, Calif., and one son, William P. Thomas of Fairbanks, Alaska. One brother and one sister, Robert L. Wallis and Mrs. Lucy Krause, both of Dorris, also survive. Final rites will be held Thursday at 10 a. m. from the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home with the Rev. C. C. Brown officiating. Interment will take place in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery, Yreka, Calif.

Barracks School Plan Assured

SALEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—The state board of education said today it has reasonable assurance that the war assets administration will approve the board's application to take over Klamath Marine Barracks for use as a vocational school.

O. I. Paulson, state vocational education director, said enrollment at the proposed school would be 400 in the first year of operation, and that enrollment would reach a peak of 1500 in five years. He said he would ask the legislature for money to operate the school. The state emergency board appropriated \$75,000 to operate until February 1.

1st Degree Charge Filed

Donald L. Yancey, 35-year-old ex-soldier, is now charged with murder in the first degree in the fatal shooting of Mary L. McComb, Klamath county librarian, over a week ago. Sheriff Lloyd L. Low signed (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Soviets Acted Within Rights Police Find Missing Boy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A state department official said today Russian military authorities at Dairen, Manchuria, acted within their legal rights in ordering an American vessel to leave the port last Friday after its (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

After the entire night shift of the city police force, along with many neighbors, had combed the town and the hills back of town almost all night, 4-year-old Jerry Jones, reported missing late yesterday, was found peacefully asleep at the home of an uncle about 5 a.m.

The boy, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Snider, 433 Washington, had been left at the home of Mrs. Lovie O. Gustafson, 339 High, yesterday afternoon, and apparently had wandered back (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

WEATHER

Max. (Dec. 23)..... 43 Min. 22
Precipitation last 24 hours..... .00
Stream year to date..... 3.48
Last year..... 5.33 Normal..... 4.13
Forecast: Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature.

Yule Spirit Cancels Disaster

Henry V. Munday probably figures by this time that if you've got to be burned out of house and home, it's best to have it happen just before Christmas. Anyway, the Munday family continues to recover from disaster under the friendly spirit that prevails hereabouts at this time of year.

Sam Neslin of Oregon Woolen stores, learning that the 29-year-old logger lost everything but bedroom slippers and a robe, completely outfitted Munday for both work and dress-up. And

while Mrs. Munday was talking to Neslin, she told of a family that needed things worse than the Mundays—whereupon Sam also took care of the needs of that family.

The Elks provided the Munday children with clothing, and other gifts have followed the \$500 which was presented by the students of Klamath Union high school and started it all.

Meanwhile, the Mundays are looking for something that's harder to find here right now than just about anything—a two-bedroom house to live in.

