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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AFTERMATH of Christmas, 1946:
Traffic deaths counted so far this morning amount to 199. It is expected that when the figures are all in the total will pass 300. The National Safety council, admittedly pessimistic, had estimated 150.

ICY streets and roads? Bad storms?

Apparently not. The weather was generally fair throughout the nation. Climate-proud California, with a total of 35 traffic deaths so far counted, led the nation. Forty-three of California's 55 fatalities were reported from the 10-county area around Los Angeles.

The weather there was rainy and foggy.

CHINA, on Christmas Day, sets a new record for civilian aviation fatalities. In the fog-blanketed Shanghai area, three Chinese airliners cracked up, killing or injuring 85 persons. A fourth transport is missing and is feared lost with 10 persons aboard.

THE dispatches report that these planes were loaded with more than 100 persons "anticipating gay Christmas parties in Shanghai." Most of the passengers appear to have been Chinese.

In these tragic days in China, gay Christmas parties somehow seem to provide a jarring note.

THAT may be a prejudiced judgment. Misfortune is better met with a smiling than with a gloomy face. Still, with MILLIONS starving, it does seem that the food that usually accompanies gay parties might have been better used in saving lives. What happened in Shanghai may provide us with a clue as to why civil war still rages in China.

THE Chinese communists, incidentally, seem to be doing (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Morse Asks Strong Policy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) called today for support and strengthening of the administration's foreign policy as a means of winning the peace and avoiding another war.

Just back from a six-weeks tour of Europe and the middle east, he also asserted in a statement that Americans at home had "let down" U. S. military government and state department officials abroad. American prestige among allied, liberated and conquered countries has suffered as a result, he said.

"Every American here at home should feel somewhat ashamed of the lack of adequate support which we have given these representatives of ours abroad since V-E and V-J day," he added.

Bilbo Investigates Other Senators In Contract Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Senator Bilbo (D-Miss.), an associate said today, is preparing to raise some "embarrassing" questions if his colleagues seek to make an issue of his dealings with war contractors.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) told reporters that Bilbo has had "a bunch of people" investigating other senators' connections with contractors, and is prepared to parry questions directed against him with "a record of what other people have done."

The senate war investigating committee is weighing a subcommittee's report on Bilbo's relations with a group of Mississippi contractors in the early days of the nation's defense program. While the report has not been made public, the public

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Western Airliner Missing

Traditional Procession



Accompanied by government leaders, Roman Catholic Patriarch Louis Barlassina (wearing white ermine cape, right center, background), head of the Latin clergy in Palestine for 28 years, leads the traditional procession from Manger Square to the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem. This picture, taken by Associated Press Photographer J. Walter Green, was transmitted directly from Jerusalem to New York by radio, with automatic relay in London of radio signals. —AP wirephoto.

Nation's Holiday Traffic Death Toll Rises To 220

By The Associated Press

The gaiety of the Christmas holiday turned to sadness today in scores of the nation's homes where black crepe replaced the green holly as a mounting toll of violent deaths, most of them in traffic accidents, were recorded since early Christmas Eve.

Generally fair weather throughout the country lured thousands of motorists to the highways, many in their new Christmas automobiles, and the number of traffic fatalities totaled 220.

Violent deaths by miscellaneous causes—fires, plane and train crashes, asphyxiation, drowning—accounted for 37

victims. The 257 total this Christmas compared to 414 in 1945, which included 219 traffic fatalities.

The 220 traffic deaths were far in excess of the 150 estimated by the national safety council (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Atomic Board Adopts Draft

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 26 (AP)—The political committee of the United Nations atomic energy commission adopted a draft reported today by a 10 to 0 vote, but left the controversial Baruch plan on atomic control for detailed consideration tomorrow.

Russia's representative, Dr. S. P. Alexandrov, did not participate in the adoption of the 80-page report because, he said, the Soviet delegation had not had time to study it. Poland abstained when the final vote was taken.

The reports, minus the essential findings and recommendations section, now goes to the working committee of the full commission. This working committee will meet tomorrow (11 a. m. EST) to take up the Baruch plan and a Canadian document (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

WEATHER

Max. (Dec. 25) 46 Min. 27
Precipitation last 24 hours .7
Stream year to date 3.50
Last year 5.56 Normal 4.25
Forecast: Mostly cloudy, occasional light rain today, tonight and Friday.

One Killed In Yule Eve Auto Wreck

The Christmas holiday was marred by a score of traffic accidents in Klamath county, one of them fatal.

Killed when his pickup overturned four miles north of Merrill Christmas Eve, was 41-year-old George Alfred Dellinger, 1821 Dayton. His wife, Helen Narcillion Dellinger, is in Hillside hospital suffering from severe body bruises and a broken ankle.

State police said the Dellinger machine was en route to Merrill when Dellinger apparently slowed to take a curve and lost control of the car. The machine overturned twice as it struck a bank. Mrs. Dellinger told officers she crawled from the machine around to the driver's side where her husband was hanging over the door and when she questioned him, he told her he was "all right." He died a few minutes later from chest injuries. The body is at Ward's.

Shortly after the accident, a car driven by Robert Coles of Perez, Calif., struck the Dellinger pickup and knocked it about one-half foot, police said. Fog obliterated Coles' view. He was (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Klamath Rests After Holiday

Klamath Falls settled back this morning to recover from holiday festivities, tired but happy, as it cast a backward look at Christmas, 1946. It was anything but a white Christmas, but rainy, dreary weather failed to dampen holiday enthusiasm. Christmas morning was as festive as always for youngsters, families gathered for the annual yuletide feast, and Klamath people thronged to churches for special services on Sunday and Christmas.

Hospitals were crowded with a large number of traffic accidents, the only tragic note of the day.

Santa Claus delivered a definitely post-war pack of toys to delight the small fry as well as oldsters who welcomed the return of metal toys, electric trains and still new and different gee-gaws.

In downtown stores this morning, the aftermath of the holiday shopping season was being cleared away, and clearance sales were the next step on the retailers' calendar.

Klamath Falls churches reported that large crowds observed the religious festival of Christmas at services held through the week.

GOP Split In Ranks Widens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—A potentially powerful coalition of anti-Dewey republicans and southern democrats appears likely today to develop as a result of the bitter row within GOP ranks over the post of house majority leader.

To a large degree, the controversy has reflected the behind-the-scenes jockeying between the forces favoring the presidential aspirations of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Ohio's still undetermined choice—Senators Taft or Bricker.

With Dewey's support, Rep. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Former Klamath Broker Arrested In New York City

Lewis H. Ankeny, former Klamath Falls stockbroker against whom the grand jury returned two indictments concerning an alleged misappropriation of funds, has been arrested in New York City, according to word received by Sheriff Lloyd L. Low.

The two grand jury indictments are for embezzlement and larceny by bailee, with bond set at \$5000 on each count.

Ankeny, who operated a stock brokerage office at 120 S. 9th, is alleged to have converted to his own use \$37,039.98. Sixteen creditors, listed in a bankruptcy court petition, set their total losses at that amount.

The broker was adjudged bankrupt in an involuntary proceeding by Judge Claude McCulloch in U. S. district court, Portland, on November 16. His assets were listed as amounting to \$10,026.62, in a bank account, various stocks and office furniture of the Lewis Ankeny company.

Ankeny left Klamath Falls about the last week in August,

and officers here learned that he had gone to New York. Police there were asked to place him under arrest. According to word from the New York police, Ankeny is in jail and has waived extradition. However, Sheriff Low said that he will ask for extradition papers and that Deputy Marion Barnes will probably go to New York to bring the broker back.

Shortly after he disappeared from town, Ankeny and the brokerage company was named as defendant in a lawsuit brought by C. A. Dunn, Klamath Falls contractor, for \$3475 to cover a check assertedly given Dunn by Ankeny which was refused at the bank. Dunn is one of the creditors listed in the bankruptcy petition.

The indictments charge Ankeny with converting to his own use money which he received to purchase stocks in his brokerage business.

John Ebinger has been appointed trustee of Ankeny's assets.