

# CALIFORNIA SP WRECK KILLS 7

## Herald and News

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**WEATHER**  
Max. (Jan. 16) 39 Min. 46  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream gauge in date 3.80  
Last year 4.38 Normal 5.03  
Forecast: Clear today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature.

### Arnall Kicked Out

#### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
EN ROUTE to San Francisco. Redding and nightfall arrive at the same time. I walk into a hotel, WITHOUT a reservation, and approach the desk.

You know how a dog is when you're eating something good. I know now how the dog feels. If I had a tail, I'd have been wagging it.

Under such circumstances, the urge to ingratiate yourself is irresistible.

THE room clerk is a young woman. Schooled in these hard scarcity years, I say to her: "You wouldn't have a room at this time of the day, would you?"

Any salesman will tell you that is a bad approach. The answer is too easy. Just a little two-letter word: "No." Hardly any effort at all. If you really WANT something, you must make it HARD to say no. That's only rudimentary psychology.

But, in the matter of hotel rooms, these war years have been tough ones. Repeated misfortunes sap your resolution. Try as you will to put a booming, confident tone into your voice, you break unexpectedly when the pinch comes.

The streets are so cold and so drafty. And the nights are so long. Try as I would to be bluff and hearty, that timid little blonde was the best I could manage.

SHE smiled. A warming smile. The kind of a smile that used to spread over an advertising salesman's countenance when a customer who looked solvent came in and asked: "How about a page ad tomorrow?"

"Why, certainly, sir," she answered. "What kind of room would you like?"

YOU know the old war story about the smoker who stepped out to the tobacco counter and inquired: "Any cigarettes today?" and the clerk who answered: "What kind, please?"

### Dog Pack May Be Called In To Aid In Plane Search

Russian shepherd dogs credited with finding five airplane wrecks this year may be called into the week-old search for Robert Rubottom, McMinnville flier missing on a flight from Klamath Falls to his home town.

The dogs belong to John Black, Ogden, Utah, and are at Roseburg, where Black is preparing to search for Vernon Coulter and his mother, missing since November 1 on a flight from Red Bluff, Calif., to Hillsboro. Black has agreed to fly to Klamath Falls and start the Rubottom search if the Coulter will release him.

The air search for Rubottom today centered in the Willamette pass country, after a report from the Gold Lake section up there told of a plane, apparently with motor trouble, being sighted there last Friday, the day Rubottom disappeared. The informant, whose name was not learned, said the aircraft seemed to disappear in the snow.

An airplane party from McMinnville stayed here over night after a search flight to Klamath Falls yesterday. Men in the party are G. M. Cornwall of the McMinnville Telephone-Register, Robert Macy, Albert Bliton, Robert Earl and Al Udlinek. They flew here in a twin-motored Cessna. One of the men planned to fly back in a BT-13 that was left here a week ago, and the two planes took off this morning to search the mountain area on the way back to McMinnville.

### Retail Volume Sales Climb

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Clearance sales continued to attract many shoppers in the week ended Wednesday, boosting retail volume moderately above the preceding week and 22 to 26 per cent ahead of the corresponding week ago, Dun & Bradstreet reported today.

"Consumers generally were critical of quality and compared prices carefully before completing purchases," the business research firm said. "In many cases the demand for quality resulted in the failure of goods to sell despite further price reductions."

Interest in furs centered on mouton, muskrat and Persian lamb, but sales were affected adversely by mild weather.

Some clearances of men's suits were reported but were very limited in scope. Demand remained close to the high levels of previous weeks.

### Exploding Shells Demolish Town

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17 (AP)—At least 13 persons were killed today and hundreds were believed injured when a truckload of German shells exploded in Mulden, reducing a large area to rubble reminiscent of the war.

### Talmadge Lieutenant Grabs Desk

ATLANTA, Jan. 17 (AP)—Herman Talmadge seized complete control of Georgia's capitol today and forced Ellis Arnall to move to a downtown office building.

Arnall, who has been governor for the past four years and claims he is still the state's legal executive despite the state legislature's naming of Talmadge, announced his intention to establish the Arnall capitol downtown after a brief encounter with a Talmadge lieutenant at the state house.

The Talmadge lieutenant, State Rep. Jimmie Dykes, earlier had seized the desk in the capitol rotunda which Arnall occupied yesterday after being excluded from the executive chambers.

Arnall strode up to Rep. Dykes' desk and said "Jimmie, I'm governor."

Dykes interrupted to say "Ellis Arnall, you remind me of a hog. You got your head in the trough and you just can't stop."

Arnall asked "have you taken my office?"

Dykes replied "I have and I'm refusing to let you sit here. You have no more right to be governor than I have."

Arnall retorted "well, let's see."

Then, turning to the press, and speaking into a radio microphone, Arnall said "to the people of Georgia—as governor of Georgia, I have been denied access to the state capitol building."

Dykes shouted "that's a lie." Arnall continued.

"Today, denied access to my office in the rotunda of the capitol. In order not to discredit the people of Georgia and to create disturbance, I'm moving to 1407 Candler building (in downtown Atlanta) there to function as chief executive."

"I'm sure the courts will uphold me as legal governor."

### Broken Rail Wrecks Train



This is an airview of the wreckage of the Southern Pacific's Owl crack night train, six cars of which overturned when the train hit a broken rail near Bakersfield early today. At least seven persons were killed. The picture was received over telephone wire at Klamath Falls before noon today by AP wire-photo service.

### Reds May Ask US Loan In Lieu Of Nazi Reparations

LONDON, Jan. 17 (AP)—British sources predicted today that Russia might seek a five billion dollar loan from the United States as the price for scaling down reparations claims on Germany—one of the thorniest issues facing the deputy foreign ministers drafting German and Austrian peace treaties.

The influential London economist, referring reparations "the crux of the whole matter," said the "key to a German settlement" might lie in a U. S. loan to Russia.

"The Russians have asked for \$10,000,000,000 worth of reparations from Germany," the paper said, "but the certainty of half that figure in dollars now would be of infinitely greater economic value."

"Prime Minister Stalin has on two occasions recently referred to Russia's need for an American loan. The whole atmosphere of the coming Moscow conference might be changed if successful loan negotiations had already been completed in Washington."

Commenting on the heavy cost of occupation and asserting that unification of Germany would cut these expenditures, the economist added that "Russian demands seem to Russians to be justified many times over and it would indeed be a remarkable situation if dollars could be found for a defeated aggressor but not for a devastated ally."

Australia apparently lost her appeal for active participation by the "little nations" in discussing the German and Austrian treaties. Feodor T. Goussiev, Russian deputy foreign minister, insisted that the smaller nations appear before the deputies council only when presenting their own treaty proposals.

The United States, Britain and France appeared to have best information, is in protective custody in Germany by the war department. She is required to report to the military officials every two weeks. No passport has been issued to her to enter this country.

Miss Gillars was released from a U. S. army prison on December 24 on instructions from the justice department at whose request she had been held.

### Night Train Overturns After Hitting Broken Rail At Bakersfield

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Jan. 17 (AP)—Seven persons were known to have been killed, Coronor Norman Houze said today, and many others were injured when a Southern Pacific passenger train struck a broken rail 12 miles northwest of here early today. He added one or two more might have died in the wreck.

Deputy Coronor John Werts, also at the wreck scene, said three of the known dead are women. Some of the bodies removed from the wreckage were badly mangled, making identification of the exact number killed difficult.

Kern County General hospital, where most of the injured were being treated, estimated them at 75 to 100, including those less seriously hurt.

The dead included these, tentatively identified: James Leroy Hall, Kansas City, Mo.; Bessie Diles, Richmond, Calif.; Pvt. Joseph Bernavich, 18, Richmond, Calif.

Sheriff's Deputy Jack Kiehl estimated that 55 persons were being treated for injuries at the scene.

Through Windows Kiehl said an uncounted number of passengers were hurled through train windows and crushed beneath the weight of four coaches and a tourist sleeper which were derailed and overturned when the Owl, night train southbound from San Francisco to Los Angeles, hit a broken rail.

The sheriff's deputy reported that the wreckage was a ghastly scene and that legs and arms were torn from some of the victims.

Leg Severed "The halls are full of injured and we are working on them desperately," said an attendant at the Kern County hospital here. Names of the dead and injured were not yet available.

One of the injured was a youngster whose leg was severed in the wreck.

Ambulance crews, sheriff's deputies and others worked feverishly to extricate the injured and rush them to hospitals.

A Southern Pacific dispatcher said the train, Owl No. 58 which left San Francisco at 6:30 o'clock last night and was due in Los Angeles at 8:25 a. m. today, usually traveled at 60 miles an hour along the stretch where the wreck occurred.

Sergeant L. E. Pryor of the Bakersfield sheriff's office said six ambulances had been sent to the scene at Lerdo, a small railway station near Minterfield, wartime training field for aviation cadets.

The engineer, H. P. Lawrence, and the conductor, George Cochran, of Los Angeles, were unhurt as the locomotive and three baggage cars behind it were not derailed. Seven passenger cars of the 15-car train remained upright.

Wreckage was scattered along the right of way for a quarter of a mile.

Transverse Fissure B. W. Mitchell, Southern Pacific division superintendent, said the fatal break in the rail was a transverse fissure, impossible to detect. The train was running about 60 miles an hour, he said, when it struck the break at 2:40 a. m.

The locomotive and three baggage cars passed over the spot and the rail broke under the first of the four coaches, Mitchell said.

H. O. Nelson, Los Angeles, Pullman conductor, said none of the dead or the very seriously injured were passengers in the standard sleeping cars so far as he knew. Most of the dead and injured had been riding in the coaches.

### Brass Hats Okay Merger

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The army and navy high command, agreed on a plan for "unification," today promised cooperation and greater efficiency under a single cabinet officer.

One of the Secretary of War Patterson, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower gave their whole-hearted endorsement to the new plan.

They spoke to a crowded news conference in the White House movie theatre.

Then they turned the meeting over to experts to go into details. But, for the most part, the plan, announced by President Truman last night, remained only a general proposition, with the chinks to be filled in later.

Congress will have a big hand in that.

Admiral Nimitz said he considers the plan a "definite and substantial forward step and I shall support it to the best of my ability." He said it will enable the services to get together on many essential matters and make progress.

General Eisenhower, wearing a Florida tan, said he always has deplored the differences between army and navy officers over a merger and now that they had been resolved he personally will "support it with all I have" as a "distinctive step forward."

The United States, he said, will be the greater gainer by a step of this nature.

During the seminar, President Truman met with his cabinet in their regular Friday session in another part of the White House.

The meeting was largely devoted to a discussion of the army-navy "unification" agreement.

Truman Pleased Secretary of Agriculture Anderson told reporters the president "seemed pleased" about the agreement and "that's about as far as we got."

When it came to details, questions at the news seminar brought out these points:

The plans make no specific provision in themselves for a single purchasing department for all branches of the armed services. But the nature of the set-up indicates that this is contemplated.

The famed marine corps will continue unchanged as the traditional amphibious fighting group. But there probably will be greater cooperation, training and development for use of the army, navy and marines together in such operations.

### Huge Land Deal Made

Seth Dixon, well-known and successful Fort Klamath rancher, has purchased the old Woodruff ranch, also known as the Oregon ranch, at the edge of Klamath marsh, for \$175,000 in one of the largest land transactions in the county in many years.

The land was bought from P. M. Jackson, trustee of the bankrupt estate of Leonard J. Woodruff. The land lies partly at the edge of Klamath marsh and extends west toward the Dalles-California highway at Sun Mountain. Headwaters of Sand creek are on the property. The total acreage was not disclosed.

Woodruff was an oil millionaire from Oklahoma when he came into the Klamath country in the early 20's, according to Fred L. Pope, county commissioner. He bought much land in the Fort Klamath area and leased it out. Woodruff maintained his home in Los Angeles.

Several years later Woodruff was forced into bankruptcy.

Purchase of the ranch land, described as jackpine and grazing country, by Dixon is another chapter in the history of that vast fortune which once was Woodruff's.

Sheriff Lloyd Low recalls that Woodruff and a chauffeur came into Klamath county in the early 20's. Woodruff deposited \$20,000 in a local bank his first day in town.

### Hatfield Plant Opening Slated

TULELAKE, Jan. 17—First potatoes to be converted to starch by the Northwest chemistry starch plant at Hatfield will roll over the crushers early next week it was announced by C. E. Rice, plant manager.

The plant is still under construction and will not process glucose until later in the season. The starch output will be shipped to Wenatchee, Wash. All equipment is installed. Trough washed potatoes will go through the crusher and over an extractor which will separate the pulp from the water content through a screen. The pulp is then reground and finer sediment removed. The liquid is then put in a vat where the starch settles to the bottom and the water pumped off and discarded.

Fresh water in quantity enough to permit pumping is added to the residue which then goes into centrifugal tanks where the moisture is spun out. The completed product is packed in barrels for shipment to Wenatchee, where it is processed to make glucose. The plant will use at the start 200 tons of potatoes per day, which will make more than 13 tons of starch, and farmers will receive \$10 per ton for their culled potatoes at the plant.

### Archbishop Of Quebec Passes

QUEBEC, Jan. 17 (AP)—Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, archbishop of Quebec, died in a Los Angeles hospital last night, the archbishop's palace announced today.

The cardinal, who was 63, was born the son of a Montreal shoemaker, and became a prince of the Roman Catholic church at 49. He was made archbishop of Quebec in 1931 and cardinal in 1933.

### Doenitz Tells Of Torpedo Attack On Churchill Ship

NUERNBERG, Jan. 17 (AP)—Adm. Karl Doenitz asserted today that a German U-boat nearly counted Winston Churchill among her victims one month after the second World War started.

### 21 Nazis Draw Life For Jap Aid

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17 (AP)—Twenty-one Nazis today were convicted of aiding Japan war effort after V-E Day in violation of Germany's surrender terms and were sentenced to terms ranging from five years to life imprisonment at hard labor.

The Nazis passively heard their sentences passed by a four-member U. S. military commission.

### Employers' Offer Still The Same

No change in the wage scale stand made by ABC and E, contractors' group, was reported following a Thursday night meeting of the organization held at the Leukburg-Duncan offices in the Industrial Arts building.

Information that the carpenters union, local 190, had decided to discharge the negotiating committee and sever all negotiations with ABC and E, was widely discussed by the contractors who are holding firm to their offer of \$1.80 per hour. The union is asking \$1.87 and independent contractors, not affiliated with ABC and E, are paying this scale.

The strike of the union against ABC and E was in its 12th day today.

### US Entry By "Axis Sally" Will Bring Treason Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Attorney General Clark said today that Mildred Gillars, American musician who allegedly broadcast from Nazi Germany as "Axis Sally," will be charged with treason if she enters the United States.

Clark told newsmen "there are reports that Miss Gillars has arrived in Miami, Fla.," and added: "If she enters the United States she will be arrested and charged with treason."

A justice department official told reporters that an immigration service check "shows that Miss Gillars has not arrived in this country." He added: "Miss Gillars, according to our

### Police Press Search For Brutal LA Butcher Slayer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (AP)—Hampered by a scarcity of clues, police today pressed a roundup of suspects in the gruesome butcher-slaying of a young woman identified by the federal bureau of investigation as Elizabeth Short, 22, whose birthplace was Hyde Park, Mass.

The Los Angeles Times said she was the daughter of Mrs. Phoebe M. Short, 46, of Medford, Mass.

The identification was made by the FBI in Washington from fingerprints obtained when the girl was employed in the post exchange at Camp Cooke, Calif., in 1943. The FBI said fingerprints from the mutilated body tallied with those made at Camp Cooke and another set taken at Santa Barbara September 23, 1943, when the girl was taken into custody for alleged violation of juvenile court laws.

Santa Barbara Policewoman Mary Unkefer recalled that she saw Miss Short, whom she described as a very attractive girl, on a train for Medford, "about nine days later."



ELIZABETH SHORT

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