

GREEK TROOPS REACH KONITSA

In The Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS

A NEW YORK night club singer billed as Hildegard (her christened name is Hildegard Loretta Zell) reports to the police that some low thief broke into her apartment and stole jewelry and a fur coat, which she values at a total of \$25,000.

She might be applying the value a trifle for publicity purposes. Such things have been done.

Still, we can't help noting that jewelry and furs running into five figures (and left lying casually around hotel apartments) are found oftener among women entertainers than among even business career girls who are fairly well up the ladder of success.

In recent years, we've been noting the same trend when the treasury department makes public the dozen or so highest salaries paid in the United States.

WHAT it amounts to is that generally speaking we recompense those who ENTERTAIN us much more liberally than those who MERELY MAKE THINGS for us to eat, wear and shelter ourselves with.

YOU should be careful to keep your thinking straight on this point. No wicked conspiracy is involved. There is no skulduggery in connection with it. These high rewards are paid to those who demonstrate their ability to bring cash customers to the box office in profitable numbers.

That is to say, we average people are the ones who pay these high rewards. If you're a box office flop when we refuse to pay good money to see or hear, you'll be no better off than a failure in any other line.

PUTTING it bluntly, we're inclined to pay better to be well entertained than to be well served in other lines. It all comes back to us who hold the purse strings.

COMMENTING on President Truman's statement that he is going to sign the Republican anti-inflation bill, but regards it as "pitifully inadequate to deal with the grave peril confronting the nation's economy," Senator Taft (who is also a candidate for President) says this morning that President Truman is "playing all the politics he can with high prices."

He adds that the President's publicly expressed opinion represents the administration's efforts to shift the responsibility to the Republicans.

HE is HALF right. The WHOLE truth is that everybody in politics, here at the beginning of a Presidential campaign, is doing the same thing. All the political pots are calling the political kettles black.

WHAT we really need is a moratorium on politics.

If, for a reasonable length of time (say four or five years) everybody would just DO WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR COUNTRY and let it go at that, we'd soon pull out of our troubles.

KEEP your eye on Greece. Significant events are occurring there.

The Greek government announces this morning that a brigade of reinforcing Greek troops has fought its way through guerrilla siege lines and has entered the hard-pressed Greek city of Konitsa, near the Albanian border.

Some 44,000 Greek refugees are reported to have sought refuge in Konitsa from the guerrillas in the surrounding country. Konitsa's military garrison is said to have been badly outnumbered by the besiegers.

THE attacking government forces were supported by rocket-firing planes, and the guerrillas are said to have been bombarding the city with heavy 66-millimeter guns.

That doesn't sound like an unofficial ruckus. If true, it is getting close to shooting war.

Youthful Duck Hunter Dies After Struggle Through Ice

Ralph J. Long Jr., 19, of Cottage Grove fought for an hour and a half in Upper Klamath lake's icy waters Saturday afternoon, and then died soon after being rescued.

Long, hunting with four companions, went out on the lake ice just off the Copco ranch, in an effort to retrieve two shot ducks.

He pushed a rubber boat ahead of him for use in case the thin ice broke.

He fell through, but climbed into the boat, which by then had shipped water and the youth sat in icy water and gumbo to his waist as he attempted to return to shore. Long struggled in the cold water and, without an oar or board, was forced to break the ice with his hands, fighting for an hour and a half before he was rescued.

The youth's four companions, Dale McFarland, Don Krogel, Cletus Krogel and Laurie Coffel, all teenagers from Roseburg, made every attempt to reach Long who, they said, had become panicky when he failed to make headway in his attempt to reach shore. The incident occurred some 600 to 700 yards off the beach. The companions said they observed Long overcome his fright and "settle down to breaking the ice."

He managed to gain approximately 60 yards and then was unable to shatter the ice which, apparently, became thicker as he approached shore. In the meantime, the four boys made every attempt to reach Long. They laid

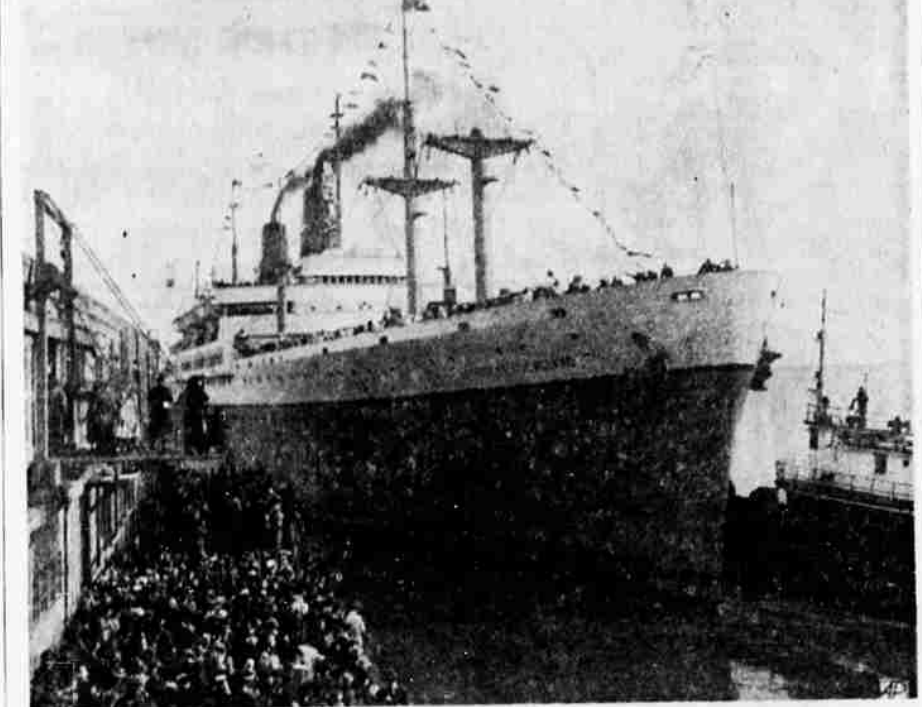
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15 Die In Holy Land Clash

SS President Cleveland Starts On Her Maiden Voyage



Carrying a capacity passenger list of 550 persons, the SS President Cleveland, new West Coast luxury liner, backs away from the dock at San Francisco to start her maiden voyage. She will call at Honolulu, Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Yokohama before returning February 9. The new ship was built on the West Coast and is a 23,500-ton liner. —AP wirephoto

Shortages In Russia Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Confidential reports to the state department from the American embassy in Moscow tell of continued shortages and increasing prices after the Soviet abandonment of rationing, government officials said today.

The dispatches state that the Russians are able to buy only small amounts of staple products because of shortages of food and other commodities.

The Soviet government ended rationing in mid-December and simultaneously revalued the ruble as a move to halt further inflation.

One Killed In Texas Rail Wreck

CORSICANA, Tex., Dec. 29 (AP)—One person was dead and 50 others injured in the derailment of four cars on the sleek Sam Houston Burlington Zephyr here early last night.

Emmitt Austin Holman, Dallas, Tex., died in a Corsicana hospital at 11:50 p. m.—nearly six hours after three chair cars and a diner lunge left the tracks on a 75-foot trestle.

Only two of an estimated 50 persons injured when the heavily-loaded cars left the track were now considered in a serious condition.

A broken rail was believed to have been the cause of the accident. Sheriff Dave Castles reported after investigating.

Travel Resumes As NY City Digs Out After Big Storm

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Transportation links in the New York metropolitan area hurdled their greatest test today as millions struggled back to their jobs for the first time since Friday's devastating snowstorm hit the area from Maine to Washington.

Deaths in the storm belt rose to at least 73.

Railroads, with the exception of the Long Island, reported commuter traffic about normal. The Long Island, which was almost completely out of service Friday night and early Saturday, managed to bring its trains in today although they were subject to delays of more than an hour in many instances.

In the city, most principal arteries had been cleared by thousands of workers laboring in day and night shifts since Friday, using more than 212 pieces of mechanical equipment.

In outlying areas, the record 25.8 inches of snow that fell here Friday remained almost untouched and drifts were piled as high as five and six feet.

The death toll by states was: New Jersey 31, New York 17, Massachusetts 9, Connecticut 6, Pennsylvania 2, Rhode Island 2, New Hampshire 2 and Maine 1. Many fatalities were attributed to heart attacks induced by over-exertion in clearing snow.

City Markets Commissioner Eugene G. Schultz reported deliveries of food were "good" and warned the public against "paying exorbitant prices for food."

All subway lines were operating normally, but bus and trolley lines still were crippled in many places.

Mayor William O'Dwyer made a radio appeal last night for all able-bodied men to help "get 99,000,000 tons of snow off the streets" of the city.

Unofficial estimates of the cost of snow removal in the city ranged from \$3,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

The problems of the railroads were increased by the homeward trek of Christmas holiday travelers.

There was an increase in flight schedules as runways at La Guardia field were cleared slowly, but full-scale operations were reported days off.

Some shortages of fuel oil were reported, but officials said no fuel famine was in sight because roads were being cleared.

"Red Phantom" Rides Again

ALBANY, Calif., Dec. 29 (AP)—While everyone else was getting Christmas and New Year's greetings, William J. Keating was getting ominous-sounding notes, signed "The Red Phantom."

They called over his backyard fence attached to bamboo spears. Keating called police after he got one warning to "keep your cat away from the house with the skylark flag" and another saying "Beware Three clues will follow."

Officer Dave Perkins found the "Red Phantom"—a nine-year-old pigeon fancier who said his birds were threatened by Keating's cat. "The skylark flag" flew from his loft.

Bus Raked By Gunfire; Bombs Used

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (AP)—At least 12 Arabs, two British constables and one Jew were killed in a clash at Jerusalem's historic Damascus gate today after Jews had hurled grenades and sprayed an Arab bus with machinegun bullets.

Police at the scene said the melee started when the occupants of a Jewish taxi threw a grenade into a crowded street near the massive stone gate and machinegunned an Arab bus preparing to leave for the all-Arab town of Nablus.

Other violence of the day added further casualties.

An armed band, believed to be Tei Litwinsky camp near Tel Aviv, Jewish, raided the British army's killed one British soldier and fled with a large number of guns. The attackers, who wore battle dress and steel helmets, entered the camp by cutting through barbed wire barricades. Police said they attacked the army under cover of heavy fire.

Doctor Shot
In Bethlehem, an Arab doctor who headed the government mental hospital, was shot to death in the Ibrahi quarter not far from the Church of the Nativity.

The dead in communal violence in Palestine since the United Nations voted November 29 to partition Palestine totaled 424. The toll throughout the whole Middle East rose to 545.

Earlier a Jewish civilian was fatally wounded by a bomb tossed at the National Bus company offices near Barclay's bank and an Arab corporal of the Transjordan frontier police was slain during a machinegun attack on a supply convoy in Northern Galilee. Three other Arab troopers were wounded in the convoy attack.

'Bombsight' Fad Strikes

The "bombsight" bracelet craze, which has swept eastern cities and the larger Pacific Coast places to the dismay of the owners of 1947 Buicks, has reached Klamath Falls.

The 1947 cars have a chromomium ring affair as radiator adornment which apparently make extremely "separable bracelets for girls of the teen-age set. They are also very hard and expensive to replace.

City police have had four reports from 1947 Buick owners who have lost their radiator adornments, the latest being that of Roscoe Lilly. His car was parked on S. 7th last night when the bombsight disappeared.

Snowman Proves Tough Opponent

EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 29 (AP)—A 16-year-old member of the Everett high school football squad doesn't think "snowmen" are very soft.

Bruce McLean, Everett high junior, built the snowman and then decided to have a little football practice.

Unaware that the snowman had become an "ice man" overnight, he threw a hard block at it.

Instead of the snowman falling to the ground, young McLean dropped with a fractured collar bone.

Reservations Off In Nightclubs

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 (AP)—Night club operators here today reported light business in New Year's Eve reservations.

One operator said reservations were down 45 per cent from last year and added, "there's only one answer—the high cost of living."

Another said, "only big names will pull people into night spots these days."

Other sources said there would be plenty of celebration going on, however, with private clubs already sold out, and private parties numerous.

Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP) (USDA) 16 broken, 32 unbroken cars on track; arrivals: Oregon 8, California 4, Idaho 17, Utah 2; 34 cars arrived by truck; market slightly stronger on Russes, unsettled on White Rose, Idaho Russes No. 1-A \$4.50; Klamath No. 1-A \$4.30-40; Deschutes \$4.35.

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Direct Atomic Tests



Dr. Darol K. Froman (top), of the Los Alamos, N. M., atomic project, has been named director of the new Eniwetok proving ground for atomic weapons in the Pacific. Dr. Alvin C. Graves (bottom), will be deputy director. —AP wirephoto

Atom Bomb 'More Deadly'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Francis B. Sayre, president of the United Nations trusteeship council, says the United States is "superbly succeeding" in making the atomic bomb "more deadly, more terrible."

Sayre made the assertion in a speech before the American Political Science Association in which he urged this country to go ahead with the Marshall plan for European recovery regardless of a "Soviet campaign of calumny and blistering abuse."

Dams Used To Help Skating

Two dams have been erected on the canal in an effort to hold water back to facilitate freezing. Sam Smith, city recreation director, said that with perhaps three nights of below freezing weather the canal will freeze sufficiently for skating.

Water in the canal between the dams will be held to a low level for safety's sake, but Smith urges that parents keep youngsters off the canal until his office announces that the ice is thick enough for safe skating.

The dams are located in front of Klamath Union high school and at a point near the north end of Modoc field.

Four Dead In Plane Wreck

There were no survivors in the Stinson plane, missing from Ellensburg, Wash., since Sunday, December 21, wreckage found today showed.

Civil aeronautics administration received word from Seattle at 1 p. m. today that wreckage of the blue four-place Stinson plane had been found by a farmer between Wamic and Warm Springs. Warm Springs is about 35 miles north of Redmond. The wreckage was found just off the airways route.

Aboard the fatal plane were Lawrence E. Short, pilot; E. G. Young and Thomas Böttel of Ellensburg, Wash., and Dan Ingalls of Yakima, Wash.

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Under the terms of this act, all commitments must be made before that date. Whether there is any money left for spring relief work depends on the rate at which it is spent during the winter.

In any event, the stop-gap program applies only to France, Italy and Austria in Europe, leaving the needs of other countries unfilled until congress decides what it wants to do about the long-range proposal.

Guerrillas Hit By Rocket Fire From Airplanes

ATHENS, Dec. 29 (AP)—Government sources announced today that a brigade of reinforcing Greek troops had fought their way through guerrilla siege lines and entered the hard-pressed city of Konitsa near the Albanian frontier.

The relief column was believed to be a part of the forces which the government announced yesterday had been hurled into a new offensive to smash the guerrilla drive on Konitsa as the capital of the new independent communist "government" recently proclaimed by their leader, Gen. Markos Viliades.

Reports from the front indicated the relief column had smashed through guerrilla lines astride the Konitsa-Kalpakki road at a point about nine miles southwest of Konitsa and had moved up the highway to the beleaguered city.

Approximately 44,000 refugees earlier were reported to have sought refuge from the guerrillas in Konitsa, whose garrison was badly outnumbered by the besiegers.

The government forces participating in the offensive to smash the rebel drive on Konitsa were supported by rocket-firing Spitfire fighters of the Greek air force based at Ioannina, about 25 miles to the south.

Heavy Casualties
Clearing weather gave the airmen their first clear targets yesterday, and they were reported to have inflicted heavy casualties on the guerrillas. Their targets included heavy 66-millimeter guns with which the guerrillas have been bombarding the city, and two of the guns were reported knocked out.

Press reports from the front said that the guerrillas had offered fierce resistance everywhere, however, and acknowledged that government losses had been "considerable."

Government sources estimated that the guerrillas had 23 battalions totaling about 4000 men—plus many smaller bands—in the battle area.

The number of government troops participating in the offensive was not disclosed, but the forces were said to include reinforcements and heavy arms rushed from western Macedonia.

Rugged Terrain
The area where the fighting is under way is rugged mountain terrain, and operations were rendered more difficult by bitter weather.

The new government offensive coincided with promulgations of a government decree outlawing the communist party and its sympathizers and providing heavy penalties for violators.

The new anti-communist decree was issued by the coordinating council, which is empowered to enact legislation when parliament is not in session—and became effective immediately upon publication in the government Gazette.

Blaze Rakes Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 (AP)—Philadelphia's fourth major fire within 24 hours—coming in the wake of a heavy snowfall—hampered the efforts of firemen to destroy five industrial buildings and damaged a half dozen adjoining structures with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

The latest blaze yesterday—bringing to about \$1,000,000 the damage caused by major fires in the 24-hour period—struck in a downtown manufacturing district interspersed with such historic landmarks as Christ church, a half block from the city center, and the house occupied by Betsy Ross when she made the first American flag, 200 yards away.

The destroyed buildings—all five-story structures—contained the quarters of a score of firms, including clothing companies, shoe, electrical appliance and printing concerns.

Heavy Snow Hits Crater

A heavy snowfall, totaling 18 1/2 inches since Saturday, was reported early this morning from Crater Lake. The temperature hovered at 19 degrees at 9 a. m.

It was snowing lightly this morning but the sky was partially clear, rangers reported. Roads are ice and snow covered, chains mandatory from Annie spring to the rim and should be used in cross-park travel. Skiing was termed "not too good" until the 57 inches of snow, now covering the ground, has packed. Prospects for better skiing about Wednesday, was the park forecast.

Despite the heavy fall over the week-end, all roads are open in the park. Sunday's check showed 118 cars carrying 468 people into the area. There were no accidents despite the crowd, the service reported.

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