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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

IT'S the day after Christmas, and undoubtedly there are a lot of folks who are glad it is all over. It is quite an event while it lasts, but it does last quite a while. Personally, I grow mellow as we grow older, and we get through the confusion, the excitement, and the broken routine of the Christmas season without getting either cynical or sore about it.

In fact, there are a number of things we like about Christmas. We have been displaying several of them around this morning.

Further, we have found that Christmas has prompted a couple of family projects, which we believe to be desirable in an age when, for the most part, everyone goes his own independent way and there are few joint enterprises within family groups.

Our particular projects are our Christmas lighting display and greeting cards. Doing these jobs together has become traditional in our family, and, even as the second generation members have grown up, interest in these things at Christmas time has continued.

We imagine many another family has found similar pleasant benefits from the holiday season. It's a good time for doing things together.

Earthquake?

WAS there an earthquake in Klamath Falls at noon the day before Christmas?

A lot of people who felt a strange shaking at that time are certain that it was a bona fide quake and nothing else. The reports of a tremor of some kind came from so many different independent sources that there seems no doubt that something happened right on the stroke of 12, and it couldn't have been anything localized like an truck or a train, because the reports came from an area many miles in extent.

The Klamath area, we are told, is not supposed to

have earthquakes, and the distant seismologists on the occasion of the Wednesday tremor and that a couple of months ago at Fort Klamath, have asserted their instruments have recorded nothing to indicate a real quake here.

But the fact remains that the earth hereabouts has been shaking quite distinctly.

Gallup Poll

THIS newspaper has subscribed to the services of the American Institute of Public Opinion, better known as the "Gallup Poll," and soon there will be regular publication on these pages of the reports of the poll on various issues of public interest.

We thought the Gallup poll would be especially interesting to our readers in an election year, so we have added this feature for 1948.

There are polls and polls, but George Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, has succeeded in producing the best of them. The reports of the poll have attained a higher standing in American public opinion than any other.

We will carry these reports as news. They are news of what people think, whereas most of our news is about what people do.

Briefs From The Pocket File

AT 9 p. m. Christmas Eve, Santa Claus whizzed past the corner of Eleventh and High streets in a black Ford sedan that was exceeding the speed limit by at least 30 miles an hour. Klamath interests got at least part of what they wanted out of the O and C land grant master unit set-up. They objected to the first proposal which gave the Lake of the Woods area to the Jackson unit and in the final decision, 18,000 acres in that district were added to the Klamath unit. Which shows that you have to keep your eyes open. Klamath Lake Moulding company has now moved its sawmill operations from the old Boy Scout mill on Upper Klamath lake to the former Big Lakes Box company plant on Lake Ewauna, and has started saving at the latter place.

The first fir logs from the North Umpqua country will soon start through the saws at the Ewauna plant. Christmas weather here was balmy and beautiful and would have amazed those valley neighbors of ours who have the idea we are encased in ice over here from September to June. Just the same, we will take a little snow from here on out. We need that bank of moisture in the mountains. Lakeview's population is gaining, as indicated in a school district census that shows a jump of 288 over the 1945 figure.

The Greyhound bus purchase of the O. C. and N. stage line (between here and Reno) is expected, if it stands, to result in a 25 per cent fare reduction. An unreliable estimate has it that 100,000 Toms and Jerrys are consumed here each Christmas time, and that at least 90 per cent of the consumers would rather have had common, ordinary whiskey and soda.

SIDE GLANCES



"Dad bought mother a fur coat for Christmas—imagine anybody being satisfied with a cheesy present like that?"

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

It is a most unfortunate circumstance—even potentially dangerous—which has impelled the Republic of Panama to refuse the further lease of military bases to Uncle Sam for defense of the vast canal which represents one of the most important strategic zones of the entire western hemisphere.

Panama ranks as one of the little nations of the world in size (estimated population some 650,000 and area only 33,667 square miles), but in importance it's a mighty atom. For the giant canal linking the Pacific and Atlantic cuts through the heart of the republic which stretches along the isthmus between North and South America, and while the U. S. A. owns the ten-mile-wide Canal Zone, it is heavily dependent on the government of Panama for bases from which to protect the waterway.

Came As Shock

So it was a shock when the Panama national assembly unanimously refused to ratify an already signed agreement between Washington and Panama, renewing the leases on fourteen military bases. Especially serious is the loss of the Rio Hato air base which is the only one from which the huge B-29 bombers can operate.

Why did Panama take such drastic action? Well, there are quite a number of angles to it, but one administration official in Washington attributed the move to a "wave of hysteria," saying that it was popular in some Latin American countries to oppose the United States as "the colossus of the North." He added that some communist influence also had been brought to bear but that it wasn't a communist maneuver as such.

Contrary to general expectations the United States took Panama at its word and promptly began withdrawing some 3000 troops from the fourteen bases, thus transferring the defense to the narrow and inadequate Canal Zone. Moreover, Washington legislators started talking about building a new canal. Suggested sites include Nicaragua, Colombia and Isthmus of Tehuantepec in Mexico. Senator Knowland, California republican, stated that he would introduce legislation in congress for a sea-level canal.

Man Dies In Bay Span Leap

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Joseph J. Hamilton, 49, Berkeley, died in a plunge from the San Francisco Bay bridge yesterday and at about the same time the body of a woman identified only as Mabel was found outside the door of her room, a bullet in her head. Police found two notes in Hamilton's room.

Classified Ads Bring Results

It is interesting to note that Panama got independence from Colombia by seceding on November 3, 1903, and was recognized as a free republic by the United States on November 13. Critics of the Washington administration accused it of having advance knowledge of the Panama coup and changed it with hurriedness in recognizing Panama's sovereignty.

While Panama derives much monetary profit from Washington in connection with operation of the canal, many citizens of the republic have been unhappy over their country being split in two by the waterway. Some also have regarded mighty America gloomily as a sort of overlord.

However, many close observers believe that Panama may see fit to reconsider its rejection of the leases, and that the matter may be satisfactorily adjusted. Unless that does happen, it certainly will be a drab day for Pan-American solidarity and defense.

U. P. Freight Leaves Rails In Desert

HONEYVILLE, Utah, Dec. 26 (AP)—Fourteen cars of a northbound Union Pacific freight train were derailed near here today but railroad officials said all trainmen escaped injury.

Six loaded cars and eight empties left the tracks. The mishap occurred 27 miles north of Ogden. Officials said they believed wreckage would be cleared during the day

Business Back To Normal After Big Christmas Rush

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of hands. Both said they occurred while testing out new Christmas

Car Accident

Pete Peterson, 65-year-old Weyerhaeuser Camp 4 employee, was injured Christmas Eve when he was struck by a car driven by Ralph Frederick Stevens of Ellingson mill. Peterson received a broken right leg and was rushed to Hillsdale hospital by Lane Smith of Keno. Peterson was walking on the highway near Puckett-Scherer mill at the time of the accident.

Ford Fleming, Kesterson mill employee, spent Christmas at Hillsdale hospital where he was treated in surgery for a fracture of the right leg. Fleming was at work late Christmas Eve afternoon when a board shot out of the planer and struck him in the thigh.

Gottfried Neubert, 66-year-old retired rancher living at 2143 Orchard, was at his home today suffering from painful bruises after he was struck Christmas Eve at 11th and High as he was making his way diagonally across the intersection toward the Zion Lutheran church for late services. Don Cox, 21, 2039 Sargent, told city police in his report that he was driver of the car which struck Neubert. No arrests were made.

Richard Smith, son of Walter Smith, rancher of the Loretta district, was treated Christmas Day at Hillsdale hospital for a painful injury to the left hand. Young Smith punctured the palm with a screw driver.

R. A. Cantrill, well known Klamath resident living at 720 M. Whitney, was treated at Klamath Valley hospital for a head cut, received while fixing his wife's stove. The accident occurred Christmas afternoon.

Shirley Davidson, daughter of V. Davidson, 2976 Shasta way, was treated at Hillsdale hospital Christmas afternoon for a lacerated hand. She was dismissed to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Webster of Tulelake arrived in Klamath Falls Christmas Day to take their 18-month-old son, Walter, home for his Christmas tree. It is understood that the child had crawled up on the drainboard at the family home last Saturday and got hold of a box of powdered household cleanser. The boy fell and was showered with the cleanser which entered his nose and nasal passage. Later pneumonia developed and he was moved to the hospital for treatment.

City police arrested one drunk driver on Christmas Eve when they picked up Neils Bush, 27, 2415 Main, following a head-on collision between Bush's car and one operated by L. G. Ruse, 3304 Crosby. Bush posted \$100 bail.

Donations continued to come in, but slowly, for the Christmas Ship which leaves Portland shortly after New Year's Day for Europe. Cash may be left, no matter how small the gift, at Mayor Ed Ostendorf's office in the city hall.

The Christmas Bureau wound up its day's deliveries and brought cheer to several hundred children. Scores of motorists were leaving here after a Christmas spent with relatives and as many more were homeward bound from points north and south where they shared the holiday with friends and relatives. All mountain roads were in good winter driving condition.

Old Agreements On Trade Ended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—President Truman by proclamation today terminated trade agreements between the United States and five countries, effective Dec. 31.

They have been superseded by the general trade agreement reached at Geneva, October 30, which goes into effect January 1, 1948.

The agreements terminated are those with Belgium, Canada, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

and normal traffic resumed by nightfall.

Cause of the wreck was not determined immediately.

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Tacloban Wiped Out By Storm

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phone services operated on a limited emergency basis.

A survey by The Associated Press showed that damage in Manila was erratic and spotted, although the eye of the storm passed directly over the metropolitan district.

The city's south harbor was a scene of wreckage and destruction while the north harbor, across the Pasig river, was relatively untouched.

The air terminal at Nichols field, used by Pan-American World Airways and Northwest Airlines, was badly battered and radio communications were knocked out. The two lines probably will not fly into Manila again until the radio is restored, since they are not authorized to land elsewhere.

Quinn Death Told Here

Word of the death on Christmas night of William L. Quinn, 63, former Klamath resident, was received today by his cousin, J. Royal Shaw, 805 Pacific Terrace. Mr. Quinn's death was attributed to a heart ailment and occurred at his home in Mill City, Ore., following a 10-day illness.

Mr. Quinn made his home here from 1923 until 1935, serving as office manager of Shaw-Bertram Lumber company. He left here for Mill City and was a member of the firm and general office manager of the Mill City Manufacturing company.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta, one son, Stanford Smith of Portland, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Faust of Mill City.

Born July 12, 1884, in Ontario, Canada, Mr. Quinn moved to Oregon with his parents when he was four years old. Much of his life was spent in Mill City and he was with the Hammond Lumber company there for a number of years prior to coming to Klamath Falls.

Final rites will be held Monday at 10 a. m. from the Weddle Funeral home in Stayton with interment there. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw plan to leave Sunday for the north to attend funeral services for Mr. Quinn who leaves many friends here to mourn his passing.

Snyder Denies He Has Tax Plans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said in a statement today the treasury had reached no conclusions on tax recommendations to President Truman.

Commenting on a report that he was about to advise an increase in exemptions and extension of the community property principle to all federal income taxpayers, Snyder issued this statement:

"The story in reference to treasury recommendations on tax reduction which appeared in today's afternoon papers is the fragment of an active imagination."

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Siamese Twins Die Christmas

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Siamese twins, boys joined at the tops of their heads—one of the rarest births in medical history—died on Christmas Day, 27 days after their birth, about one hour apart.

The twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spencer, were born in Bedford, November 29, by cesarean section and were brought to the Indiana university medical center soon afterward. They lived out their short lives lying head to head, their faces up, most of the time in an incubator.

The infants were examined by specialists to determine if they could be separated, but all agreed the twins had common brain tissue and an operation would be fatal.

Veteran Training List Hits Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—More war veterans are in training under federal programs than ever before, the veterans administration said today.

As of November 30, there were 2,600,000 World War II veterans enrolled in educational institutions and training establishments, compared with the previous peak of 2,674,000 last April 30.

The new record included 2,546,000 veterans in schools or in training under the servicemen's readjustment act, popularly known as the GI bill, and 254,000 disabled veterans aided under the vocational rehabilitation act.

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WHY WE SAY

By STAN J. COLLINS & L. J. RAWSON



This slang name for a newspaper which features sensational stories was first used in the United States in 1898. At that time some newspapers printed scare articles on the "Yellow Peril" inferring that the Chinese and Japanese would overrun this country.

The Legend Of St. Nick

By FRANK TRIPP

Though we use the names of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas synonymously there really is quite a broad distinction between the two. Their eras were more than a thousand years apart; but their legends are much the same.

St. Nicholas lived about the year 350. He was a patron saint of the Roman Catholic Church. Most that is known of him is legendary, yet he was real.

Santa Claus is barely as old as our country. His name is a corruption of St. Nicholas.

The Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York, "discovered" our Santa Claus. That is they gave him that name. First Saint Klaus, for Saint Nicholas then Santa Claus. Finally Santa Claus.

The jolly old fellow is that young. The way is cleared for the "little round belly" that shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly" in the immortal Christmas poem of Dr. Clement Moore. Dr. Moore lived 1779-1863 in the Chelsea section of Manhattan, then way out in the country, now West 23rd St. He was an author and teacher of Oriental and Greek literature.

In his poem, as perennial as Christmas itself, the doctor shyly talked from his heart, he thought just to his children. He was a learned man, and a bit ashamed of "The Night Before Christmas."

But, as newspapers do, the Troy Record dug it out and printed it. No Christmas message has been more printed since. Author Moore's other works rest in relative obscurity.

The other name for "The Night Before Christmas" is "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Nowhere is Santa Claus mentioned in it. He had not yet come to be known by that name; but all of the nice things we know about him were familiar to children then. The poem says so.

In a way that poem links our Santa Claus and St. Nicholas who lived 1400 years before. St. Nicholas was a bishop, the patron of children and the young. His festival was on December 6 and is associated with a custom sometimes mimicked in our cities today.

On that day there was chosen a Boy Bishop, who dressed in bishop's robes and held mock jurisdiction over the young until Holy Innocents Day, December 28. Kept firm good for Christmas. The Feast of St. Nicholas was celebrated many places in the Old World.

St. Nicholas also was the protector of merchants, sailors and travelers. He's stuck pretty loyal to the merchants, the Christmas ads reveal.

But how come that the modern edition of St. Nicholas is so mysterious, gives so anonymously and

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