

BLIZZARD BLOCKS N.Y. TRAFFIC

In The Day's News

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WEATHER

Max. (Dec. 27) - 45 Min. - 25
Precipitation last 24 hours - 0.4
Stream year to date - 1.46
Forecast: Clear
Shooting stars - 1000
Open: 7:00 a. m. - 10:00 p. m.
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Grecian Fighting Is Unchecked

Death Toll Mounts In Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 27 (AP) — The toll of dead and missing—including 32 of the 61 persons who were aboard the sunken motorship Kina—stood at 49 tonight as the Philippines mopped up after its worst December typhoon in three decades.

Twenty-nine of those aboard the Kina, a Danish ship which sank in Samar sea after rounding during the typhoon Christmas night, were reported safe. There was no word of the other 32, who attempted to ride out the storm in lifeboats and on pieces of wreckage.

Press reports listed 11 killed at Laguna, where an entire family was blown into Laguna bay with their house; five in Manila and one in Cavite.

There was no word of casualties in other sections traversed by the 120-mile-an-hour storm, but communications still were so disrupted that days may pass before a complete check is possible.

Radio System Out

The bureau of posts reported telegraphic communication with only five provincial cities had been reestablished and that 15 of its radio transmitters were out.

The reports of damage ran into untold millions, with most of the coconut and sugar crops ruined in Laguna province, 80 per cent of the buildings gone at Santa Cruz and 500 houses destroyed at Catbalogan, capital of Samar.

Normal air schedules were expected to be restored by Monday.

Several ships delayed by the storm, including the U. S. army transport General Meigs, with 1361 passengers, arrived today.

The East Asiatic company reported the rescue of Kina survivors, including three American women, all employees of the U. S. army department, who were traveling from Shanghai to the Far East and to Europe.

Parked Car On River Bank Precipitates Search



This car, left parked on the Klamath river bank near Keno last night, was the cause of a search being started for four Rogue valley duck hunters who were feared lost in the river. But the hunters were not lost. They had merely camped overnight about three miles up the river and were unaware of the search going on for them.

Plans Laid To Outlaw Communism

ATHENS, Dec. 27 (AP) — Fighting between the Greek army and communist guerrilla units continued in the Konitsa-Ioannina region of Northwestern Greece today as the government reportedly rushed plans for outlawing the communist party.

Greek troops, fighting up the main highway from Ioannina, made contact with guerrillas holding the vital Bourazani bridge in the Konitsa area, key to the main communications line from Ioannina.

Guerrilla forces meanwhile were reported employing artillery and mortars extensively in an effort to prevent any reinforcement of the Konitsa garrison which already has been attacked three times and is in a state of semi-siege.

Fresh Troops

A brigadier named Asimakis was driving forward with fresh troops rushed in from Western Macedonia to relieve the garrison whose wounded commander, Brig. Constantine Doyas, has been directing the defense of the town from a hospital bed.

A third army communiqué said 95 guerrillas were killed and 62 taken prisoner in Northern Greece during the past 24 hours. Scores of guerrillas reportedly were killed when they were moved into barbed wire entanglements.

Severe fighting was in progress north of Kalpaki, 20 miles north of Ioannina, where the main highway forks northeast to Konitsa. Guerrillas, offering fierce resistance from hills covering the road, were being pushed back with heavy losses.

In Athens, the government, reacting to the proclamation of a Greek communist state, was said to be preparing to pass a law outlawing the communist party and certain other leftist groups. The new law reportedly would be based on a similar one enacted under the late Premier Eleutherios Venizelos, but with more severe penalties. The old law has not been enforced in recent years.

The coordinating council, legislative while parliament is in recess, was expected to approve the law and make it effective within 10 minutes by publishing it in the government gazette.

Premier Themistokles Sophoulis informed United States Charge d'Affaires Karl Rankin last night that the Greek army needed strengthening. Authoritative sources had reported that the army's artillery fire power had been greatly exceeded by that of guerrilla units.

Transportation Tie-Up Threat To Food Supply

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—New York began burrowing out from the greatest snowfall in the city's history today as top city officials went into emergency session to plan measures to "protect the health and welfare" of its 8,000,000 inhabitants.

Thousands of city employees using more than 1400 pieces of equipment and thousands of contract workers and trucks worked through the night and morning but failed to make more than a dent in the record 25.8-inch snow which completely disrupted transportation facilities and imperiled deliveries of fuel and food.

From the emergency meeting came promises of "a great measure of relief" in the next 24 hours.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander said emphasis was placed on the necessity of moving "vital essential commodities such as fuel oil, food, coal, milk and medicine."

He said the city had obtained use of ambulances from army, navy and Red Cross. Earlier Hospital Commissioner Edward M. Bernecker had said only eight ambulances were available in Brooklyn with its population of 2,700,000 and the condition in Queens was "bad."

The department of sanitation established priorities for snow removal from docks, public markets, hospitals and other institutions. Wallander said the wartime civilian defense corps had been called to volunteer for snow removal, especially around fire hydrants.

Markets Commissioner Eugene G. Schulz assured the meeting the food situation was "good."

The storm, sweeping in with surprise early Wednesday, surpassed the 20.9-inch downfall left by the famous blizzard of 1888. It pelted the area with an average hourly fall of 1.8 inches and ended officially after 15 hours and 45 minutes.

Airmen Taken Out Of Wilds

WESTOVER FIELD, Mass., Dec. 27 (AP)—Seven American airmen and two Canadian weather observers, marooned on a frozen Labrador lake since their B-17 Fortress force-landed Christmas Eve, were safely back in Goose Bay today after a four-hour, 29-minute rescue flight.

Officers at the Atlantic division headquarters of air transport command here said radio messages reported the men were in good shape and apparently suffered little from their two-day vigil on barren Lake Dyke.

Their rescue was accomplished yesterday by a ski-equipped plane piloted by Lt. Col. Emil G. Beaudry of Manchester, N. H. The distance from Goose Bay to the downed plane is 275 miles.

At least 41 persons lost their lives in the storm belt which embraced parts of New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Southeastern New York and extended south to include Washington, D. C.

New Jersey, where 30 inches of snow was officially reported in Long Branch, counted 13 dead, and New York 11.

Connecticut reported six deaths, Pennsylvania two, Massachusetts four, Rhode Island two, New Hampshire two, and Maine one.

The Long Island railroad, transportation link between the city and Nassau and Suffolk counties, was hardest hit by the storm. Steam locomotives were operating but the electrically operated sections of the railroad were badly disrupted. Hundreds of passengers were stranded in trains during the freezing night.

Buses between New York and New Jersey were operating only on main highways.

The forecast for today and tomorrow was cloudy and cold. Below-freezing temperatures complicated efforts of workers to clear some of the city's main thoroughfares.

Steinmetz Death Told

Mrs. William Joseph (Alfreda) Steinmetz, 72-year-old Klamath Falls resident and a resident of this city since 1909, died at Hillside hospital late this morning following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Steinmetz leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing and final rites will be announced later by Ward's. Services will be held here at 2 p. m. at the home of the late Mrs. Steinmetz in the IOOF plot of old Linkville cemetery.

Mrs. Steinmetz had been in Los Angeles with a half-brother, Dr. Albert Carlson, but returned to Klamath Falls in early December. She has been in Hillside since December 19.

Born in Sweden, July 19, 1875, Alfreda Anderson came to this country at the age of five with her widowed mother, Mrs. Alfred Anderson. She grew up in Clinton, Ia., where she attended school. She married a Mr. Galbraith and later her marriage to William Joseph Steinmetz took place in Denver, Colo., March 27, 1907. Two years later the couple moved to Klamath Falls and became active in affairs of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz lived one year in Grand Rapids before coming here where Mr. Steinmetz was first employed in the butcher shop of Crisler and Shlits. After a few months working for that pioneer firm he purchased the old Central market. He later opened the Hauxhurst market and still later a market under his own name, all of them located on Main street. In 1928, he retired to his Walnut avenue home and spent his later years looking after property interests in the city. He died April 14, 1940.

A member of numerous organizations and clubs, Mrs. Steinmetz will be missed by members of the groups and her close personal friends. She was a member and past matron of Aloha chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; member of Aloha Past Matrons club, Order of the Amaranth, various branches of the Rebekah lodge, auxiliary of Canton, and Degree of Honor; she was at one time a member of the Business and Professional Women's club, was affiliated for many years with the Happy Hour club, and was active in the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz had no children and the surviving relatives of Mrs. Steinmetz include two half brothers and one half sister, Dr. Carlson of Los Angeles, Emil Carlson of Chicago, and Mrs. Frank Williams of Port Morgan, Colo.

ON New Year's eve, in Oklahoma, Cowboy Actor Roy Rogers will marry his leading lady at an Oklahoma ranch house. Bride, groom and guests will wear cowboy outfits. Oklahoma's governor will attend in chaps and sing cowboy ballads.

It is obvious at once that it won't be a wedding so much as a publicity stunt.

COMFORTING thought:

These aren't PEOPLE. They're just screwballs with too much funny money. PEOPLE work. PEOPLE produce things. PEOPLE save up for a rainy day. They have children, and do their best to bring them up to be good citizens.

Fortunately, even in times like these, the PEOPLE outnumber the screwballs.

IN a world that is full of hot spots, Greece is THE hot spot of the moment.

It appears that a "communist state" has been set up in the mountains of northern Greece, bordering on communist Yugoslavia. Watch it. It is Azerbaijan over again.

(You will recall that in northern Iran a year or more ago a similar "state" was set up. The setting up was obviously done by communists who poured over the border from nearby communist areas. When it became apparent that we were going to get tough about it, the carpet-baggers withdrew from Azerbaijan and the "incident" came to an end.)

The communist state in northern Greece is another TEST, designed to find out what we will do.

Storm Heading For Crater

A storm was reported brewing in Crater Lake national park today and prospects for a week-end of good skiing were said fair by rangers in a Saturday morning report.

Some snow was falling, first since last Sunday when a storm left six and one-half inches of new snow on the deep pack. Skiing on upper slopes was excellent today but on the trails and lower slopes, termed "only fair." The trails were "pretty well marked up," rangers said. The temperature was 34 degrees at 10:30 a. m.

Unusual springlike weather has been experienced at the park during the last few days and maximum readings of 51 were reported for both Christmas Day and Friday. There were 325 visitors in 91 cars, checked in on Christmas Day, and rangers said they thought this was a record for that particular date. One hundred and eight cars carrying 406 persons, almost all skiers, were reported at the park Friday.

The lunch counter and ski tow will be in operation both Saturday and Sunday. Rangers advised motorists to carry chains which must be put on all cars at Annie Spring before going on to the rim.

Cold Wave Hits Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (AP) — Police reported today that 10 persons were dead and more than 100 hospitalized as a result of a three-day cold wave that has gripped the Mexico City area.

Snow and hail storms were reported in the Coahuila and Durango regions.

The mercury fell to 30 degrees Fahrenheit, the coldest December 26 record.

Actress Sued For Divorce

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27 (AP)—Film Actress Arline Judge today was sued for divorce by her sixth husband, Henry J. "Bob" Topping Jr., of Greenwich, on charges of intolerable cruelty.

Topping, whose brother, Daniel Reid Topping was divorced by Miss Judge in 1940, alleged in his petition that the unidentified acts of cruelty started on last May 1, the day after they were married.

Henry Topping was divorced here by Jane Dunham Shaddock Topping on December 13, 1938, on a charge of habitual intemperance.

In addition to the two Toppings, Miss Judge's previous husbands were Wesley Ruggles, a film director; James McKinley Bryant, a New York hotel executive; Capt. James R. Addams, a British royal air force flyer, and Vincent Morgan Ryan, a Chicago radio and advertising executive.

Miss Judge divorced all her previous husbands.

Beauty Contest Taken Seriously

NICE, France, Dec. 27 (AP)—Mrs. Henriette Kennis, who presented herself naked at a beauty contest here, drew a suspended sentence yesterday. The judge carefully examined a picture of her in her birthday suit after her attorney pleaded she was "a work of art."

Mrs. Kennis and her husband—a lampshade manufacturer who said he approved her action—were among the spectators at what had been announced none too literally as a nude beauty contest. When the girl's appearance wearing certain articles of apparel, Mrs. Kennis shouted "fake," jumped up and showed 'em.

Nobody can recall who won the beauty contest.

Duck Hunters Fiddle While Rescuers Burn

Four Rogue valley duck hunters, who failed to return last night from a small-boat foray up the Klamath river from Keno broke up a rapidly-spreading search this morning when they were found sitting in a tule patch on the river bank waiting for a duck to come over.

The men weren't lost and were unaware of all the hullabaloo their disappearance had caused.

Three members of the party were identified as Ralph M. Hooper Jr. of Ashland, Robert Arnold of Ashland, Robert Voss of Talent, and the fourth was unidentified.

Death Toll Up In Holy Land

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (AP)—The spluttering war of hatred in Palestine brought death today to four Jews and six Arabs, raising to 379 the number of fatalities since partition was announced a month ago.

Throughout the Middle East, 500 lives have been lost since November 29.

Police said the Jewish underground force, Hagana, made a reprisal raid on the Arab village of Silvan on the slope of the Mount of Olives. One Arab was killed and two were wounded. Five houses were destroyed.

Red Elections Uphold Stalin

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP)—Pravda, communist party newspaper, said today 84 candidates failed to attain office in recent municipal elections because they did not receive the necessary majority.

An official communiqué said four of the elections had been declared null and void because of violations of the electoral law and 14 others had not been held.

Pravda said that despite these irregularities a total of 768,563 candidates of the communist and non-party bloc were elected.

Among the successful candidates was Prime Minister Stalin whose name appeared on tickets in Moscow and numerous other Russian cities.

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and other Russian leaders also were elected to municipal posts.

Officials claimed that more than 99 per cent of the voters turned out in this first election of local government officials since 1935.

Pravda, commenting on the defeated candidates, declared that "in 84 instances electors using their rights 'went to the crows' no good candidates."

Winnie Down With Bad Cold

MARRAKECH, French Morocco, Dec. 27 (AP)—Winston Churchill, suffering from a bad cold, was kept in bed by doctor's orders today.

Members of Churchill's party said the former British prime minister, 73, apparently caught cold on a motor trip to the mountains, where he sat beside his automobile for several hours painting the landscape.

Gunman Dies After Battle

SALINAS, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP) — Hershel Graham, 26, wounded in a gun battle as he and another escaped convict tried to fight their way to freedom, died today from his wounds.

His companion, Eugene Earp, 26, is recovering and will be returned to San Diego Monday.

Escape, robbery and kidnapping charges were on file against both.

The complaints charged them with escape Wednesday from a San Diego county state prison camp, robbery of Navarro Rodriguez, and the robbery and kidnapping of Charles G. Garrison, W. B. Mertz and the latter's wife, Olive.

Mrs. Mertz was held several hours before the pair was captured in a gunbattle at San Ardo, on the California coast.

Long Beach Was Hottest Spot

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (AP) — Long Beach was believed to have been the hottest spot in the United States yesterday, with a maximum temperature of 87.

Los Angeles had a top of 84 for the second successive day. It was the warmest December 26 in the history of the Los Angeles weather bureau, exceeding the 82 degrees recorded on that date in 1890 and 1928.

Kansas City Bus To Go Musical

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 (AP)—Music but not the live variety—will greet passengers on a trolley bus here next week.

A small machine called a transmusical automatic playback with a spool of wire that will play an hour of recordings, will be placed on the floor at the front of the bus. Eight loudspeakers will be distributed through the bus, company officials said.

In addition to musical numbers tentatively selected, it is planned to carry safety messages and weather reports.

Students Riot In Ankara

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 27 (AP)—Rioting students who shouted anti-communist slogans invaded Ankara university today and forced the resignation of a rector who they said had leftist tendencies.

The students, estimated by police at 5000, had been prevented earlier by police and troops from approaching the Soviet embassy. To enter the university they brushed aside police who fired over their heads and cut the hose of firemen who had drenched them with water.

They entered the office of Rector Sherket Aziz Kansu, compelled him to write his own resignation, then removed him from his office and sent him home.

The demonstration was another of a series in which students at Ankara and Istanbul have displayed anti-communist feelings.

Bly Area Searched For Trace Of Missing Plane

Search of the area around Bly where an unidentified plane was heard Sunday, was made this morning by members of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue unit. It is believed that the plane heard about 11 a. m. in that vicinity by Thomas Phillips, a logger, may be the lost Stinson from Ellensburg, Wash.

The plane which is reported missing left Ellensburg at 8:21 a. m. Sunday, December 21, with four men. The plane is blue with the serial number NC 8968-K, and had 40 gallons of gas when it left the field.

With this amount of fuel the plane could have reached the territory where Phillips heard a plane later the same day. KASRU officials estimated, Chet Stinson, president of KASRU with Gene Durant, co-owner of Lakeland Flying service, and Phillips took off from Klamath airport this morning to search the area. They reported back that the weather is stormy with snow, rain, and poor visibility. According to their flight plan they would return to the field around noon and another flight would continue the search in the afternoon.

Members of an army search party from McChord field were here Friday afternoon searching the area but found no clue to the missing plane.



Traffic and pedestrians buck the snow at the intersection of Seventh Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, as the first heavy snow of the season blankets the metropolitan area with four inches of white. Traffic in picture is on 42nd Street.